

Math 1171 Midterm 2 Practice Questions

1. Compute the following derivatives. You do not need to simplify your answers.

(a) $f'(x)$ if $f(x) = (2x^6 - 4x + 3)^4$.

$$f(x) = 4(2x^6 - 4x + 3)^3 \cdot (12x^5 - 4)$$

(b) $g'(x)$ if $g(x) = \frac{\sec x}{xe^x}$.

$$\log_a(x) = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a}$$

(c) $h'(x)$ if $h(x) = \frac{3 + 2 \sin x}{x^3 + 1}$

recall $\frac{d}{dx} [\log_a(x)] = \frac{1}{x \cdot \ln a}$

(d) y' if $y = x^2 \log_3(x^{2/3})$

$$y' = 2x \cdot \log_3(x^{\frac{2}{3}}) + x^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [\log_3(x^{\frac{2}{3}})]$$

$$(e) \frac{ds}{dt} \text{ if } s = 2^{t^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &= 2^{t^2} \\ \Rightarrow \ln s &= \ln(2^{t^2}) \\ &= t^2 \cdot \ln 2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [\ln s] &= \frac{d}{dt} [t^2 \ln 2] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt} &= 2t \ln 2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{ds}{dt} &= s \cdot 2t \ln 2 = 2^{t^2} \cdot t^2 \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

Think: func. is
in exponent,
hard. So
use logs

$$(f) h^{(51)}(t) \text{ if } h(t) = \ln(t^2). \text{ (Compute the first few derivatives to find a pattern.)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= 2 \ln t \\ h'(t) &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{t} \quad \Rightarrow h^{(51)}(t) = (-1)^{51+1} \cdot 2 \cdot 5! \cdot t^{-51} \\ h''(t) &= -2 \cdot \frac{1}{t^2} \\ h'''(t) &= (-2)(-3) \frac{1}{t^3} = 2 \cdot \frac{2}{t^3} = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot t^{-3} \\ (g) \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} &\text{ if } 2\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - \ln(x+y) = 0 \\ h^{(4)}(t) &= -2 \cdot (2 \cdot 3) t^{-4} \\ h^{(5)}(t) &= +2 \cdot (2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) t^{-5} \\ h^{(17)}(t) &= +2 \cdot (2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdots 16) t^{-17} \end{aligned}$$

$$(h) y' \text{ if } y = x^{\cos x}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} h^{(k)}(t) &= (-1)^{k+1} \cdot 2 \cdot (k-1)! \cdot t^{-k} \\ h^{(5)}(t) &= (-1)^{5+1} \cdot 2 \cdot (5-1)! \cdot t^{-5} \\ &= 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 4! \cdot t^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

$$g) \quad \left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} + z\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - \ln(x+y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln(x+y)$$

so, diff:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[z\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\ln(x+y) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow z \cdot \frac{1 \cdot y - x \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}}{y^2} = \frac{1}{x+y} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)$$

solve for $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$

$$y - x \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{y^2}{z(x+y)} \left(1 + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{y^2}{z(x+y)} + \frac{y^2}{z(x+y)} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$$

$$y - \frac{y^2}{z(x+y)} = \left(x + \frac{y^2}{z(x+y)} \right) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y - \frac{y^2}{z(x+y)}}{x + \frac{y^2}{z(x+y)}} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

At $x=0$, need $y|_{x=0}$

$$2 \cdot \frac{x}{y} - \ln(x+y) = 0$$

if $x=0$,

$$2 \cdot \frac{0}{y} - \ln(0+y) = 0$$

$$\ln(y) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 1$$

$$S \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,1)} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{z}}{0 + \frac{1}{z}}$$

h) $y = x^{\cos x}$

Just... don't...
please.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x \cdot x^{\cos x - 1}$$

$$\ln y = \ln(x^{\cos x}) = \cos x \ln x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}[\ln y] = \frac{d}{dx}[\cos x \ln x]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \left(-\sin x \ln x + \cos x \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

2. **True or False.** Justify your answers.

- (a) If f and g are differentiable then the derivative of $f(x)g(x)$ is $f'(x)g'(x)$.

False. \nexists product rule

- (b) The function $f(x) = |x|$ is differentiable for all real numbers.

False. corner at $x=0$.

- (c) If f is differentiable, then $\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{f(x)} = \frac{f'(x)}{2\sqrt{x}}$.

False:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sqrt{f(x)}] = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{f(x)}} \cdot f'(x)$$

- (d) $\frac{d}{dx}(10^x) = x10^{x-1}$.

