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- 1.) The tangent line to a curve at any point $P(x, y)$ has an x -intercept equal to $\frac{1}{2}x$.
This curve also passes through the point $(1, 2)$.
Find the equation of the curve.

We know $m = \frac{y - y_0}{x - x_0}$ where $m = \frac{dy}{dx}$.

Given x -intercept at any point equals $\frac{x}{2}$,
Moreover $(\frac{x}{2}, 0)$ lies on the curve.

$$\text{So, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y - (0)}{x - (\frac{x}{2})}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{\frac{x}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dx}{x} \quad \circ \text{ Separable ODE}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln|y| = \ln|x| + C$$

$$\ln|\sqrt{y}| = \ln|x| + C$$

$$\sqrt{y} = Cx$$

$$y = Cx^2$$

$$\boxed{\therefore y(x) = 2x^2}$$

Using Point $(1, 2)$ for C : $2 = C \cdot 1^2 \rightarrow C = 2$

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2.) Solve the separable DE

$$y(t+3) \frac{dy}{dt} = 3 + 2y - y^2$$

$$[y \cdot dy] \left[(t+3) \cdot \frac{1}{dt} \right] = 3 + 2y - y^2$$

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

$$\frac{y}{(1+y)(3-y)} dy = \frac{1}{t+3} dt$$

Partial Fraction Expansion

$$\frac{y}{(1+y)(3-y)} = \frac{A}{1+y} + \frac{B}{3-y}$$

$$\therefore \frac{|3-y|^{\frac{3}{4}}}{|1+y|^{\frac{1}{4}}} = C(t+3)$$

$$y = A(3-y) + B(1+y)$$

$$\text{For } y = 3: 3 = B(4) \rightarrow B = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{For } y = -1: -1 = A(4) \rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{So, } \int \left[\frac{-\frac{1}{4}}{1+y} + \frac{\frac{3}{4}}{3-y} \right] dy = \int \left[\frac{1}{t+3} \right] dt$$

$$-\frac{1}{4} \cdot \ln|1+y| + \frac{3}{4} \ln|3-y| = \ln|t+3| + C$$

$$e^{\left[\ln\left(\frac{|3-y|^{\frac{3}{4}}}{|1+y|^{\frac{1}{4}}} \right) \right]} = e^{\left[\ln|t+3| + C \right]}$$