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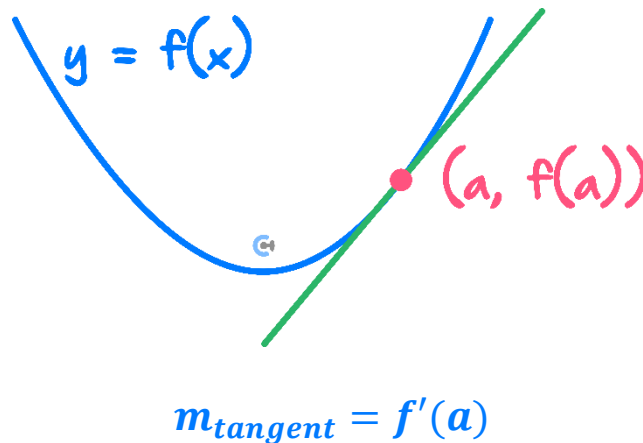


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Section A: Recap

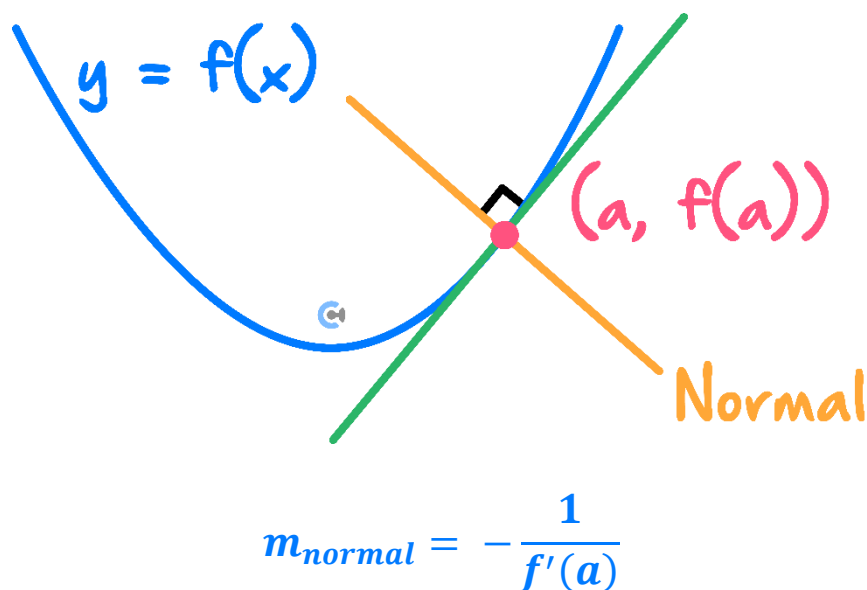
Tangents

- A **tangent** is a linear line which **just touches** the curve.
- The gradient of a tangent line has to be equal to the gradient of the curve at the intersection.



Normals

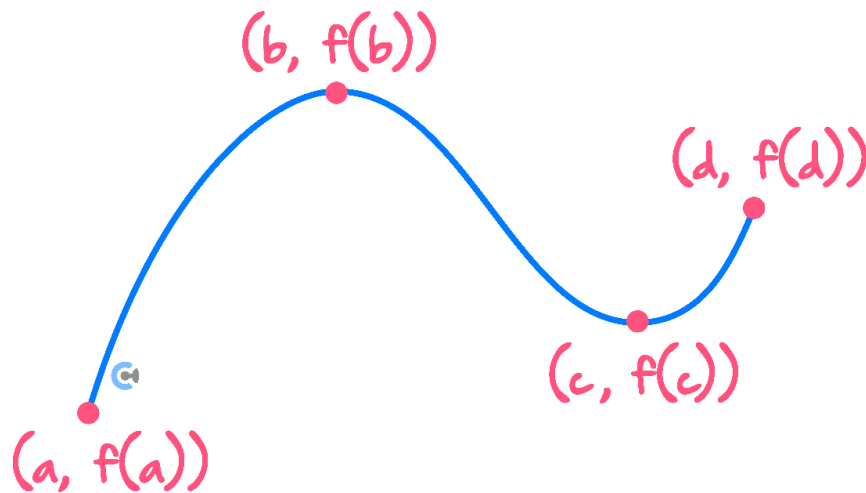
- A **normal** is a linear line which is **perpendicular** to the tangent.
- The gradient of a normal line has to be equal to the **negative reciprocal** of the gradient of the curve at the intersection.





