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VCE Mathematical Methods ¾ Application of Differentiation [0.12]

Workshop Solutions

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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.

$$y = f(x)$$
(a, f(a))

$$m_{tangent} = f'(a)$$

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.

$$y = f(x)$$

$$(a, f(a))$$
Normal

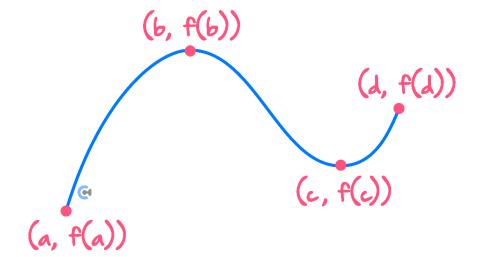
$$m_{normal} = -\frac{1}{f'(a)}$$



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



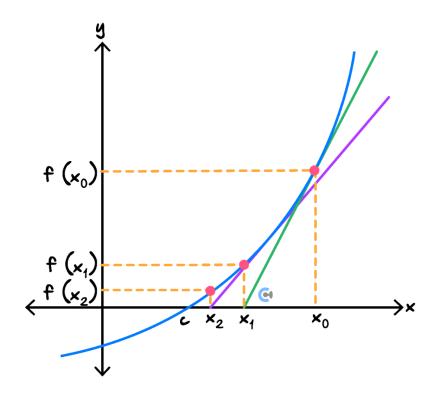
- Applying absolute maxima and minima in a real-world setting.
- Steps:
 - 1. Construct a function for the subject you want to find the maximum or minimum of.
 - **2.** Find its domain if appropriate.
 - **3.** Find its endpoints and turning points.
 - **4.** Identify the maximum or minimum *y*-value.



Newton's Method



 \blacktriangleright 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.



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.



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.

 $ln[9]:= f[x_] := x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + 1$

In[10]:= NormalLine[f[x], {x, 1}]

Out[10]= 3 - x



Question 2 (3 marks)

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

	In[13]:= $\mathbf{f}[x_{-}] := \frac{2}{x-1}$
	In[14]:= f'[x]
	Out[14]= $-\frac{2}{(-1 + x)^2}$
	In[15]:= Solve [f'[x] == -2, x]
	Out[15]= $\{\{x \to 0\}, \{x \to 2\}\}$
-	<pre>In[12]:= TangentLine[f[x], {x, 2}]</pre>

Out[12]= 6 - 2 x



Question 3 (3 marks)

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

Global maximum = 17 and global minimum -10. $In[20] = f[x] := x^3 + 3 x^2 - 9 x - 10$ In[21] = f'[x] $Out[21] = -9 + 6 x + 3 x^2$ In[22] = Solve[f'[x] == 0, x] $Out[22] = \{\{x \to -3\}, \{x \to 1\}\}$ In[23] = f[-4] Out[23] = 10 In[24] = f[-3] Out[24] = 17 In[25] = f[0] Out[25] = -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.

Let x be the width and y be the length. Then $2x + 2y = 28 \Rightarrow y = 14 - x$

Then, area is given by A(x) = x(14 - x)A'(x) = 14 - 2x = 0 x = 7 A(7) = 49

Maximum area of 49 square metres.



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)

$$a = 3, b = 2$$

$$ln[26] = f[x_] := x^2 - 3$$

$$ln[27] = x - \frac{f[x]}{f'[x]} // Together$$

Out[27]=
$$\frac{3 + x^2}{2 x}$$

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

x = 0 is a stationary point of f so we get a division by zero, so Newton's method fails.

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

 $\frac{7}{4}$



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.

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

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

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

$$h(x) = f(x) - g(x) = x^2 + 4x + 16$$

$$h'(x) = 2x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow 2x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2$$

 $h(-2) = 12$

So minimum vertical distance of 12 when x = -2.

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

Check endpoints: h(-4) = 16, h(3) = 37So maximum distance is 37.



Question 7 (5 marks)

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

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

tangentLine $(\sqrt{x}, x, 2)$ $\frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot x}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

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)

 $\operatorname{solve}\left(\frac{d}{dx}\left(\sqrt{x}\right) = \tan(30), x\right) \qquad x = \frac{3}{4}$ $\operatorname{tangentLine}\left(\sqrt{x}, x, \frac{3}{4}\right) \qquad \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot x}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$



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 .

$$f(x) = x^{3} - \sin(\pi x)$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^{2} - \pi \cos(\pi x)$$

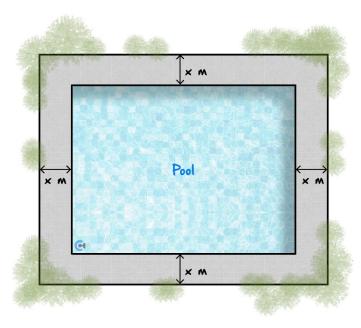
$$f(1) = 1 \text{ and } f'(1) = 3 + \pi$$

