

1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the following functions

a. $y = 3x$

f. $y = x^5 - x^4 + x^3$

b. $y = 4x^7$

g. $y = \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{3}x^2$

c. $y = -3x^3$

h. $y = x^2 - x + 1$

d. $y = -4$

i. $y = x^{10} - x^{20}$

e. $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$

j. $y = 3x^7 + 5x^4 - 2x$

2. Consider the curve $y = x^3 - 6x^2 + 3$

i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

ii) Find the eqn of the tangent where $x = 1$

iii) Find the eqn of the normal where $x = 2$

3. Consider the curve $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{5}{2}x^2$

Find the coords of the points on this curve where the gradient = 6

DIFFERENTIATION OF POLYNOMIALS (1)

EXERCISE

1.
a.

$$y = 3x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$$

b.

$$y = 4x^7$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 28x^6$$

c.

$$y = -3x^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -9x^2$$

d.

$$y = -4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

e.

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x$$

f.

$$y = x^5 - x^4 + x^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^4 - 4x^3 + 3x^2$$

g.

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{3}x^2$$

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

h.

$$y = x^2 - x + 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 1$$

i.

$$y = x^{10} - x^{20}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 10x^9 - 20x^{19}$$

j.

$$y = 3x^7 + 5x^4 - 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 21x^6 + 20x^3 - 2$$

2.

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

i)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 12x$$

ii) When $x = 1$, $y = 1^3 - 6(1)^2 + 3$
 $y = 1 - 6 + 3 = -2$

Point on curve is $(1, -2)$

When $x = 1$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(1)^2 - 12(1)$
 $= 3 - 12 = -9$

so gradient = -9

tgt $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$y - -2 = -9(x - 1)$$

$$y + 2 = -9x + 9$$

$$y = -9x + 7$$

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EXERCISE

2iii)

When $x = 2$

$$y = 2^3 - 6(2)^2 + 3$$

$$y = 8 - 24 + 3 = -13$$

Point is $(2, -13)$

$$\text{When } x = 2, \frac{dy}{dx} = 3(2)^2 - 12(2) \\ = 12 - 24 = -12$$

\therefore grad of normal $= +\frac{1}{12}$

Using $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$y - (-13) = \frac{1}{12}(x - 2)$$

$$y + 13 = \frac{1}{12}x - \frac{2}{12}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{12}x - \frac{2}{12} - \frac{156}{12}$$

Normal

$$y = \frac{1}{12}x - \frac{158}{12}$$

$$\text{or } x - 12y - 158 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } x = 6$$

When $x = -1$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}(-1)^3 - \frac{5}{2}(-1)^2$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3} - \frac{5}{2} = -\frac{2}{6} - \frac{15}{6}$$

$$y = -\frac{17}{6}$$

Point is $(-1, -\frac{17}{6})$

When $x = 6$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}6^3 - \frac{5}{2}(6)^2$$

$$= \frac{216}{3} - \frac{5 \times 36}{2}$$

$$= 72 - 90 = -18$$

Point is $(6, -18)$

Gradient = 6 at points

$(-1, -\frac{17}{6})$ and $(6, -18)$

3.

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{5}{2}x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - 5x$$

When gradient = 6

$$x^2 - 5x = 6$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0$$

$$(x + 1)(x - 6) = 0$$

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