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ASSIGNMENT TITLE: Equation of tangent and normal.

(1)  $y = 2x^2$  at the point  $(1, 2)$ .Solution:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x \text{ at } x=1$$

$$m = 4(1)$$

$\therefore m = 4$  (gradient).

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

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

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

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

$\therefore$  the equation of the tangent is

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

(b) Equation of the normal:

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

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

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

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

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

$\therefore$  the equation of the normal is  $4y + x - 9 = 0.$

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

Solution:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x - 2 \text{ at } x = 2$$

$$m = 6(2) - 2$$

$$= 12 - 2$$

$$\therefore m \text{ (gradient)} = 10.$$

(a) The equation of the tangent:

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

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

$$y - 8 = 10x - 20$$

$$y - 10x - 8 + 20 = 0$$

$\therefore$  the equation of the tangent is  $y - 10x + 12 = 0$ .

(b) Equation of the normal:

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

$$(y - 8) = -\frac{1}{10}(x - 2)$$

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

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

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

$\therefore$  The equation of the normal is

$$10y + x - 82 = 0.$$

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

Solution:

$$y = \frac{x^3}{2}$$

$$u = x^3 \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 3x^2$$

$$v = 2 \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$= \frac{6x^2 - 0}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3 \cdot 6x^2}{4 \cdot 2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{2} \text{ at } x = -1$$

$$m = \frac{3(-1)^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{3}{2}$$

(a) Equation of the tangent.

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

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

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

$$2(2y + 1) = 6(x + 1)$$

$$4y + 2 = 6x + 6$$

$$4y - 6x + 2 - 6 = 0$$

$$4y - 6x - 4 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the tangent is  
 $4y - 6x - 4 = 0$ .

(b) Equation of the normal.

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

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

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

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

$$6y + 3 = -4x - 4$$

$$6y + 4x + 3 + 4 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the normal is

$$6y + 4x + 7 = 0.$$

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

Solution:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 2x, \text{ at } x = -2$$

$$m = 1 - 2(-2)$$

$$= 1 + 4$$

$$\therefore m = 5.$$

(a) Equation of the tangent

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

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

$$y + 5 = 5x + 10$$

$$y - 5x + 5 - 10 = 0$$

∴ the equation of the tangent is  $y - 5x - 5 = 0$

(b) Equation of the normal

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

$$(y + 5) = -\frac{1}{5}(x + 2)$$

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

$$5y + 25 + x + 2 = 0$$

∴ the equation of the normal is

$$5y + x + 27 = 0$$

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

Solution:

$$y = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$u = 1, \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 0$$

$$v = x, \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{0-1}{x^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{x^2} \text{ at point } x = 3$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{-1}{3^2} \\ = \frac{-1}{9}$$

(a) Equation of the tangent

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

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

$$\frac{3y - 1}{3} \quad \times \quad \frac{-x + 3}{9}$$

$$9(3y - 1) = 3(-x + 3)$$

$$27y - 9 = -3x + 9$$

$$27y + 3x - 9 - 9 = 0$$

$\therefore$  the equation of the tangent is

$$27y + 3x - 18 = 0 \text{ (multiples of 3)}$$

$$\text{OR } 9y + x - 6 = 0$$

(b) Equation of the normal.

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

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

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