Therefore,
$$x_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{3+\pi} = \frac{2+\pi}{3+\pi}$$



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)

Let d be the diagonal length of the pool and w and l be its side lengths.

$$w = 11 - 2x$$
 and $l = 14 - 2x$

$$d = \sqrt{w^2 + l^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{121 - 44x + 4x^2 + 196 - 56x + 4x^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{8x^2 - 100x + 317}$$



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)

Note, $15^2 = 225$

Thus we require $8x^2 - 100x + 317 \le 225$

$$8x^2 - 100x + 92 \le 0$$

$$4x^2 - 50x + 46 \le 0$$

$$2x^2 - 25x + 23 \le 0$$

$$(2x - 23)(x - 1) \le 0$$

$$1 \le x \le \frac{23}{2}$$

But we also have the restriction $x < \frac{11}{2}$.

Thus, $1 \le x < \frac{11}{2}$.

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

A(x) = (11 - 2x)(14 - 2x)

Function we are maximising is a "smiley" parabola. So, maximum will occur at an endpoint.

$$A(1) = 9 \times 12 = 108$$

$$A\left(\frac{11}{2}\right) = 0$$

So maximum area of the pool is 108 square metres.



Section D: Tech Active Exam Skills

Calculator Commands: Finding Derivatives



Mathematica

► TI

Shift Minus

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

Casio

Math 2

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

Calculator Commands: Finding Second Derivatives



Mathematica

▶ TI

Shift Minus

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

Casio

Math 2

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



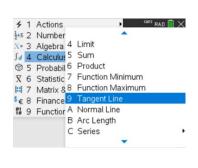
Calculator Commands: Finding tangents on CAS

Mathematica

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tangentLine(f(x),x,a)

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tangentLine(f(x),x,a)

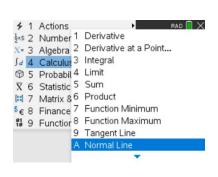
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Calculator Commands: Finding normals on CAS

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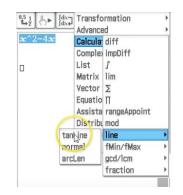
NormalLine[f[x], x, a]

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 - Menu 4 A



normalLine(f(x),x,a)

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normalLine(f(x), x, a)



<u>Calculator Commands:</u> Finding Absolute Max and Min for $x \in [a, b]$



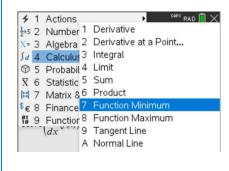
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Maximize[$\{f[x], a \le x \le b\}, x$]

Minimize[$\{f[x], a \le x \le b\}, x$]

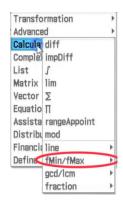
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Casio Classpad



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

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



Calculator Commands: Newton's Method on Technology

(d)

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

In[531]:=
$$f[x_{]} := x^{3} - 2$$

In[533]:= $n[x_{]} := x - \frac{f[x]}{f'[x]}$
In[534]:= $n[x] // Together$
Out[534]= $\frac{2(1 + x^{3})}{3x^{2}}$

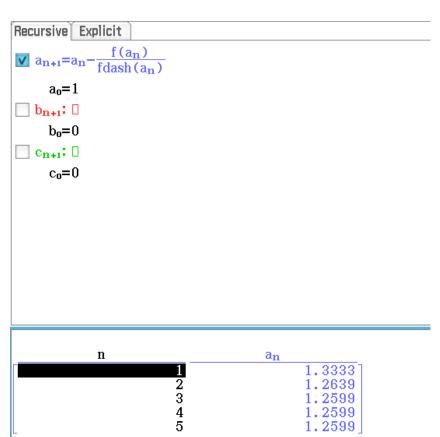
In[537]:= For
$$\left[i = 1; x = 1, i < 5, i++, x = \frac{2(1.0 + x^3)}{3x^2}; Print[x]\right]$$
1.33333
1.26389
1.25993
1.25992

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

Define $f(x)=x^3-2$	Done
$x - \frac{f(x)}{\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))}$	$\frac{2 \cdot \left(x^3 + 1\right)}{3 \cdot x^2}$
Define $n(x) = \frac{2 \cdot (x^3 + 1)}{3 \cdot x^2}$	Done
n(1)	1.33333
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n(1.2638888888889)	1.25993



- Classpad.
 - Under Sequences.