Absolute Maximum and Minimum

- Absolute Maxima/Minima are the overall largest/smallest y -values for the given domain.
- They occur at either an endpoint or a turning point.



Absolute Min: $f(a)$

Absolute Max: $f(b)$

- Steps
 1. Find stationary points and endpoints.
 2. Find the largest/lowest y -value for *max/min*.

Optimisation Problems

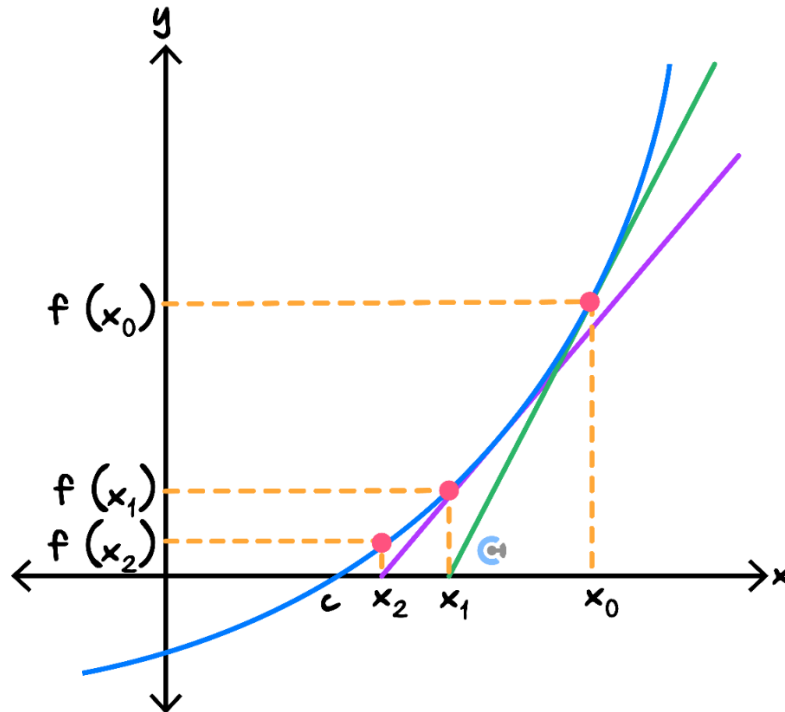


- Applying absolute maxima and minima in a real-world setting.
- Steps:
 1. Construct a function for the subject you want to find the maximum or minimum of.
 2. Find its domain if appropriate.
 3. Find its endpoints and turning points.
 4. Identify the maximum or minimum y -value.



Newton's Method

➤ It is a method of approximating the x -intercept using **tangents**.



$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

➤ Steps

1. Find the tangent at the x -value given.
2. Find the x -intercept of the tangent using an iterative formula.
3. Find the next tangent at the $x = x$ -intercept of the previous tangent.
4. Repeat until the value doesn't change by much.

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Tolerance

- **Definition:** The maximum difference between x_n and x_{n+1} we can have when we stop the iteration.

We stop when $|x_{n+1} - x_n| < tolerance$.

- The question will give us the tolerance level.



Limitation of Newton's Method

- **Terminating Sequence:** Occurs when we hit a stationary point.
- **Approximating a Wrong Root:** Occurs when we start on the wrong side.
- **Oscillating Sequence:** Occurs when we oscillate between two values without getting closer to the real root.

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Section B: Warm Up (15 Marks)

INSTRUCTION:

- Regular: 15 Marks. 15 Minutes Writing.
- Extension: Skip



Question 1 (2 marks)

Find the equation of the line that is normal to $y = x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + 1$ at $x = 1$.

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Question 2 (3 marks)

Consider the function $f: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-1}$. Find the equation of the line tangent to f that is parallel to $y = 4 - 2x$.

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Question 3 (3 marks)

Find the global maximum and global minimum of the function $f: [-4, 0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 9x - 10$.

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Question 4 (3 marks)

James is building a rectangular fence around a garden bed. Find the maximum area of the garden bed that he can enclose with 28 metres of fencing.

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Question 5 (4 marks)

Consider the function $f(x) = x^2 - 3$. Newton's method is used to approximate the root of this function.

