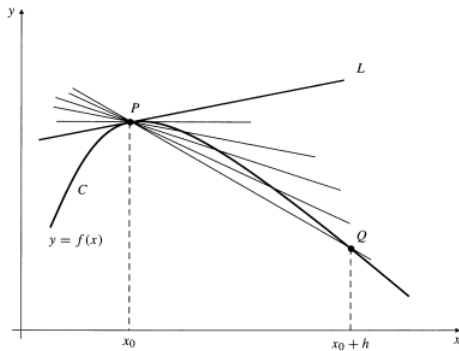


# MATH 101 P.S.

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Suppose that the function  $f$  is continuous at  $x = x_0$  and that

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exists. Then the straight line having slope  $m$  and passing through the point  $P = (x_0, f(x_0))$  is called the tangent line (or simply the tangent) to the graph of  $y = f(x)$  at  $P$ . An equation of this tangent is

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The tangent line at  $(9, \frac{1}{3})$  is  $y = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{54}(x - 9)$ , or  $y = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{54}x$

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The tangent line at  $(1, 2)$  is  $y = 2 - \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$ , or  $y = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x$



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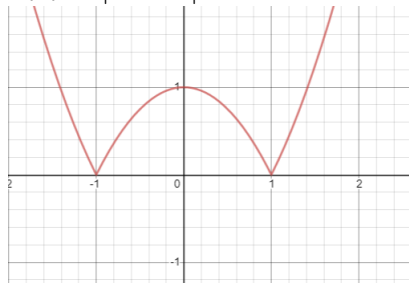
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At points where the tangent line is parallel to the  $x$ -axis, the slope is zero, so such points must satisfy  $3a^2 - 3 = 0$ . Thus,  $a = \pm 1$ . Hence, the tangent line is parallel to the  $x$ -axis at the points  $(1, -2)$  and  $(-1, 2)$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} P(x) - \ell(x) &= a_2(x-a)^2 + a_3(x-a)^3 + \cdots + a_n(x-a)^n \\ &= (x-a)^2 [a_2 + a_3(x-a) + \cdots + a_n(x-a)^{n-2}] \\ &= (x-a)^2 Q(x) \end{aligned}$$

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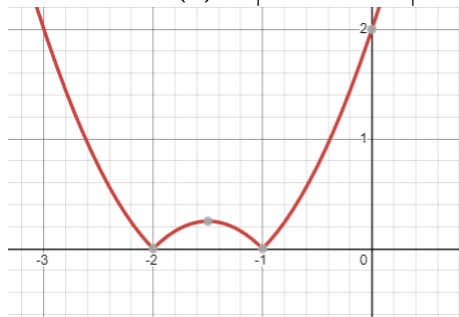
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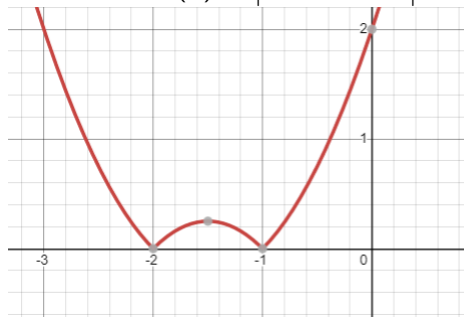
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$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=-2} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{-2+h}{(-2+h)^2-2} - (-1) \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2+h+[( -2+h)^2-2]}{h[(-2+h)^2-2]} = -\frac{3}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the tangent line has the equation  $y = -1 - \frac{3}{2}(t+2)$ , that is,  
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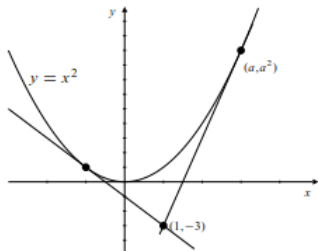
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The two tangent lines are (for  $a = 3$ ):  $y - 9 = 6(x - 3)$  or  $6x - 9$

(for  $a = -1$ ):  $y - 1 = -2(x + 1)$  or  $y = -2x - 1$



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If the slope is  $-2$ , then  $-\frac{1}{a^2} = -2$ , or  $a = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ . Therefore, the equations of the two straight lines are  $y = \sqrt{2} - 2\left(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  and  $y = -\sqrt{2} - 2\left(x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  or  $y = -2x \pm 2\sqrt{2}$

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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2t^{-1/3} + 3t^{-5/2}$$

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$$y = \sqrt{x} \left( 5 - x - \frac{x^2}{3} \right) = 5\sqrt{x} - x^{3/2} - \frac{1}{3}x^{5/2} \quad y' = \frac{5}{2\sqrt{x}} - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x} - \frac{5}{6}x^{3/2}$$

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$$g(u) = \frac{u\sqrt{u}-3}{u^2} = u^{-1/2} - 3u^{-2} \quad g'(u) = -\frac{1}{2}u^{-3/2} + 6u^{-3} = \frac{12-u\sqrt{u}}{2u^3}$$

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$$= \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) \cdot \frac{2-x-2x^2+x^3}{3+2x}$$

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}\right) \frac{2-x-2x^2+x^3}{3+2x} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) \times \frac{(3+2x)(-1-4x+3x^2) - (2-x-2x^2+x^3)(2)}{(3+2x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(2-x)(1-x^2)}{2x^{3/2}(3+2x)}$$

$$+ \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) \frac{4x^3+5x^2-12x-7}{(3+2x)^2}$$

## Question 40 from section 2.3

Find  $\frac{d}{dt}((1+t)(1+2t)(1+3t)(1+4t))\big|_{t=0}$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Find } \frac{d}{dt}((1+t)(1+2t)(1+3t)(1+4t))\big|_{t=0} \\ &\frac{d}{dt}[(1+t)(1+2t)(1+3t)(1+4t)]\big|_{t=0} \\ &= (1)(1+2t)(1+3t)(1+4t) + (1+t)(2)(1+3t)(1+4t) + \\ &\quad (1+t)(1+2t)(3)(1+4t) + (1+t)(1+2t)(1+3t)(4)\big|_{t=0} \\ &= 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10 \end{aligned}$$

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If  $y = x^2(4 - x^2)$ , then

$y' = 2x(4 - x^2) + x^2(-2x) = 8x - 4x^3 = 4x(2 - x^2)$  The slope of a horizontal line must be zero, so  $4x(2 - x^2) = 0$ , which implies that  $x = 0$  or  $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$ . At  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$  and at  $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$ ,  $y = 4$ . Hence, there are two horizontal lines that are tangent to the curve. Their equations are  $y = 0$  and  $y = 4$ .

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If  $y = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$ , then

$$y' = \frac{(x+2)(1) - (x+1)(1)}{(x+2)^2} = \frac{1}{(x+2)^2}$$

In order to be parallel to  $y = 4x$ , the tangent line must have slope equal to 4, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{(x+2)^2} = 4, \quad \text{or } (x+2)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Hence  $x+2 = \pm\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$  or  $-\frac{5}{2}$ . At  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$   $y = -1$ , and at  $x = -\frac{5}{2}$ ,  $y = 3$ . Hence, the tangent is parallel to  $y = 4x$  at the points  $(-\frac{3}{2}, -1)$  and  $(-\frac{5}{2}, 3)$