

# Equations of Tangents & Normals (Implicit)

ex) Find the equation of the tangent line to  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  at  $(1, \sqrt{3})$ .

Need  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  (slope of tangent)

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

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

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$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1, \sqrt{3})} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$(\sqrt{3}) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}(1) + b$$

$$3\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + b$$

$$b = 4\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}x + \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

ex) Find the equation of the tangent line  
to  $x^3 + y^3 = \underline{6xy}$  at  $(3, 3)$ .

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 6y + 6x \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 6x \frac{dy}{dx} = 6y - 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6y - 3x^2}{3y^2 - 6x} = \frac{3(2y - x^2)}{3(y^2 - 2x)} = \frac{2(3) - 3^2}{3^2 - 2(3)}$$

$$y - 3 = -1(x - 3)$$

$$\underline{y = -x + 6}$$

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

$$= -1$$

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ex) Find the equation of the normal line to

$$2x^5 + x^4y + y^5 = 36 \quad \text{at } (1, 2)$$

$$10x^4 + 4x^3y + x^4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y^4 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (x^4 + 5y^4) = -10x^4 - 4x^3y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-10x^4 - 4x^3y}{x^4 + 5y^4}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,2)} = \frac{-10(1)^4 - 4(1)^3(2)}{1^4 + 5(2)^4} = \frac{-18}{81} = -\frac{2}{9}$$

$$m_{\text{normal}} = +\frac{9}{2}$$

$$y - 2 = \frac{9}{2}(x - 1) \dots y = \frac{9}{2}x - \frac{5}{2}$$

ex) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $x^2 + \sqrt{y} = x^2 y^3 + 5$ .

$$2x + \frac{1}{2} y^{-1/2} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy^3 + x^2 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} - x^2 3y^2 \right) = 2xy^3 - 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x(y^3 - 1)}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} - x^2 3y^2} \dots ?$$