- a. Using Newton's method, an expression for x_{n+1} is:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^2 + a}{bx_n}$$

Find the values of a and b . (2 marks)

- b. Explain why $x_0 = 0$ will be a bad starting point. (1 mark)

- c. Find x_1 if $x_0 = 2$. (1 mark)

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Section C: Exam 1 Questions (17 Marks)

INSTRUCTION:

- **Regular: 17 Marks. 5 Minutes Reading. 25 Minutes Writing.**
- **Extension: 17 Marks. 5 Minutes Reading. 17 Minutes Writing.**



Question 6 (4 marks)

Consider the two functions below.

$$f: [-10, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = (x + 1)^2 + 5$$

$$g: [-4, 10] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = -2x - 10$$

- a. Find the minimum vertical distance between $f(x)$ and $g(x)$. (3 marks)

- b. Find the maximum vertical distance between $f(x)$ and $g(x)$. (1 mark)

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Question 7 (5 marks)

Consider a function $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

- a. Find the tangent of $f(x)$ at $x = 2$. (2 marks)

- b. Find the tangent of $f(x)$ which makes the angle of 30° measured anticlockwise from the positive side of the x -axis. (3 marks)

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Question 8 (2 marks)

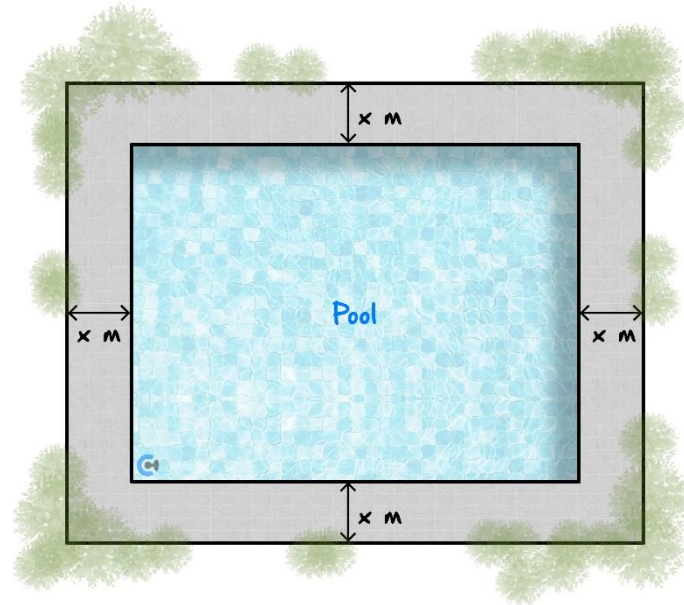
Consider the equation $x^3 = \sin(\pi x)$.

Using Newton's method with $x_0 = 1$, find the value of x_1 .

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Question 9 (6 marks)

Subu has a rectangular garden. It is 14 metres long and 11 metres wide. He wants to put a rectangular swimming pool in the middle of the garden and a path of width x metres around the edge, as shown below.



- a. Show that an expression for the length of the diagonal of the pool in terms of x is $\sqrt{8x^2 - 100x + 317}$. (2 marks)

The pool construction worker says that the diagonal length must not be bigger than 15 metres.

b. For what value(s) of x will the condition be satisfied? (2 marks)

c. Find the maximum possible area of the pool and the value of x for which this occurs. (2 marks)

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Section D: Tech Active Exam Skills

Calculator Commands: Finding Derivatives



➤ Mathematica

$$f'[x]$$

$$D[f[x], x]$$

➤ TI

⌂ Shift Minus

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$$

➤ Casio

⌂ Math 2

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$$

Calculator Commands: Finding Second Derivatives



➤ Mathematica

$$f''[x]$$

$$D[f[x], \{x, 2\}]$$

➤ TI

⌂ Shift Minus

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(f(x))$$

➤ Casio

⌂ Math 2

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(f(x))$$

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Calculator Commands: Finding tangents on CAS

