

§3.3 - Rules of Differentiation

$$\frac{d(c f(x))}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{c f(x+h) - c f(x)}{h}$$

$$= c \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = c f'(x)$$

$$\frac{d(x^3)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - x^3}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3x^2 + 3xh + h^2) = 3x^2$$

Basic Differentiation Rules

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(1) Constant Rule: $\frac{d(c)}{dx} = 0$

(2) Constant Multiple: $\frac{d(cf(x))}{dx} = c f'(x)$

(3) Sum Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) + g(x)) = f'(x) + g'(x)$

(4) Difference Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) - g(x)) = f'(x) - g'(x)$

(5) Power Rule: $\frac{d(x^n)}{dx} = n x^{n-1}$ for $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

Ex 1 Let $f(x) = 12x^5 - 5x^3 + 1$

(a) Where is slope of tangent line 0?

Solu: $m_{\text{tan}} = f'(x) = 12(5x^4) - 5(3x^2) + 0$

$$= 60x^4 - 15x^2 = 0$$

$$= 15x^2(4x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$x = 0$

$x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

(b) Find equation of tangent line and normal line at $x=1$:

Soln: $x=1$, $m_{\text{tan}} = f'(1) = 45$

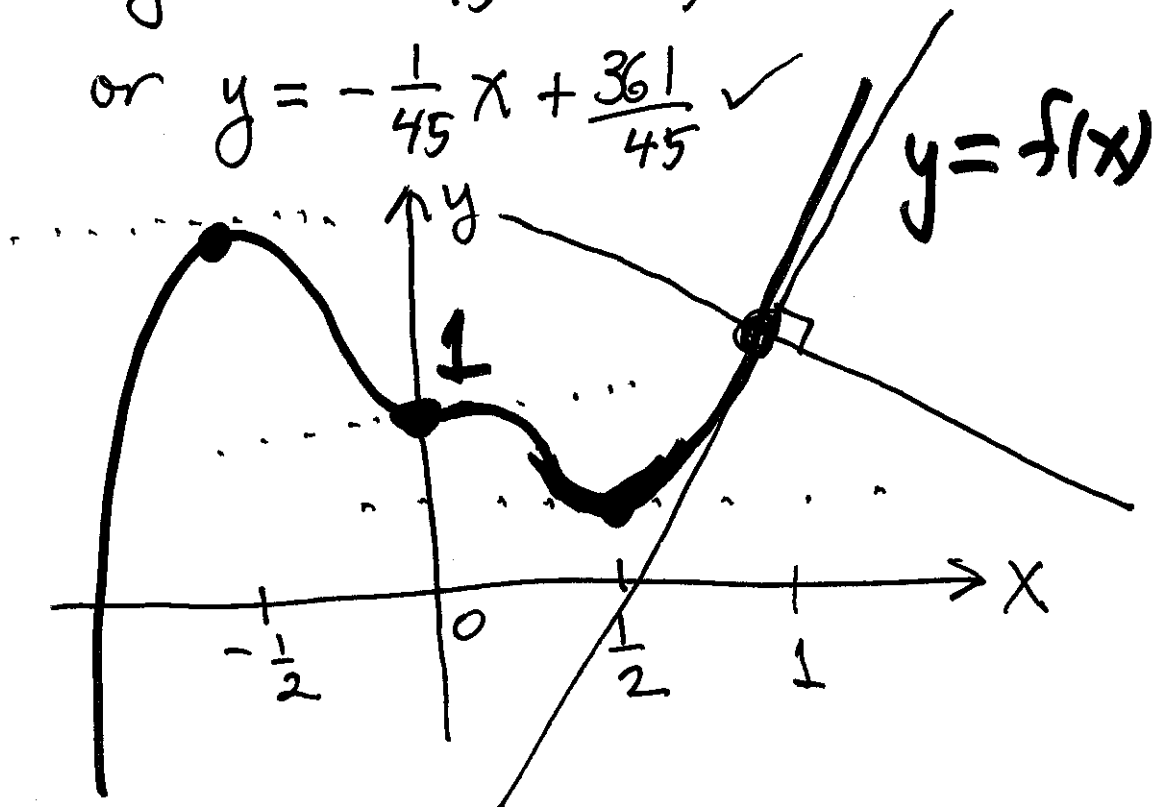
$\therefore y = f(1) = 8$

\therefore Eqn of tangent line: $y - 8 = 45(x - 1) \checkmark$
 $y = 45x - 37 \checkmark$

Eqn of normal line: $m_{\text{normal}} = -\frac{1}{m_{\text{tan}}} = -\frac{1}{45}$

$\therefore y - 8 = -\frac{1}{45}(x - 1) \checkmark$

or $y = -\frac{1}{45}x + \frac{361}{45} \checkmark$



Def: The number e is the number satisfying 4

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = \mathbf{1}$$

Hence $e = 2.71828\dots$

Note: let $f(x) = e^x$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} e^x \left(\frac{e^h - 1}{h} \right) = e^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = e^x \end{aligned}$$

Thm: $\boxed{\frac{d(e^x)}{dx} = e^x}$

For eg: Find $f'(\ln 3)$ if $f(x) = 4e^x + x^2 + e^2$

$$f'(x) = 4e^x + 2x + 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\ln 3) &= 4e^{\ln 3} + 2(\ln 3) \\ &= 4(3) + 2 \ln 3 \\ &= 12 + 2 \ln 3 \end{aligned}$$

Higher Order Derivatives: Given $y = f(x)$ 5

1st derivative: $y' = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx}$

2nd derivative: $y'' = (y')' = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$

$y''' = \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}$, etc. . . . Leibnitz

Ex2 Where is $m_{\text{tan}} = 0$ if $f(x) = (x^2 - 4)(2x + 1)$?

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 8x - 4$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 6x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$$