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Assignment 8

For the curves in Problem 1 to 5, at the points given, find (a) the equation of the tangent and (b) the equation of the normal.

① $y = 2x^2$ at the point $(1, 2)$.

② $y = 3x^2 - 2x$ at the point $(2, 8)$.

③ $y = x^{3/2}$ at the point $(-1, -1/2)$.

④ $y = 1 + x - x^2$ at the point $(-2, -5)$.

⑤ $y = 1/x$ at the point $(3, 1/3)$.

Solution:

① $y = 2x^2$ at the point $(1, 2)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x = 4(1)$$

$$m = 4$$

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

$$y - 2 = 4(x - 1)$$

$$y - 2 = 4x - 4$$

$$y - 4x - 2 + 4 = 0$$

$y - 4x + 2 = 0$ which gives the equation of the tangent.

② $y - y_1 = \frac{-1}{m}(x - x_1)$

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

$$4y - 8 = -x + 1$$

$$4y + x - 8 - 1 = 0$$

$4y + x - 9 = 0$ which gives the equation of the normal.

(2) $y = 3x^2 - 2x$ at the point $(2, 8)$.
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x - 2 = 6(2) - 2 = 12 - 2$

$m = 10$

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

$y - 8 = 10(x - 2)$

$y - 8 = 10x - 20$

$y - 10x - 8 + 20 = 0$ which gives the equation of tangent

(b) $y - y_1 = -1/m(x - x_1)$

$10(y - 8) = -1(x - 2)$

$10y - 80 = -x + 2$

$10y + x - 80 - 2 = 0$

$10y + x - 82 = 0$ which gives the equation of the normal

(3) $y = \frac{x^3}{2}$ at the point $(-1, -1/2)$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 = 3(-1)^2$

$m = 3$

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

$y - (-1/2) = 3[x - (-1)]$

$y + 1/2 = 3[x + 1]$

$y + 1/2 = 3x + 3$

$y - 3x + 1/2 - 3 = 0$

$y - 3x - 5/2 = 0$ which gives the equation of tangent.

(b) $y - y_1 = -1/m(x - x_1)$

$y - (-1/2) = -1/3(x - (-1))$

$3(y + 1/2) = -1(x + 1)$

$3y + 3/2 = -x - 1$

$3y + x + 3/2 + 1 = 0$

$3y + x + 5/2 = 0$ which gives the equation of the normal.

(4) $y = 1 + x - x^2$ at the point $(-2, -5)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2x = -2(-2)$

$m = 4$

(a) $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 $[y - (-5)] = 4[x - (-2)]$

$y + 5 = 4(x + 2)$

$y + 5 = 4x + 8$

$y - 4x + 5 - 8 = 0$

$y - 4x - 3 = 0$ which gives the equation of tangent.

(b) $y - y_1 = -\frac{1}{m}(x - x_1)$

$[y - (-5)] = -\frac{1}{4}[x - (-2)]$

$4(y + 5) = -1(x + 2)$

$4y + 20 = -x - 2$

$4y + x + 20 + 2 = 0$

$4y + x + 22 = 0$ which gives the equation of the normal.

(5) $y = \frac{1}{x}$ at the point $(3, \frac{1}{3})$

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

$\frac{dy}{dx} = -x^{-2} = -(3)^{-2}$

$m = -\frac{1}{9}$

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

$(y - \frac{1}{3}) = -\frac{1}{9}(x - 3)$

$(y - \frac{1}{3}) = -\frac{1}{9}x + \frac{1}{3}$

$y + \frac{1}{9}x - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 0$

$y + \frac{1}{9}x - \frac{2}{3} = 0$ which

gives the equation of tangent

$-\frac{1}{m} = -1 \div \frac{-1}{9}$

$= -1 \times \frac{9}{-1} = 9$

$-\frac{1}{m} = 9$

$y - y_1 = -\frac{1}{m}(x - x_1)$

$(y - \frac{1}{3}) = 9(x - 3)$

$y - \frac{1}{3} = 9x - 27$

$y + 9x - \frac{1}{3} + 27 = 0$

$y - 9x + \frac{80}{3} = 0$ which

gives the equation of the normal.