

UNIT 2 ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING: DERIVATIVES– DAY 2

Instructions: You MUST use concepts covered in this unit/course. Show all steps for full marks. The use of cellphones, audio or video recording devices, digital music players or email or text-messaging devices during the assessment is prohibited.

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Application - [20 marks]

1. Determine the equation of the normal to the function $f(x) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1}}$ at $x = 4$. [4 marks]

$f(x) = \frac{4}{x - 1}$

$f'(x) = \frac{-4}{(x - 1)^2}$

$m_t = \frac{-4}{9}$

$m_n = \frac{9}{4}$

Equation of normal at $(4, \frac{4}{3})$ is :

$y - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{9}{4}(x - 4)$

2. A particle moves along a horizontal line so that its position is given by the function $s(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t$, $0 \leq t \leq 4$ where s is the position in meters and t is the time in seconds.

- (a) When is the particle at rest? [2 marks]

$v(t) = s'(t) = 3t^2 - 12t + 9, 0 \leq t \leq 4$

$v(t) = 0$

$3(t^2 - 4t + 3) = 0$

$3(t - 3)(t - 1) = 0$

$t = 1\text{sec}, t = 3\text{sec}$

- (b) What is the position of the particle when the acceleration is 12 m/s^2 ? [3 marks]

$a(t) = s''(t) = 6t - 12, 0 \leq t \leq 4$

$6t - 12 = 12$

$6t = 24$

$t = 4\text{sec}$

$s(4) = 4^3 - 6(4)^2 + 9(4)$
 $= 4 \text{ m}$

3. Find the values of the real numbers a and b if $y = ax + b$ is a tangent to the curve $f(x) = 2x + (3x - 2)^3$ at the point $(1, 3)$. [4 marks]

$f(1) = 3 : a + b = 3 \quad (1)$

$f'(1) = a$

$f(x) = 2 + 9(3x - 2)^2$

$f'(1) = 2 + 9(3(1) - 2)^2 = a$

$a = 11$

sub. $a = 8$ into (1), we get: $b = -8$

4. Given $h(x) = f(x^2)[g(x)]^3$, where $h'(1) = 24$, $f(1) = 2$, $f'(1) = 3$ and $g(1) = -2$, determine the value of $g'(1)$. [4 marks]

$$h'(x) = 2xf'(x^2)[g(x)]^3 + 3[g(x)]^2 g'(x)f(x^2)$$

$$h'(1) = 2f'(1)[g(1)]^3 + 3[g(1)]^2 g'(1)f(1)$$

$$24 = 2(3)(-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2(2)g'(1)$$

$$24 = -48 + 24g'(1)$$

$$\boxed{g'(1) = 3}$$

5. Using **Leibniz's notation**, find the **exact** value of $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=4}$ given: $y = u - \frac{50}{u}$, and $u = x - \sqrt[3]{2x}$. [3 marks]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \left[1 + \frac{50}{u^2} \right] \times \left[1 - \frac{2}{3}(2x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \right]$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=4} = \left[1 + \frac{50}{u^2} \right]_{u=2} \times \left[1 - \frac{2}{3}(2x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \right]_{x=4}$$

$$= \left(\frac{27}{4} \right) \left(\frac{5}{6} \right)$$

$$= \frac{45}{4}$$

Communication – [5 marks]

1. Given $f(x) = (x+1)(x^2-3)(2x^3+7)$, **clearly explain** using the rules of differentiation **how** to determine $f'(x)$. **Do not solve for $f'(x)$** . [3 marks]

We can see that the original function is a product of three functions, and its derivative is the sum of three products. We have :

$$f'(x) = \frac{d(x+1)}{dx}(x^2-3)(2x^3+7) + \frac{d(x^2-3)}{dx}(x+1)(2x^3+7) + \frac{d(2x^3+7)}{dx}(x^2-3)(x+1)$$

We take the derivative using product rule, we take the derivative of one function at a time, multiplying by the other two original functions. To be more specific, we take the derivative of $(x+1)$, and multiply it by $(x^2-3)(2x^3+7)$, then we add to that the derivative of (x^2-3) multiplied by $(x+1)(2x^3+7)$. Then we take the derivative of $(2x^3+7)$, and multiplying by multiplied by $(x^2-3)(x+1)$.

*** 2 marks will be awarded in the Communication Category for proper mathematical form. ***