

## AP Calculus AB

## Topic 7: Implicit Differentiation

Consider the curve given by the equation  $y^3 - xy = 2$ . It can be shown that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{3y^2 - x}$ .

- (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve at the point  $(-1, 1)$ .
- (b) Find the coordinates of all points on the curve at which the line tangent to the curve at that point is vertical.
- (c) Evaluate  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  at the point on the curve where  $x = -1$  and  $y = 1$ .



Consider the curve defined by  $2y^3 + 6x^2y - 12x^2 + 6y = 1$ .

- (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.
- (c) The line through the origin with slope  $-1$  is tangent to the curve at point  $P$ . Find the  $x$ - and  $y$ -coordinates of point  $P$ .



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

- (a) Show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2y - y^2}{2xy - x^3}$ .
- (b) Find all points on the curve whose  $x$ -coordinate is 1, and write an equation for the tangent line at each of these points.
- (c) Find the  $x$ -coordinate of each point on the curve where the tangent line is vertical.



The function  $f$  is differentiable for all real numbers. The point  $\left(3, \frac{1}{4}\right)$  is on the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , and the slope at each point  $(x, y)$  on the graph is given by  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(6 - 2x)$ .

(a) Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  and evaluate it at the point  $\left(3, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ .

(b) Find  $y = f(x)$  by solving the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(6 - 2x)$  with the initial condition  $f(3) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

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Consider the curve given by  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 7 + 3xy$ .

- (a) Show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3y - 2x}{8y - 3x}$ .
- (b) Show that there is a point  $P$  with  $x$ -coordinate 3 at which the line tangent to the curve at  $P$  is horizontal. Find the  $y$ -coordinate of  $P$ .
- (c) Find the value of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  at the point  $P$  found in part (b). Does the curve have a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at the point  $P$ ? Justify your answer.



Consider the curve given by  $y^2 = 2 + xy$ .

(a) Show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{2y - x}$ .

(b) Find all points  $(x, y)$  on the curve where the line tangent to the curve has slope  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

(c) Show that there are no points  $(x, y)$  on the curve where the line tangent to the curve is horizontal.

(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  $t = 5$ .