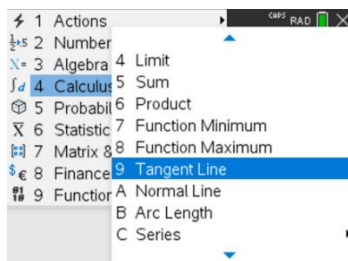
➤ Mathematica

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`TangentLine[f[x], x, a]`

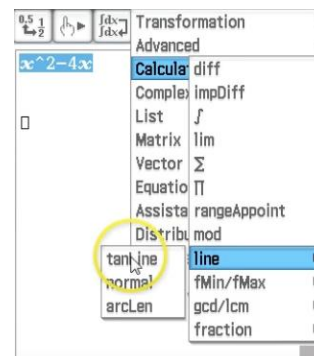
➤ TI-Nspire

Menu 4 9



`tangentLine(f(x), x, a)`

➤ Casio Classpad



`tangentLine(f(x), x, a)`



Calculator Commands: Finding normals on CAS

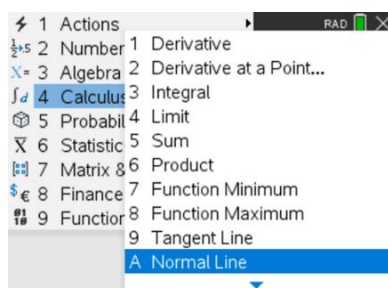
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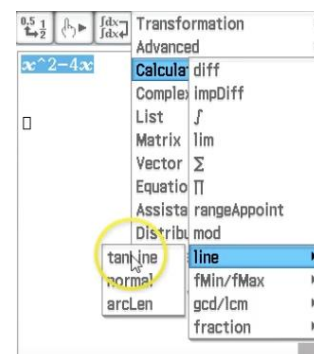
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`normalLine(f(x), x, a)`

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Calculator Commands: Finding Absolute *Max* and *Min* for $x \in [a, b]$

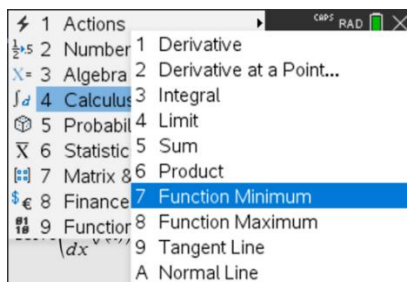
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`Maximize[{f[x], a ≤ x ≤ b}, x]`

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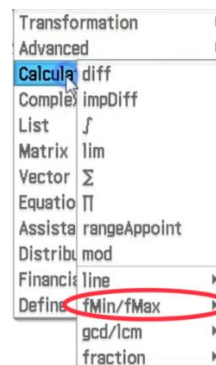
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$fMax(f(x), x, a, b)$

$fMin(f(x), x, a, b)$

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$fMax(f(x), x, a, b)$

$fMin(f(x), x, a, b)$

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Calculator Commands: Newton's Method on Technology

➤ Consider finding a root to $f(x) = x^3 - 2$ with initial value $x_0 = 1$.

➤ Mathematica.

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In[531]:= f[x_] := x^3 - 2
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In[533]:= n[x_] := x - f[x] / f'[x]
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In[534]:= n[x] // Together
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Out[534]= 2 (1 + x^3) / (3 x^2)
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In[537]:= For[i = 1; x = 1, i < 5, i++, x = 2 (1.0 + x^3) / (3 x^2); Print[x]]
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1.33333

1.26389

1.25993

1.25992

➤ TI. Define the $n(x)$ function then keep iterating by putting your previous value back into $n(x)$.

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| Define $f(x) = x^3 - 2$ | Done |
| $x - \frac{f(x)}{\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))}$ | $\frac{2 \cdot (x^3 + 1)}{3 \cdot x^2}$ |
| Define $n(x) = \frac{2 \cdot (x^3 + 1)}{3 \cdot x^2}$ | Done |
| $n(1)$ | 1.33333 |
| $n(1.33333333333333)$ | 1.26389 |
| $n(1.26388888888889)$ | 1.25993 |

➤ Classpad.

🔄 Under Sequences.

Recursive
Explicit

☒ $a_{n+1} = a_n - \frac{f(a_n)}{f'(a_n)}$

$a_0 = 1$

☐ $b_{n+1} = \square$
 $b_0 = 0$

☐ $c_{n+1} = \square$
 $c_0 = 0$

| n | a_n |
|-----|--------|
| 1 | 1.3333 |
| 2 | 1.2639 |
| 3 | 1.2599 |
| 4 | 1.2599 |
| 5 | 1.2599 |

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Calculator Commands: Stationary Point

- ALWAYS sketch the graph first to get an idea of the nature of the stationary point.
- The turning points for a function $f(x)$ can be found by solving $f'(x) = 0$ and subbing the result into f .
- **Example:** Find the turning point for $f(x) = e^{-x^2+2x}$.
- TI:

| | |
|--|-------|
| Define $f(x) = e^{-x^2+2 \cdot x}$ | Done |
| $\text{solve}\left(\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))=0, x\right)$ | $x=1$ |
| $f(1)$ | e |

