

3 Find the equations of the tangent and normal to the curve $x^2 + y^2 + 3xy - 11 = 0$ at the point $x=1, y=2$.

$$x^2 + y^2 + 3xy - 11 = 0$$

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

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

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

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

3a Equation of the tangent to a curve

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

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

$$y - 2 = -\frac{8x}{7} + \frac{8}{7}$$

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

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

$$8x + 7y - 22 = 0$$

3b Equation of the normal to a curve

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$8y + 7 = 0$$

$$8y - 7x - 9 = 0$$

which gives the equation of the normal

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1. $y - 3x - 2 = 0$ and $3y + x + 9 = 0$

Solution

$y - 3x - 2 = 0$ and $3y + x + 9 = 0$

Let $A = y - 3x - 2 = 0$

$\frac{dy}{dx} - 3 - 0 = 0$

$\frac{dy}{dx} - 3 = 0$

$m_1 = \frac{dy}{dx} = 3$

Let $B = 3y + x + 9 = 0$

$3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 1 + 0 = 0$

$3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 1 = 0$

$m_2 = -\frac{1}{3}$

The product = $m_1 \cdot m_2$

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

$y - 3x - 2 = 0$ and $3y + x + 9$ are perpendicular

2. $3y - 4 = 2x + 3$ and $y - 5 = x + 6$

Let $A = 3y - 4 = 2x + 3$

$3 \frac{dy}{dx} - 0 = 2 + 0$

$3 \frac{dy}{dx} = 2$

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

Let $B = y - 5 = x + 6$

$\frac{dy}{dx} - 0 = 1 + 0$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 + 1 = 1$

$m_2 = 1 \neq \frac{2}{3}$

i.e. product of two slopes

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

Two lines are not perpendicular