

Honors PreCalculus

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Limits and Derivatives Test

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1.
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{(\sqrt{x-5}-2)(\sqrt{x-5}+2)}{(x-9)(\sqrt{x-5}+2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x-5-4}{(x-9)(\sqrt{x-5}+2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-5}+2}$$

- a) $\frac{1}{4}$ b) $-\frac{1}{4}$ c) 1 d) $4\sqrt{2}$ e) dne

2. An equation of the line normal to the graph of $y = 3x^4 + 5x^3 - 9x^2 - 6x + 4$ at the point where $x = 0$ is

$(0, 4) \quad m = -6$

- ~~a) $6x + y = 4$~~ b) $6x - y = -4$ c) $4x + 4y = 2$
d) $x - 6y = -24$ e) $x + 6y = 24$

TAN $y - 4 = -6(x - 0)$
NORMAL: $y - 4 = \frac{1}{6}x$

3. If f is a differentiable function such that $f(3) = 8$ and $f'(3) = 5$, which of the following statements must be false?

- (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 8$ (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$ (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{f(x) - 8}{x - 3} = 5$
d) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h) - 5}{h} = 8$ (e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f'(x) = 5$

4. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve $f(x) = 4x^3 - 3x - 1$ at the point in the first quadrant where $\frac{dy}{dx} = 45$.

$$f' = 12x^2 - 3 = 45$$

$$12x^2 = 48$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = 2$$

$$y = 25$$

- (a) $y = 25x - 5$ (b) $y = 45x + 65$ (c) $y = 45x - 65$
 (d) $y = 65 - 45x$ (e) $y = 65x - 45$

$$y - 25 = 45(x - 2)$$

$$y = 45x - 65$$

5. At what point on the graph of $y = -3x^2$ is the tangent parallel to the line $5x + 2y = 7$?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -6x = -\frac{5}{2} \rightarrow x = \frac{5}{12}$$

- (a) $\left(-\frac{5}{12}, -\frac{75}{144}\right)$ (b) $\left(\frac{1}{15}, -\frac{3}{225}\right)$ (c) $\left(\frac{5}{12}, -\frac{75}{144}\right)$
 (d) $(5, 3)$ (e) None of these

6. A particle moving in the xy -plane with its x -coordinate given by $x(t) = \frac{1}{4}t^4 + \frac{2}{3}t^3 - \frac{3}{2}t^2 - 1$ and its y -coordinate given by $y(t) = t^3 - 12t + 1$. When is the particle moving up and left?

- (a) $(-\infty, -3)$ (b) $(-3, -2)$ (c) $(-2, 0)$
 (d) $(0, 2)$ (e) $(2, \infty)$

$$x' = t^3 + 2t^2 - 3t$$

$$y' = 3t^2 - 12$$

Sign chart for x' : $t < -3$ (+), $-3 < t < 0$ (-), $0 < t < 1$ (+), $t > 1$ (+).
 Sign chart for y' : $t < -2$ (+), $-2 < t < 2$ (-), $t > 2$ (+).

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1. Use the equation of the line tangent to $y = 6x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 4$ at $x = -1$ to approximate $f(-1.1)$

$$y(-1) = -18$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 18x^2 - 6x + 5$$

$$m = 29$$

$$y + 18 = 29(x + 1)$$

$$f(-1.1) \approx y(-1.1) = 29(-1.1 + 1) - 18 = -20.9$$

2. The motion of a particle is described by $x(t) = 3t^4 - 16t^3 - 30t^2 + 240t - 140$.

- When the particle is stopped?
- Which direction it is moving at $t = -1$?
- Where is it when $t = -1$?
- Find $a(-1)$.

$$V = 12t^3 - 48t^2 - 60t + 240$$

$$a(t) = 36t^2 - 96t + 60$$

$$a) = t = \pm\sqrt{5}, 4$$

$$b) v(-1) = 240 \therefore \text{RIGHT}$$

$$c) x(-1) = -391$$

$$d) a(-1) = 72$$



$$V = t^3 - 4t^2 - 5t + 20$$

$$t^2(t-4) - 5(t-4)$$

$$(t^2 - 5)(t - 4)$$

3. A particle's position $\langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$ at time t is described

by $\langle t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t + 1, -t^2 + 6t + 2 \rangle$.

$$v(t) = \langle 3t^2 - 12t + 9, -2t + 6 \rangle$$

a) Find the speed at $t = 3$.

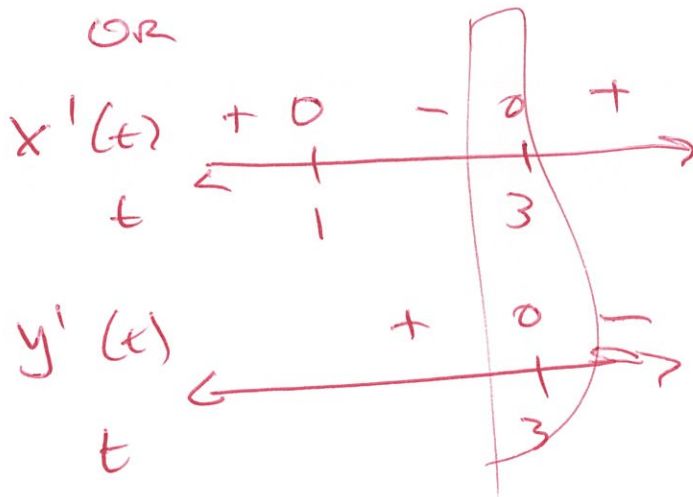
$$v(3) = (0, 0)$$

$$s = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2} \\ = 0$$

b) When, if ever, is the particle stopped? Prove it.

$$t = 3 \text{ BECAUSE SPEED} = 0$$

OR



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5. Set up, but do not solve, the limit definition of the derivative for

$$y = \sqrt[4]{x^5} + \frac{4}{x^3} - 2\sqrt[7]{x^9} - \pi^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\sqrt[4]{(x+h)^5} + \frac{4}{(x+h)^3} - 2\sqrt[7]{(x+h)^9} - \pi^3 \right) - \left(\sqrt[4]{x^5} + \frac{4}{x^3} - 2\sqrt[7]{x^9} - \pi^3 \right)}{h}$$

6. Use the Power Rule to find:

a) $\frac{d}{dx} [7x^4 - x^3 + \pi + 42x] = 28x^3 - 3x^2 + 42$

b) $D_x \left[\sqrt[4]{x^5} + \frac{4}{x^3} - 2\sqrt[7]{x^9} - \pi^3 \right] = \frac{5}{4}x^{1/4} - \frac{12}{x^4} - \frac{18}{7}x^{2/7}$

7. Evaluate the following limits:

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1/2} \frac{8x^3 + 1}{4x^2 - 8x - 5}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1/2} \frac{\cancel{(2x+1)}(4x^2 - 2x + 1)}{\cancel{(2x+1)}(2x-5)}$$

$$= \frac{4(-1/2)^2 - 2(-1/2) + 1}{2(-1/2) - 5} = \frac{3}{-6} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \sqrt{\frac{x^4 - 81}{x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x - 3}}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \sqrt{\frac{(x^2 - 9)(x^2 + 9)}{(x+3)\cancel{(x^2 - x - 1)}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \overline{) 1 \ 2 \ -4 \ -3} \\ \underline{ -3 \ 3 \ 3} \\ 1 \ -1 \ -1 \ 0 \end{array}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \sqrt{\frac{(x-3)\cancel{(x+3)}(x^2+9)}{\cancel{(x+3)}(x^2-x-1)}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{-6(18)}{11}} = \text{DNE}$$