- Casio:

| | |
|--|-------|
| define f(x) = e^{-x^2+2x} | |
| | done |
| $\text{solve}\left(\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))=0, x\right)$ | |
| | {x=1} |
| f(1) | e |

- Mathematica:

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In[4]:= f[x_] := Exp[-x^2 + 2 x]

In[5]:= Solve[f'[x] == 0 && y == f[x], Reals]

Out[5]= {{x -> 1, y -> e}}
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Section E: Exam 2 Questions (22 Marks)

INSTRUCTION:

- **Regular: 22 Marks. 5 Minutes Reading. 33 Minutes Writing.**
- **Extension: 22 Marks. 5 Minutes Reading. 22 Minutes Writing.**



Question 10 (1 mark)

Consider a function $f(x) = \sin(x)$.

The tangent of $f(x)$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ is given by:

- A. $y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6}$
- B. $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6}$
- C. $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- D. $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3}$

Question 11 (1 mark)

Consider the graph of $f: R \rightarrow R$, $f(x) = -x^2 - x + 12$. Find the tangent to the graph of f which is parallel to the line connecting the negative x -intercept with the y -intercept.

- A. $y = 3x + 12$
- B. $y = 3x + 16$
- C. $y = -4x + 3$
- D. $y = -3x + 13$

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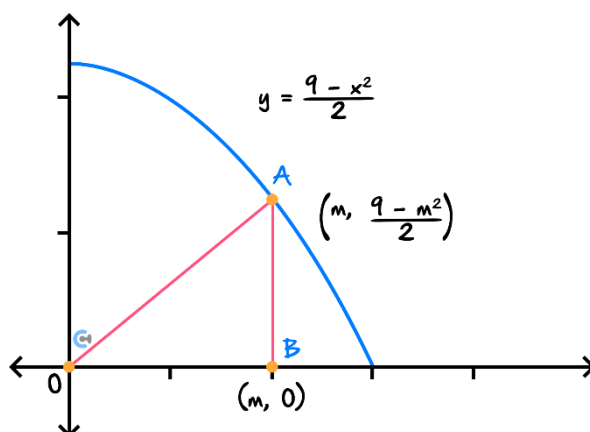
Question 12 (1 mark)

The minimum value of the function $h: [0,2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = (x-2)e^{2x}$ is:

- A. $-e^3$
- B. $-\frac{e^3}{2}$
- C. $-e^2$
- D. $-\frac{e^2}{2}$

Question 13 (1 mark)

A right-angled triangle, OAB , is formed using the horizontal axis and the point $A\left(m, \frac{9-m^2}{2}\right)$, where $m \in (0,3)$, on the parabola $y = \frac{9-x^2}{2}$, as shown below. The maximum area of the triangle OAB is:



- A. $3\sqrt{3}$
- B. $3\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$
- C. $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- D. $6\sqrt{3}$

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Question 14 (1 mark)

Consider an equation $\sin(x^2) - 1 = 0$.

Given that $x_0 = 2$, the value of x_3 correct to two decimal places using the Newton's method is equal to:

- A. 1.33
- B. 1.27
- C. 1.26
- D. 1.25

Question 15 (1 mark)

The normal line to the function $f(x) = x^2 - 4$ which goes through the origin could be:

- A. $y = 2x - 3$
- B. $y = x$
- C. $y = -\frac{\sqrt{14}}{14}x$
- D. $y = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}x + 1$

Question 16 (1 mark)

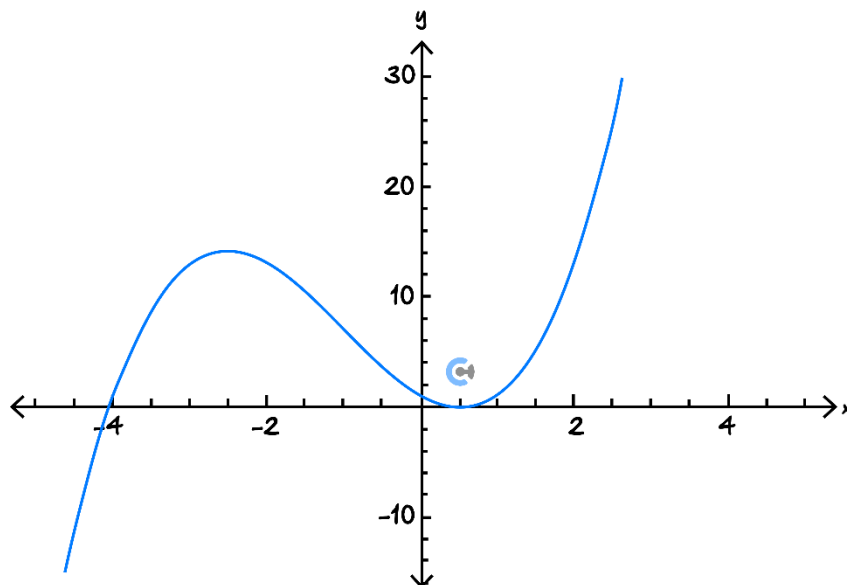
The tangent to the graph of $y = 2x^3 - ax^2 + 4$ at $x = 2$ passes through the origin. The value of a is:

