

# 3 types of tangent line problems

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① Given  $f(x)$  and a pt (or  $x$  value) on  $f(x)$ .

Ex.  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$ . Find equation of tangent at  $x=2$ .

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 + 2(x+h) - 1 - (x^2 + 2x - 1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2hx + h^2 + 2x + 2h - 1 - x^2 - 2x + 1}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x + h + 2)}{h} = 2x + 2$$

$f'(2) = 6$        $(y - 7 = 6(x - 2))$   
 $(2, 7)$

② Given  $f(x)$  and given slope you want (parallel,  $\perp$ , horiz)  
Take deriv & set = to what want + find  $x$ .

Ex.  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$ . Find equation of tangent to  $f(x)$  that is parallel to  $y = 4x - 3$ .

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2 = 4$$
$$2x = 2$$
$$x = 1$$

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

Where is the tangent horizontal? Set  $f' = 0$

$$2x + 2 = 0$$
$$x = -1$$

$(-1, -2)$

③ Given  $f(x)$  and a pt. not on  $f(x)$  but tangent line passes through it

\* still need to find  $x$ -values on  $f(x)$  !!

Ex.  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$ . Find equations of all tangents to  $f(x)$  that pass through  $(1, 1)$ .

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2$$

pt. on curve  
+ given pt.

$$\begin{matrix} (x, x^2 + 2x - 1) \\ (1, 1) \end{matrix}$$

$$2x + 2 = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 1 - 1}{x - 1}$$

Slope formula  
 $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

$$(2x + 2)(x - 1) = x^2 + 2x - 2$$

$$2x^2 - 2 = x^2 + 2x - 2$$

$$x^2 - 2x = 0$$

$$x(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad | \quad x = 2$$

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2$$

$$m = 2$$

$$m = 6$$

$$(1, 1)$$

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$$\boxed{y - 1 = 2(x - 1) \quad | \quad y - 1 = 6(x - 1)}$$

TRY:  $f(x) = 4x - x^2$ . Find equation of tangent that passes through  $(2, 5)$ . TYPE 3!

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4(x+h) - (x+h)^2 - (4x - x^2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x + 4h - x^2 - 2hx - h^2 - 4x + x^2}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(4 - 2x - h)}{h} = 4 - 2x$$

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

$$(2, 5) \quad (x, 4x - x^2)$$

$$4 - 2x = \frac{4x - x^2 - 5}{x - 2}$$

$$(4 - 2x)(x - 2) = 4x - x^2 - 5$$

$$4x - 2x^2 + 4x - 8 = 4x - x^2 - 5$$

$$-2x^2 + 8x - 8 = 4x - x^2 - 5$$

$$0 = x^2 - 4x + 3$$

$$0 = (x - 3)(x - 1)$$

	$x = 3$	$x = 1$
$f' = 4 - 2x$	$m = -2$	$m = 2$
	$(2, 5)$	$(2, 5)$

$y - 5 = -2(x - 2)$	$y - 5 = 2(x - 2)$
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# Derivative Rules

$$\text{Constant Rule: } \frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0$$

$$\text{Linear Rule: } \frac{d}{dx}[mx+b] = m$$

$$** \text{Power Rule: } \frac{d}{dx}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^3] = 3x^2 \quad \frac{d}{dx}[\sqrt{x}] = \frac{d}{dx}[x^{1/2}] = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{1}{x^4}\right] = \frac{d}{dx}[x^{-4}] = -4x^{-5} = \frac{-4}{x^5}$$

$$\text{Sum \& Difference Rule } \frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \pm g(x)] = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^5 - x^3 + 7x - 8] = 5x^4 - 3x^2 + 7$$

$$\text{Constant Mult. Rule } \frac{d}{dx}[cf(x)] = cf'(x)$$

$$\text{Ex. } \frac{d}{dx}[4x^5] = 4 \cdot 5x^4 = \boxed{20x^4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}\left[4x^2 - \frac{3}{x^3} + \sqrt[3]{x^2}\right] &= \frac{d}{dx}\left[4x^2 - 3x^{-3} + x^{2/3}\right] \\ &= 8x + 9x^{-4} + \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} = 8x + \frac{9}{x^4} + \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[5x^2(2x-8)] = \frac{d}{dx}[10x^3 - 40x^2] = 30x^2 - 80x$$