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H.W.

Hint: False.

3. Without computing any derivatives, demonstrate that $f(x) = 2^x + x$ has a point $c \in (0, 3)$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{10}{3}$.

MUR, not in exam.

- 100, 200

4. Find the linearization of $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{1+3x}$ about $x=0$. Use it to approximate $\sqrt[3]{1.03}$.

$$= (1+3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

Recall the linearization of $f(x)$ at $x=a$ is

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$

here.

$$f(x) = (1+3x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad a=0$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} (1+3x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 3$$

$$= (1+3x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \quad f(0)=1$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(0) = 1$$

So

$$L(x) = 1 + 1 \cdot (x-0) = 1+x$$

Now want approx. to $\sqrt[3]{1.03} = \cancel{f(1.03)}$

$$\sqrt[3]{1.03} = \sqrt[3]{1 + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{100}} = f\left(\frac{1}{100}\right)$$

$$\approx \left(\frac{1}{100} \right)$$

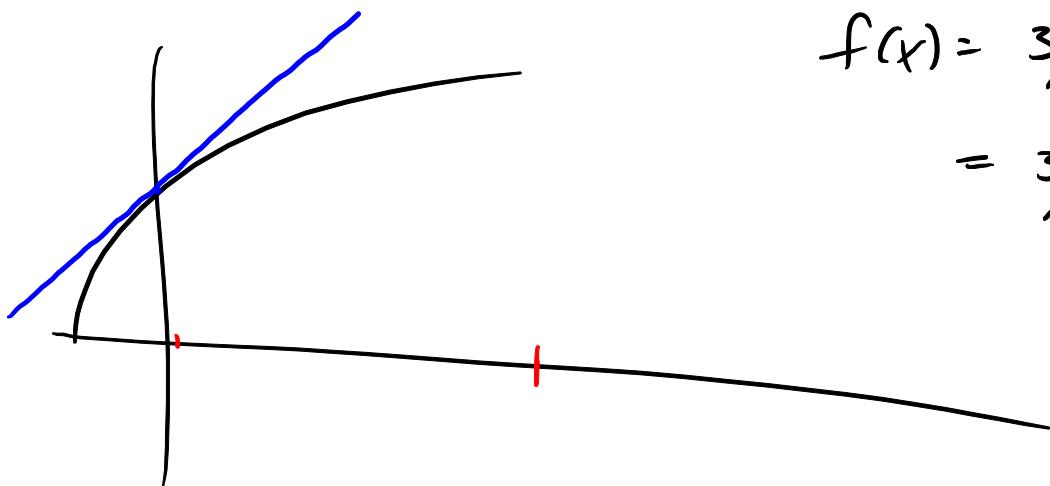
$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{1+3x}$$

Notice:

$$f(1.03) = \sqrt[3]{1 + 3 \cdot 1.03} = \sqrt[3]{4.09}$$

we want an approx to

$$\sqrt[3]{1.03} = f\left(\frac{1}{100}\right) \approx \left(\frac{1}{100} \right)$$

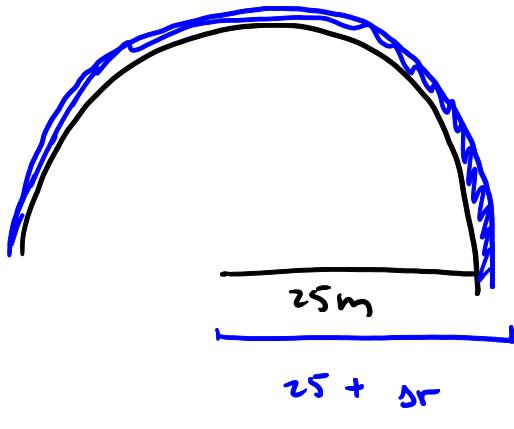


$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sqrt[3]{1+3x} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{3}+x\right)} \end{aligned}$$

Hint: $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ hemisphere: $H = \frac{2}{3}\pi r^3$

$$25 \text{ cm} = 0.25 \text{ m} \quad \frac{1\text{m}}{100\text{cm}} = \frac{5}{1000} \text{ m}$$

5. Use differentials to estimate the amount of paint needed to apply a coat of paint 0.05cm thick to a hemispherical dome with radius 25m.