- A. 5
- B. -5
- C. -7
- D. 7

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Question 17 (1 mark)

Part of the graph of a polynomial function f is shown below. The graph has turning points at $(-2.53, 14.13)$ and $(0.53, -0.13)$ and a point of inflection at $(-1, 7)$.



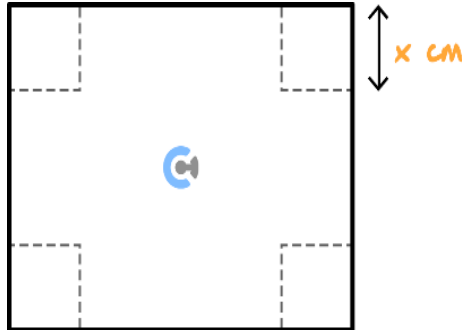
$f'(x)$ is strictly decreasing for:

- A. $x \in (-\infty, -1]$
- B. $x \in (-\infty, -1)$
- C. $x \in [-2.53, 0.53]$
- D. $x \in (-\infty, -2.53] \cup [0.53, \infty)$

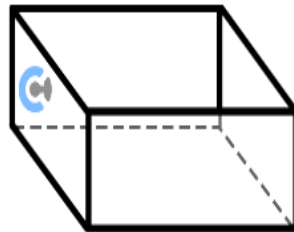
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Question 18 (1 mark)

Alicia has a rectangular sheet of cardboard, 15 cm long and 8 cm wide. She cuts squares of side length $x\text{ cm}$ from each of the corners of the cardboard, as shown in the diagram below.



Alicia turns up the sides to form an open box as shown below.



The value of x for which the volume of the box is a maximum is:

- A. $\frac{5}{3}$
- B. 3
- C. $\frac{5}{6}$
- D. 4

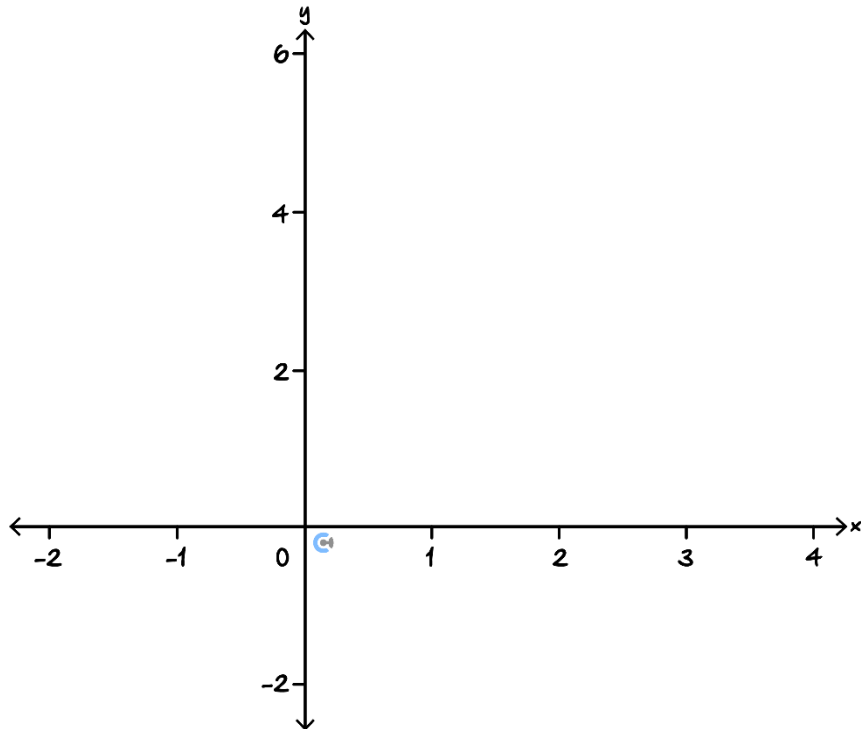
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Question 19 (13 marks)

