

## AP Calculus AB

## Topic 7: Implicit Differentiation

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$$(a) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x,y)=(-1,1)} = \frac{1}{3(1)^2 - (-1)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

An equation for the tangent line is  $y = \frac{1}{4}(x + 1) + 1$ .

$$(b) 3y^2 - x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3y^2$$

$$\text{So, } y^3 - xy = 2 \Rightarrow y^3 - (3y^2)(y) = 2 \Rightarrow y = -1$$

$$(-1)^3 - x(-1) = 2 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

The tangent line to the curve is vertical at the point  $(3, -1)$ .

$$(c) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(3y^2 - x)\frac{dy}{dx} - y\left(6y\frac{dy}{dx} - 1\right)}{(3y^2 - x)^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{(x,y)=(-1,1)} = \frac{(3 \cdot 1^2 - (-1)) \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 1 \cdot \left(6 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 1\right)}{(3 \cdot 1^2 - (-1))^2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}}{16} = \frac{1}{32}$$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{slope} \\ 1 : \text{equation for tangent line} \end{cases}$

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets } 3y^2 - x = 0 \\ 1 : \text{equation in one variable} \\ 1 : \text{coordinates} \end{cases}$

4 :  $\begin{cases} 2 : \text{implicit differentiation} \\ 1 : \text{substitution for } \frac{dy}{dx} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

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- (a) Show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x - 2xy}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$ .
- (b) Write an equation of each horizontal tangent line to the curve.
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(a)  $6y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 12xy - 24x + 6 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(6y^2 + 6x^2 + 6) = 24x - 12xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{24x - 12xy}{6x^2 + 6y^2 + 6} = \frac{4x - 2xy}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$$

- 2 { 1: implicit differentiation  
1: verifies expression for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

(b)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$4x - 2xy = 2x(2 - y) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } y = 2$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, 2y^3 + 6y = 1; y = 0.165$$

There is no point on the curve with  $y$  coordinate of 2.

$y = 0.165$  is the equation of the only horizontal tangent line.

- 4 { 1: sets  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$   
1: solves  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$   
1: uses solutions for  $x$  to find equations of horizontal tangent lines  
1: verifies which solutions for  $y$  yield equations of horizontal tangent lines

Note: max 1/4 [1-0-0-0] if  $dy/dx = 0$  is not of the form  $g(x, y)/h(x, y) = 0$  with solutions for both  $x$  and  $y$

(c)  $y = -x$  is equation of the line.

$$2(-x)^3 + 6x^2(-x) - 12x^2 + 6(-x) = 1$$

$$-8x^3 - 12x^2 - 6x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = -1/2, y = 1/2$$

-or-

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -1$$

$$4x - 2xy = -x^2 - y^2 - 1$$

$$4x + 2x^2 = -x^2 - x^2 - 1$$

$$4x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$$

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- 3 { 1:  $y = -x$   
1: substitutes  $y = -x$  into equation of curve  
1: solves for  $x$  and  $y$

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Note: max 2/3 [1-1-0] if importing incorrect derivative from part (a)

Consider the curve given by  $xy^2 - x^3y = 6$ .

- (a) Show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2y - y^2}{2xy - x^3}$ .
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(a)  $y^2 + 2xy \frac{dy}{dx} - 3x^2y - x^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(2xy - x^3) = 3x^2y - y^2$$

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$$2 \begin{cases} 1 : \text{implicit differentiation} \\ 2 : \text{verifies expression for } \frac{dy}{dx} \end{cases}$$

(b) When  $x = 1$ ,  $y^2 - y = 6$

$$y^2 - y - 6 = 0$$

$$(y - 3)(y + 2) = 0$$

$$y = 3, y = -2$$

At  $(1, 3)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{9 - 9}{6 - 1} = 0$

Tangent line equation is  $y = 3$

At  $(1, -2)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-6 - 4}{-4 - 1} = \frac{-10}{-5} = 2$

Tangent line equation is  $y + 2 = 2(x - 1)$

$$4 \begin{cases} 1 : y^2 - y = 6 \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \\ 2 : \text{tangent lines} \end{cases}$$

Note: 0/4 if not solving an equation of the form  $y^2 - y = k$

(c) Tangent line is vertical when  $2xy - x^3 = 0$

$$x(2y - x^2) = 0 \text{ gives } x = 0 \text{ or } y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

There is no point on the curve with  $x$ -coordinate 0.

When  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}x^5 - \frac{1}{2}x^5 = 6$

$$-\frac{1}{4}x^5 = 6$$

$$x = \sqrt[5]{-24}$$

$$3 \begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets denominator of } \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ equal to } 0 \\ 1 : \text{substitutes } y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \text{ or } x = \pm\sqrt{2y} \\ \text{into the equation for the curve} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } x\text{-coordinate} \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 2y \frac{dy}{dx} (6 - 2x) - 2y^2 \\ &= 2y^3(6 - 2x)^2 - 2y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{\left(3, \frac{1}{4}\right)} = 0 - 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 = -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad \frac{1}{y^2} dy = (6 - 2x) dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{y} = 6x - x^2 + C$$

$$-4 = 18 - 9 + C = 9 + C$$

$$C = -13$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x^2 - 6x + 13}$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 2 : \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ < -2 > \text{product rule or} \\ & \text{chain rule error} \\ 1 : \text{value at } \left(3, \frac{1}{4}\right) \end{cases}$$

$$6 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{separates variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative of } dy \text{ term} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative of } dx \text{ term} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition } f(3) = \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \end{cases}$$

Note: max 3/6 [1-1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/6 if no separation of variables



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(a)  $2x + 8yy' = 3y + 3xy'$   
 $(8y - 3x)y' = 3y - 2x$   
 $y' = \frac{3y - 2x}{8y - 3x}$

2 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{implicit differentiation} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y' \end{array} \right.$

(b)  $\frac{3y - 2x}{8y - 3x} = 0; 3y - 2x = 0$

When  $x = 3, 3y = 6$   
 $y = 2$

$3^2 + 4 \cdot 2^2 = 25$  and  $7 + 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 = 25$

Therefore,  $P = (3, 2)$  is on the curve and the slope is 0 at this point.

3 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \\ 1 : \text{shows slope is 0 at } (3, 2) \\ 1 : \text{shows } (3, 2) \text{ lies on curve} \end{array} \right.$

(c)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(8y - 3x)(3y' - 2) - (3y - 2x)(8y' - 3)}{(8y - 3x)^2}$

At  $P = (3, 2), \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(16 - 9)(-2) - (3y - 2x)(8y' - 3)}{(16 - 9)^2} = -\frac{2}{7}$ .

Since  $y' = 0$  and  $y'' < 0$  at  $P$ , the curve has a local maximum at  $P$ .

4 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 : \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ 1 : \text{value of } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \text{ at } (3, 2) \\ 1 : \text{conclusion with justification} \end{array} \right.$

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(d) Let  $x$  and  $y$  be functions of time  $t$  that are related by the equation  $y^2 = 2 + xy$ . At time  $t = 5$ , the value of  $y$  is 3 and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 6$ . Find the value of  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  at time  $t = 5$ .

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(b)  $\frac{y}{2y-x} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $2y = 2y - x$   
 $x = 0$   
 $y = \pm\sqrt{2}$   
 $(0, \sqrt{2}), (0, -\sqrt{2})$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \frac{y}{2y-x} = \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(c)  $\frac{y}{2y-x} = 0$   
 $y = 0$   
The curve has no horizontal tangent since  
 $0^2 \neq 2 + x \cdot 0$  for any  $x$ .

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : y = 0 \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{cases}$