

AP Calculus AB  
Unit 2 – Day 3 – Assignment

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For exercises 1 – 12, find the derivative of each function. Leave your answers with no negative or rational exponents and as single rational functions, when applicable.

1.  $f(x) = 5 - 2x^2 - 3x^3$

$f'(x) = -4x - 9x^2$

2.  $h(x) = \frac{2x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x}{x}$

$h(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 2$

$h'(x) = 4x + 3$

3.  $h(x) = \frac{3}{x^7} \quad h(x) = 3x^{-7}$

$h'(x) = -21x^{-8}$

$$h'(x) = -\frac{21}{x^8}$$

4.  $g(x) = \frac{2x^5}{x^8} \quad g(x) = 2x^{-3}$

$g'(x) = -16x^{-4}$

$$g'(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4}$$

5.  $f(\theta) = -3\theta^2 - \cos\theta$

$f'(\theta) = -6\theta - (-\sin\theta)$

$$f'(\theta) = -6\theta + \sin\theta$$

6.  $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2} \quad h(x) = x^{2/3}$

$h'(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3}$

$$h'(x) = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x}}$$

7.  $g(\theta) = \sqrt{\theta} + 2\sin\theta$

$g(\theta) = \theta^{1/2} + 2\sin\theta$

$g'(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}\theta^{-1/2} + 2(\cos\theta)$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\theta}} + \frac{2\cos\theta}{(2\sqrt{\theta})}$$

$$g'(\theta) = \frac{1+4\sqrt{\theta}\cos\theta}{2\sqrt{\theta}}$$

8.  $p(x) = -2x^{\frac{3}{2}} + \sqrt{x}$

$p(x) = -2x^{3/2} + x^{1/2}$

$p'(x) = -3x^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}$

$$\frac{(2\sqrt{x})}{2(\sqrt{x})} - 3\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$p'(x) = \frac{-6x + 1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

9.  $g(x) = (x+3)(2x-1)^2$

$$\underline{(x+3)(2x-1)(2x-1)}$$

$$2x^2 - x + 6x - 3$$

$$(2x^2 + 5x - 3)(2x-1)$$

$$4x^3 - 2x^2 + 10x^2 - 5x - 6x + 3$$

$$g(x) = 4x^3 + 8x^2 - 11x + 3$$

$$[g'(x) = 12x^2 + 16x - 11]$$

11.  $f(x) = \frac{3x}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \quad \frac{3x}{x^{1/3}}$

$$f(x) = 3x^{2/3}$$

$$f'(x) = 2x^{-1/3}$$

$$= \frac{2}{x^{1/3}}$$

$$[f'(x) = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{x}}]$$

10.  $h(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 2}{x^3}$

$$h(x) = x^{-1} + 2x^{-2} - 2x^{-3}$$

$$h'(x) = -1x^{-2} - 4x^{-3} + 6x^{-4}$$

$$-\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{4}{x^3} + \frac{6}{x^4}$$

$$h'(x) = \frac{-x^2 - 4x + 6}{x^4}$$

12.  $h(x) = 6\sqrt{x} - 3\cos x$

$$6x^{1/2} - 3\cos x$$

$$h'(x) = 3x^{-1/2} - 3(-\sin x)$$

$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{3\sin x}{1(\sqrt{x})}$$

$$h'(x) = \frac{3 + 3\sqrt{x}\sin x}{\sqrt{x}}$$

13. For what value(s) of  $x$  will the slope of the tangent line to the graph of  $h(x) = 4\sqrt{x}$  be 2? Find the equation of the line tangent to  $h(x)$  at this/these  $x$ -values. Show your work.

$$h'(x) = ?$$

$$h(x) = 4x^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} = 2$$

P.O.T  
 $h(1) = 4\sqrt{1}$   
(1, 4)

$$h'(x) = 2x^{-1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= 2\sqrt{x} \\ 1 &= \sqrt{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$y - 4 = 2(x-1)$$

$$x = 1$$

14. Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $g(x) = \frac{2}{4\sqrt{x^3}}$  when  $x = 1$ .

$$g(x) = \frac{2}{x^{3/4}}$$

$$g'(x) = -\frac{3}{2}x^{-7/4}$$

P.O.T  $g(1) = \frac{2}{4\sqrt{1^3}} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$   
(1, 2)

$$g(x) = 2x^{-3/4}$$

$$g'(1) = -\frac{3}{2}(1)^{-7/4} = -\frac{3}{2}/2 \text{ slope}$$

$$y - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(x-1)$$

15. The line defined by the equation  $\frac{1}{2}x + 3 = -2(y - 3)$  is the line tangent to the graph of a function  $f(x)$  when  $x = a$ . What is the value of  $f'(a)$ ? Show your work and explain your reasoning.

slope of tangent

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2}x + 3 &= -2y + 6 \\ \frac{1}{2}x - 3 &= -2y \\ -2 &\quad \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4}x + \frac{3}{2} = y \\ f'(a) &= -\frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

16. The line defined by the equation  $y - 3 = -\frac{2}{3}(x + 3)$  is the line tangent to the graph of a function  $f(x)$  at the point  $(-3, 3)$ . What is the equation of the normal line when  $x = -3$ . Explain your reasoning.

$$\begin{aligned}y - 3 &= -\frac{2}{3}x - 2 \\ y &= -\frac{2}{3}x + 1 \\ \text{slope of tangent} &\quad \text{slope of normal} = \frac{3}{2} \\ y - 3 &= \frac{3}{2}(x + 3)\end{aligned}$$

17. Determine the value(s) of  $x$  at which the function  $f(x) = x^4 - 8x^2 + 2$  has a horizontal tangent.

$$f'(x) = 0 \quad ; \quad f'(x) = 4x^3 - 16x$$

$$\begin{aligned}4x^3 - 16x &= 0 \\ 4x(x^2 - 4) &= 0 \\ 4x(x+2)(x-2) &= 0 \\ x=0 & \quad x=-2 \quad x=2\end{aligned}$$

18. Determine the value(s) of  $\theta$  at which the function  $f(\theta) = \sqrt{3}\theta + 2 \cos \theta$  has a horizontal tangent on the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f'(\theta) &= 0 \\ f'(\theta) &= \sqrt{3} + 2(-\sin \theta) \\ f'(\theta) &= \sqrt{3} - 2\sin \theta \rightarrow \sqrt{3} - 2\sin \theta = 0 \\ \theta &= \frac{\pi}{3}, \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ -2\sin \theta &= -\sqrt{3} \\ \sin \theta &= +\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

19. For what value(s) of  $k$  is the line  $y = 4x - 9$  tangent to the graph of  $f(x) = x^2 - kx$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - (2x+4)x &= 4x - 9 \\ x^2 - 2x^2 + 4x &= 4x - 9 \\ x^2 - 2x^2 + 9 &= 0 \\ -x^2 + 9 &= 0 \\ x^2 - 9 &= 0 \quad (x = \pm 3) \rightarrow \\ K &= 2(-3) - 4 = -10 \\ K &= 2(3) - 4 = 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= 2x - k \\ 2x - k &= 4 \\ 2x - 4 &= k\end{aligned}$$