The function f is defined as follows:

$$f: [0, 5] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = -e^x + 2x + 2$$

- a.** Sketch the graph for $f(x)$ on the axes below. Label all the intercepts and stationary points correct to two decimal places. (2 marks)



- b.** Find the tangent of the graph f at $x = \frac{3}{2}$. (2 marks)

- c.** Sketch the tangent found in **part b.**, on the set of axes given in **part a.** Label all the axes intercepts. (2 marks)

d. Newton's method is used to find an approximate x -intercept of f .

i. Find the value of x_1 , if $x = \frac{3}{2}$. (1 mark)

ii. State the possible value(s) of x_0 such that x_1 equals to the value found in **part d**. Give your answer correct to two decimal places. (2 marks)

iii. State an inappropriate choice for x_0 , and explain why this choice is not appropriate for Newton's method. (1 mark)

- e. A tangent is drawn to f at $x = a$, where $a \in [0,5]$. Find the intersection point of this tangent and the tangent drawn to f at $x = \frac{3}{2}$, if the two tangents make an angle of 60° . Give your answer correct to two decimal places. (3 marks)

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Section F: Extension Exam 1 (10 Marks)

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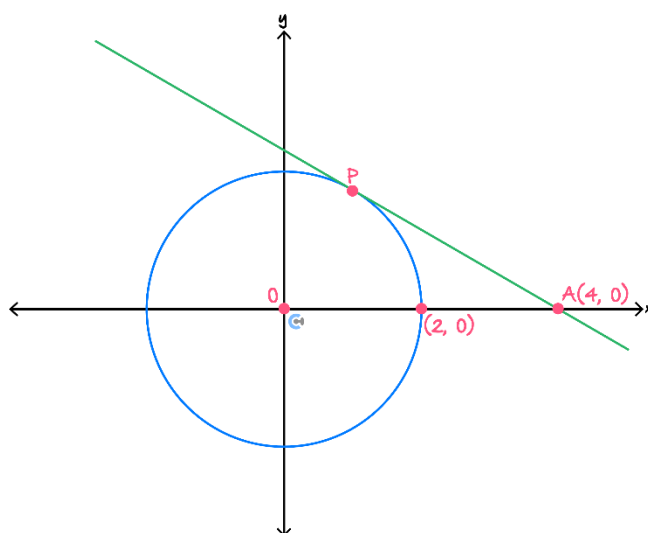
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➤ Extension: 10 Marks. 5 Minutes Reading. 15 Minutes Writing.



Question 20 (10 marks)

Consider the circle C , with the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ and the tangent to the circle at the point P , shown in the diagram below.



- a. The top half of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, is given by the function $f : [-2,2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$.

Use this to show that the equation of the line that passes through the points A and P is given by

$$y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}. \text{ (2 marks)}$$

- b.** Find the equations of two lines that are tangent to the circle C , and make an angle of 60° with the line passing through A and P . (2 marks)

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, T(x, y) = (x, qy)$, where $q \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, and let the graph of the function g be the transformation of the line that passes through points A and P under T .

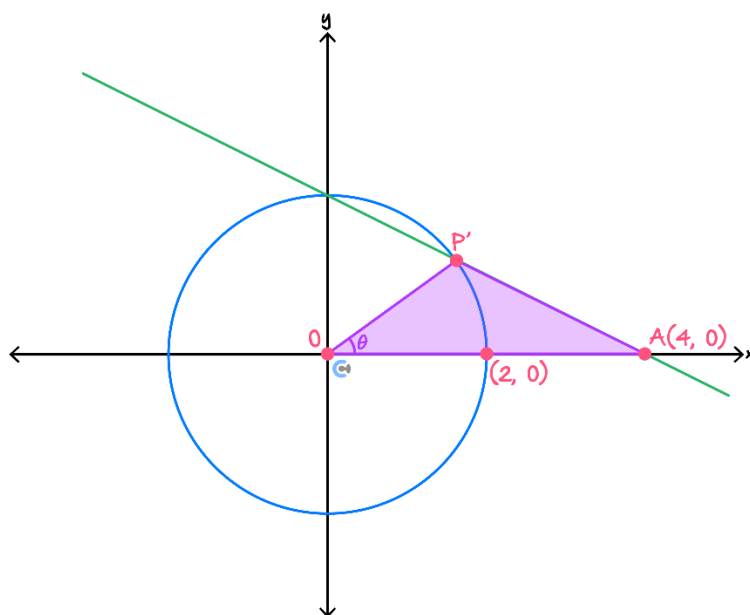
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- i.** Find the values of q for which the graph of g intersects with the unit circle at least once. (1 mark)

- ii.** Let the graph of g intersect the circle C twice.

