

## Rules for differentiation. Tangent and normal lines.

### 3.2.1

$$\text{I. (a) } y'(x) = 5x^4 - 14x + 10$$

$$(b) f'(t) = (t^{\frac{1}{4}} + t^{\frac{1}{3}})' = \frac{1}{4}t^{-\frac{3}{4}} + \frac{1}{3}t^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$(c) f'(x) = \left( \frac{5}{2}x^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{2}x^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right)' \\ = \frac{15}{4}x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{3}{2}x^{-2} - \frac{3}{4}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$$

### 3.2.2

II The line  $4x - y = 1$  has the slope 4, so we want to find points on the curve  $y = x^3 - \frac{1}{x}$ , where the slope of the tangent line is 4, i.e. the points corresponding to  $x$ , such that  $y'(x) = 4$ .

$$y'(x) = (x^3 - x^{-1})' = 3x^2 + x^{-2} = 3x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 4 \quad | \cdot x^2$$

$$3x^4 + 1 = 4x^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{3x^4 - 4x^2 + 1 = 0} \quad \leftarrow \text{this is a biquadratic equation}$$

Solving for  $x^2$ , we get  $x^2 = 1$  or  $x^2 = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\Downarrow \\ x = \pm 1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

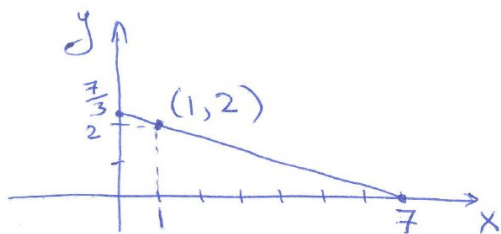
Thus, we have four points:  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}})$

and  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}})$  ( $y(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{3} = \frac{1-9}{3\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}}$ ,  $y(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) = -y(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}}$ , since  $y$  is odd).

3.2.3

III  $y' = 2x + 1$ , so at  $(1, 2)$  slope of the tangent line

$m_t = 2 \cdot 1 + 1 = 3 \Rightarrow m_n = -\frac{1}{3}$  - slope of the normal line.



Equation of the normal line at  $(1, 2)$ :

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

$$y\text{-intercept} = 2 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$x\text{-intercept} = (-2)(-3) + 1 = 7$$

$$\text{Area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2}(\text{base})(\text{height}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{3} \cdot 7 = \frac{49}{6}$$