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Examine whether or not these pairs of lines are perpendicular to each other

(i) $y - 3x - 2 = 0$ and $3y + x + 9 = 0$

(ii) $3y - 4 = 2x + 3$ and $y - 5 = x + 6$

(iii) find the equation of the tangent and normal to the curve $x^2 + y^2 + 3xy - 11 = 0$ at point $x=1, y=2$

Solutions

(i) $y - 3x - 2 = 0$

$3y + x + 9 = 0$

For the lines to be perpendicular then $m_1 m_2 = -1$

$y - 3x - 2 = 0$

$y = 3x + 2$

By comparison with $y = mx + c$

$m_1 = 3$

$3y + x + 9 = 0$

$3y = -x - 9$

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

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

$y = mx + c$ $m_2 = -1/3$

$m_1 m_2 = -1$ for perpendicularity

$3 \times \frac{-1}{3} = -1$

Since $m_1 m_2 = -1$, therefore the lines $y - 3x - 2 = 0$ and $3y + x + 9 = 0$ are perpendicular.

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$$3y - 4 = 2x + 3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$y - 5 = x + 6 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

In equation (1)

$$3y = 2x + 3 + 4$$

$$3y = 2x + 7$$

$$y = \frac{2x + 7}{3}$$

In comparison to $y = mx + c$

$$m_1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

In equation (2)

$$y = x + 6 + 5$$

$$y = x + 11$$

In comparison to $y = mx + c$

$$m_2 = 1$$

For perpendicularity $m_1 m_2 = -1$

$$m_1 m_2 = \frac{2}{3} \times 1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$m_1 m_2$ is not equal to -1 in the lines $3y - 4 = 2x + 3$ and $y - 5 = x + 6$ are not perpendicular

(3)

$$\textcircled{3} \quad x^2 + y^2 + 3xy - 4 = 0 \quad (x=1, y=2)$$

$$m = \frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 3xy - 4 = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta x} = 2x + 2y \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} + 3(x \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} + y) = 0$$

$$2x + 2y \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} + 3x \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} + 3y = 0$$

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

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

$$m = \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} \Big|_{x=1, y=2} = \frac{-2(1) - 3(2)}{2(2) + 3(1)} = \frac{-2 - 6}{4 + 3} = \frac{-8}{7}$$

① Equation of tangent

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

$$y - 2 = \frac{-8}{7}(x - 1)$$

$$7y - 14 = -8x + 8 \quad 7(y - 2) = -8(x - 1)$$

$$7y - 14 = -8x + 8$$

$$7y + 8x - 14 + 8 = 0$$

$$7y + 8x - 22 = 0 \quad (\text{Equation of the tangent})$$

② Equation of the normal

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

$$y - 2 = \frac{-1}{-8/7}(x - 1)$$

$$y - 2 = \frac{7}{8}(x - 1)$$

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$$8(y-2) = 7(x-1)$$

$$8y - 16 = 7x - 7$$

$$8y - 7x - 16 + 7 = 0$$

$$8y - 7x - 9 = 0 \quad (\text{Equation of the normal})$$