Find the values of q for which the coordinates of the points of intersection have only positive values. (1 mark)

- d. For $0 < q \leq 1$, let P' be the point of intersection of the graph of g with the circle C , where P' is always the point of intersection that is closest to A , as shown in the diagram below.



Let h be the function that gives the area of the triangle OAP' in terms of θ .

- i. Define the function h . (2 marks)

- ii. Determine the maximum possible area of the triangle OAP' . (2 marks)

Section G: Extension Exam 2 (16 Marks)

INSTRUCTION:

➤ **Regular: Skip**

➤ **Extension: 16 Marks. 5 Minutes Reading. 24 Minutes Writing.**



Question 21 (1 mark)

A function $g(x)$ is differentiable for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. The tangent line to $g(x)$ at $x = a$ is given by :

$$y = 2x - 3.$$

If $g(x) = g'(x)$ for all x , what is $g(3)$?

A. $3\sqrt{e}$

B. $\frac{3}{e^2}$

C. $2\sqrt{e}$

D. $\frac{2}{e}$

Question 22 (1 mark)

Let $h(x)$ be a differentiable function satisfying the equation:

$$h(h(x)) = x^2 + 2x.$$

Given that $h(1) = 3$ and $h'(1) = 2$, what is $h'(3)$?

A. 1

B. 2

C. $\frac{1}{4}$

D. $\frac{1}{2}$

Question 23 (1 mark)

A function $f(x)$ satisfies the equation:

$$f'(x) = f(x)(1 - f(x)).$$

If $f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$, which of the following statements is necessarily true?

- A. $f(x)$ is always decreasing for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
- B. $f(x)$ is always concave up.
- C. $f(x)$ has a horizontal asymptote as $x \rightarrow \infty$.
- D. $f(x)$ has exactly two inflection points.

Question 24 (13 marks)

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^3 - 3x$.

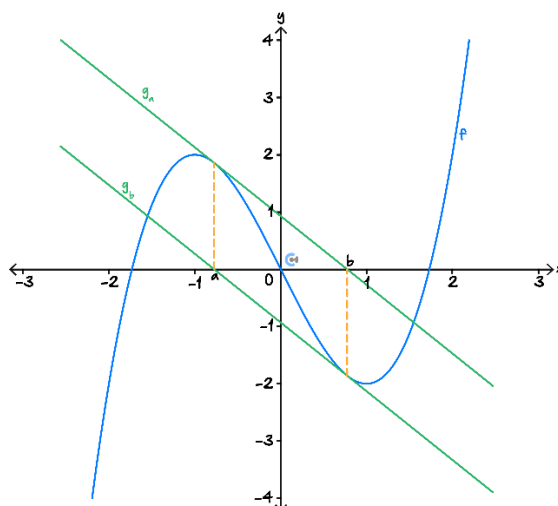
Let $g_a : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function representing the tangent to the graph of f at $x = a$, where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let $(b, 0)$ be the x -intercept of the graph of g_a .

- a. Show that $b = \frac{2a^3}{3(a^2-1)}$. (2 marks)

- b. State the values of a for which b does not exist and state the nature of the graph of g_a at these points. (2 marks)

The coordinates $(b, 0)$ are the horizontal axes intercept of g_a . Let g_b , be the function representing the tangent to the graph of f at $x = b$, as shown in the graph below.



- c.
- i. Find the values of a for which the graphs of g_a and g_b , where b exists, are parallel and where $b \neq a$. (3 marks)

- ii. State the values for x_0 , which when used in Newton's method to find roots of f , will result in an oscillating sequence. (1 mark)

- iii. Let $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, p(x) = x^3 - wx$, where $w > 0$. Newton's method is used to find the roots of p .

Find all initial guesses x_0 , in terms of w , which will not converge to a root of p . (2 marks)

- d. Two parallel tangents are drawn to the graph of f . It is known that the **minimum** distance between the two tangent lines is $\frac{54}{\sqrt{241}}$. Determine possible **rational** x -values that the tangents are drawn at. (3 marks)

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