Let

H : volume of paint

$$\Delta r = 0.0005 \text{ m}$$

The amount of paint needed is

$$\Delta H = H(25 + \Delta r) - H(25) \approx \Delta H.$$

recall: $dy = f'(x)dx$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H = H'(25) \cdot \Delta r \quad H(r) = \frac{2}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta H = 2\pi \cdot (25)^2 \cdot \frac{5}{1000}}$$

$$\rightarrow H'(r) = 2\pi r^2$$

$$\Delta r = \Delta r = \frac{5}{1000}$$

6. Consider the function $g(x) = (x^2 - 1)^3$. Find the absolute max and absolute min of $g(x)$ on $x \in [-2, 3]$.

Steps:

i) Find crit. pts., ie

$$f'(c)=0 \quad \& \quad f'(c) \text{ DNE}$$

ii) Plug critpts / end pts into $f(x)$

biggest is abs max

smallest " " min.

7. Use logarithmic differentiation to find the derivative y' of the following function (you do not need to simplify your answer)

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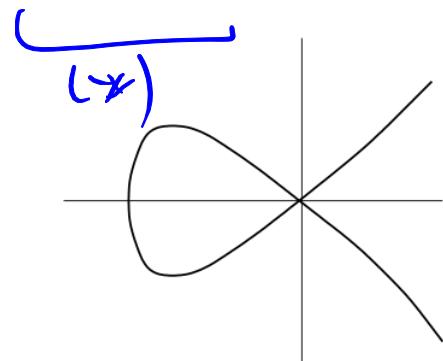
$$y = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} (3 - 4x)^5}{2(3x - 1)^{1/4} (x - 2)^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) + 5 \ln(3 - 4x) - \ln 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \ln(3x - 1) - 4 \ln(x - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y' = \dots$$

8. Consider the curve defined by $y^2 = x^3 + 5x^2$. The graph of the curve is shown below.



- (a) Show that the point $(-1, 2)$ is on the curve.

$$\text{LHS: } y^2 = 2^2 = 4$$

$$\text{RHS: } x^3 + 5x^2 = (-1)^3 + 5 \cdot (-1)^2 = -1 + 5 = 4$$

$(-1, 2)$ satisfies $(*)$ & thus is on curve.

- (b) Use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

- (c) Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve at the point $(-1, 2)$.

$$y = m(x - x_0) + y_0$$

$$(x_0, y_0) = (-1, 2)$$

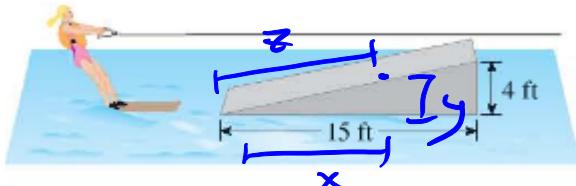
$$m = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(-1, 2)}$$

9. A girl facing North is standing next to a river which flows East. She tosses a stick into the water exactly 4 meters North of where she stands. The river carries the stick East at the constant rate of 3 m/s. How fast is the stick moving away from the girl after 2 seconds?

Note - solution is $\frac{9}{\sqrt{13}} \approx 2.5$ m/s

10. A waterskier skis over the ramp shown in the figure at a speed of 30 ft/s. How fast is she rising as she leaves the ramp?

Note: Solution is $\frac{120}{\sqrt{241}}$ ft/s



Given

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = 30$$

Let:

z = distance travelled by skier

[f-t]

x = horiz. dist

y = vert

want:

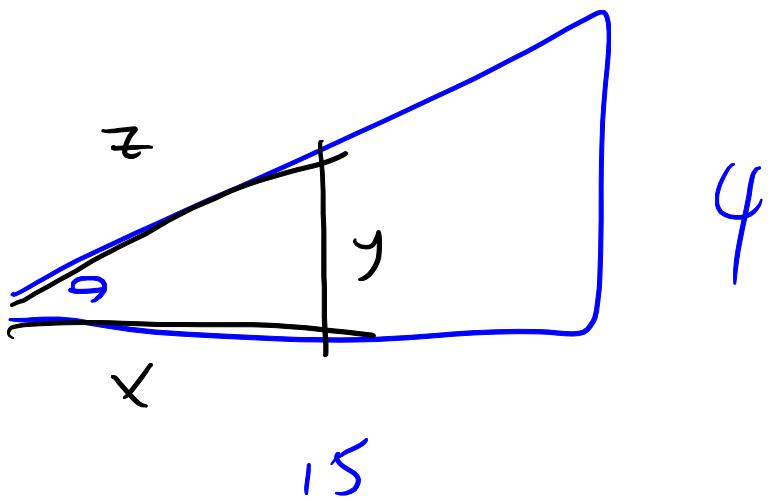
$$\frac{dy}{dt} \quad |_{x=15} \text{ or} \quad |_{y=4}$$

