

Mini Task 1: Definition of Derivatives

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1. Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of the equation $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x - 3$ at $(3, 3)$.
Sketch the graph and show the segment of the tangent line at $(3, 3)$.

Solutions:

$$f(x_1) = 2(3)^2 - 4(3) - 3$$

$$f(x_1) = 18 - 12 - 3$$

$$f(x_1) = 3$$

$$f(x_1 + h) = 2(3 + h)^2 - 4(3 + h) - 3$$

$$f(x_1 + h) = 2(9 + 6h + h^2) - 12 - 4h - 3$$

$$f(x_1 + h) = 18 + 12h + h^2 - 12 - 4h - 3$$

$$f(x_1 + h) = h^2 + 8h + 3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1 + h) - f(x_1)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2h^2 + 8h + 3 - 3}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2h(h + 4)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2h + 8$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2(0) + 8$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 8$$

Equation of Tangent Line:

$$y = mx + b$$

$$3 = 8(3) + b$$

$$3 - 24 = b$$

$$b = -21$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = 8x - 21$$

x-intercept of $f(x)$:

$$\text{let } y = 0$$

$$x_1 = 2.58$$

$$x_2 = -0.58$$

y-intercept of $f(x)$:

$$\text{let } x = 0$$

$$y = 2(0)^2 - 4(0) - 3$$

$$y = -3$$

vertex (h, k) of $f(x)$:

$$h = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-(-4)}{2(2)} = \frac{4}{4}$$

$$h = 1$$

$$k = \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a} = \frac{4(2)(-3) - (-4)^2}{4(2)} = \frac{-24 - 16}{8} = \frac{-40}{8}$$

$$k = -5$$

x-intercept of tangent line:

$$\text{let } y = 0$$

$$0 = 8x - 21$$

$$21 = 8x$$

$$\frac{21}{8} = \frac{8x}{8}$$

$$x = 2.625$$

y-intercept of tangent line:

$$\text{let } x = 0$$

$$y = -21$$

