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MAT 104 Assignment

For the curves in Problem 1-5, at the points given find the equation of the tangent and the equation of the normal.

1) $y = 2x^2$ at $(1, 2)$

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

3) $y = \frac{8}{3}x^{3/3}$ at $(-1, -1)$

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

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

Solution:

1) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x^2$ at $(1, 2)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x^2 = 2(1)^2 = 2$
 $m = 2$

$x_1 = 1, y_1 = 2$

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

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

$y - x - 1 = 0$ (equation of tangent)

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

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 2x = 3(2)^2 - 2(2) = 8$
 $m = 8$

$x_1 = 2, y_1 = 8$

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

$y - 8x + 14 = 0$ (equation of tangent)

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

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

$$m = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y_1 = -1, x_1 = -1$$

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

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

$$y - x - 1 = 0 \text{ (Equation of tangent \& normal)}$$

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 2 - 4 = -5$$

$$m = -5$$

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

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

$$y - x + 8 = 0 \text{ (Equation of tangent \& normal)}$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{3^2}, m = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$y - 3 = \frac{1}{3}(x - 3) \Rightarrow y - x + 1 = 0$$

$$y - x + \frac{1}{3} = 0 \text{ (Equation of tangent \& normal)}$$