Notice:

$$z^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

could differentiate now, but life is hard..

eliminate X . (because given $\frac{dz}{dt}$)



$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{15} = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{15}{4} y$$

so

$$z^2 = \left(\frac{15}{4}y\right)^2 + y^2$$

$$\left(\frac{225}{16} + 1\right)y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 = \frac{15^2}{16} y^2 + y^2$$

$$z^2 = \frac{241}{16} y^2 \quad \text{Add} \int$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{241}{16} z y \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{y=4} = \frac{z \dot{z}}{\sqrt{16 - z^2}} \cdot 2y$$

\dot{z} ? $\frac{dz}{dt}$

Need $z|_{y=4}$

$$z|_{y=4} = \sqrt{15^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{241}$$

\rightarrow

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{y=4} = \frac{z \sqrt{241} \cdot 30}{\sqrt{16 - z^2} \cdot 2 \cdot 4}$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{120}{\sqrt{241}}$$

11. Suppose we have the parameterizations $x = f(t)$ and $y = g(t)$ on $t \in [0, \infty)$, where

$$f(t) = e^{t-1}, \quad g(t) = e^{2t}.$$

Sketch the parametric curve. Include features in your sketch. Then, find the equation of the tangent line at $t = 1$.

Features:

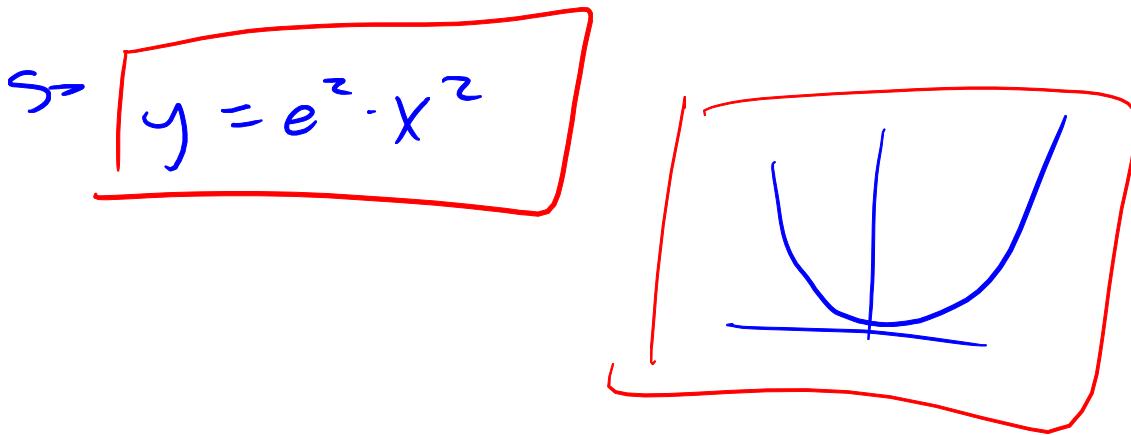
- curve shape
- direction
- initial & terminal pts.

To sketch: eliminate

$$x = f(t) = e^{t-1} = \frac{e^t}{e}$$

$$y = g(t) = (e^t)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow xe = e^t = (ex)^2 = e^{z \cdot x^2}$$



initial pt:

$$f(0) = e^{z-1} = \frac{1}{e}$$

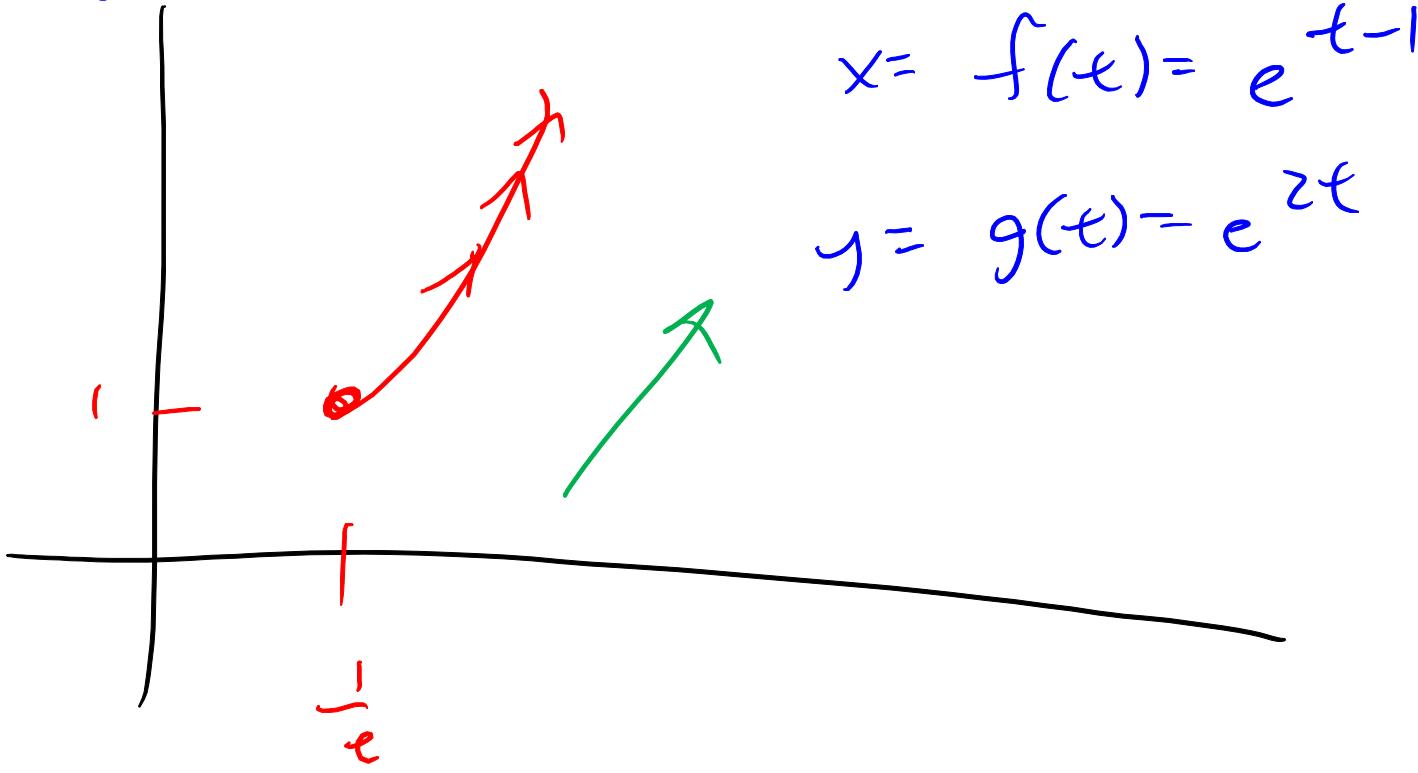
$$g(z) = e^{z \cdot 0} = 1$$

$$(x_0, y_0) = \left(\frac{1}{e}, 1\right)$$

$$f(t) = e^{t-1} \quad t \in [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{ran } f = \left[\frac{1}{e}, \infty\right).$$

$$y = e^z \cdot x^z$$



Eqn of tangent at $t=1$

$$y = m(x - x_1) + y_1$$

$$\cdot x_1 = f(1) = e^{1-1} = e^0 = 1$$

$$\cdot y_1 = g(1) = e^{z-1} = e^z$$

$$\cdot m = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{ze^{zt}}{e^{t-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=1} = \frac{ze^z}{e^0} = ze^z$$

or $y = e^z \cdot x^z$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = e^z \cdot z \cdot x + e^z \cdot z x^z \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_1} = ze^z$$

12. Consider the parameterizations $x = f(t)$ and $y = g(t)$, where

$$f(t) = t^2 - 1, \quad g(t) = \cancel{t^2 + 2t + 2} \quad t^2 + 3t + 2$$

- (a) Find when the function crosses the x -axis, and when it crosses the y -axis.
(b) Find when the function crosses the origin.
(c) Find the point(s) where the tangent line is horizontal, and point(s) where the tangent line is vertical.

a)

Cross x -axis $\Rightarrow y=0$

$$\Rightarrow g(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 + 3t + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (t+2)(t+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = -2 \text{ & } t = -1$$

Cross y -axis: $x = f(t) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow t = \pm 1$$

b) At $t = -1$,

c) Horiz:

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0$$

Recall:

$$\frac{\frac{\partial y}{\partial t}}{\frac{\partial x}{\partial t}} = \frac{2t+3}{2t}$$

So $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow 2t+3 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow t = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Vertical if $\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow t = 0.$$

if $t=0, x = -1, y = 2$