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(d)

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
$$f(x)=e^{-x^2+2\cdot x}$$

$$\operatorname{solve}\left(\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))=0,x\right) \qquad x=1$$

$$f(1)$$

Casio:

define
$$f(x) = e^{-x^2+2x}$$

done
 $solve(\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))=0,x)$
 $\{x=1\}$
 $\{x=1\}$

Mathematica:

In[4]:=
$$f[x_]$$
 := $Exp[-x^2 + 2x]$
In[5]:= $Solve[f'[x] == 0 && y == f[x], Reals]$
Out[5]= $\{\{x \to 1, y \to e\}\}$



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 $f: R \to R$, $f(x) = -x^2 - x + 12$. 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.
$$y = -3x + 13$$

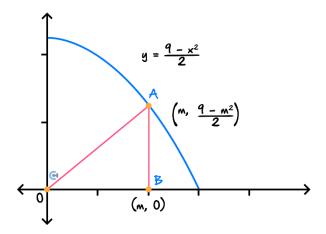
Question 12 (1 mark)

The minimum value of the function $h: [0,2] \to R, h(x) = (x-2)e^{2x}$ 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.** $6\sqrt{3}$

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)

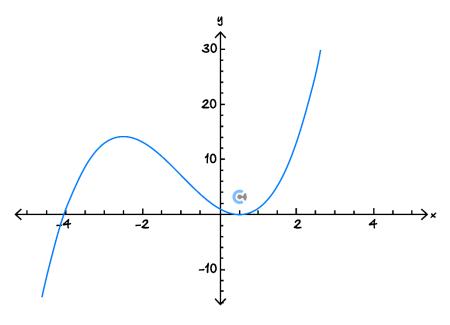
The tangent to the graph of $y = 2x^3 - ax^2 + 4$ at x = 2 passes through the origin. The value of a is:

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



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. $x \in (-\infty, -1)$

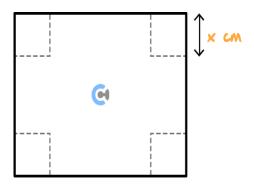
C. $x \in [-2.53, 0.53]$

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

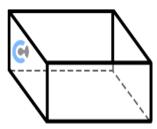


Question 18 (1 mark)

Alicia has a rectangular sheet of cardboard, 15 cm long and 8 cm wide. She cuts squares of side length x 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



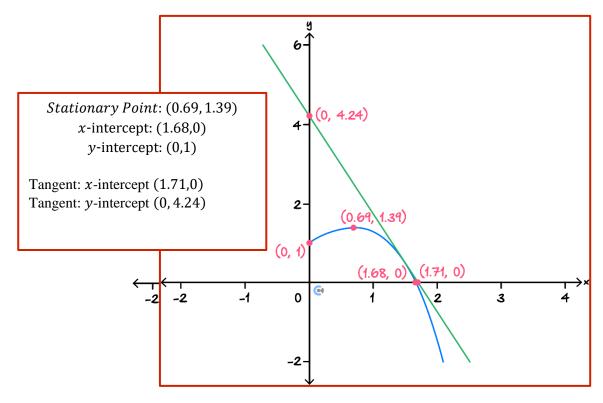


Question 19 (13 marks)

The function f is defined as follows:

$$f:[0,5] \to R, f(x) = -e^x + 2x + 2$$

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)

= Solve[y - f[3/2] == f'[3/2] * (x - 3/2), y] // Expand
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= {{y → 2 +
$$\frac{e^{3/2}}{2}$$
 + 2 x - $e^{3/2}$ x}}

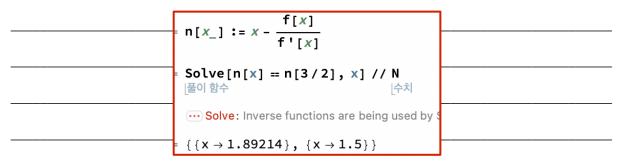
c. Sketch the tangent found in part b., on the set of axes given in part a. Label all the axes intercepts. (2 marks)



- **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)

 $x = \log_e(2)$ because this is the x-coordinate for the stationary point of f.

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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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In[39]:= f[x]
Out[39]= 2 - e^x + 2x

In[41]:= TangentLine[f[x], {x, 3 / 2}] // Expand

Out[41]= 2 + \frac{e^{3/2}}{2} + 2x - e^{3/2}x

In[52]:= t[x_{-}] := 2 + \frac{e^{3/2}}{2} + 2x - e^{3/2}x

In[53]:= Collect[t[x], x]

Out[53]= 2 + \frac{e^{3/2}}{2} + (2 - e^{3/2})x

In[60]:= Solve \left[Abs\left[\frac{2 - e^{3/2} - m}{1 + (2 - e^{3/2})m}\right] := \sqrt{3}, m] // N // Quiet

Out[60]= \left\{\{m \to -0.141484\}, \{m \to 1.27751\}\right\}
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\label{eq:control_loss} $\inf[61]:= Solve[f'[x] == -0.14148358512821801`, x] // Quiet $\inf[62]:= Solve[f'[x] == 1.2775057943142767`, x] // Quiet $\inf[62]:= Solve[f'[x] == 1.2775057943142767`, x] // Quiet $\inf[62]:= \{\{x \to -0.325046\}\}$$ $\inf[57]:= TangentLine[f[x], \{x, 0.761498852915832\}]$$ $\inf[57]:= 1.48925 - 0.141484 x $\inf[58]:= t1[x_] := 1.4892537084850035` - 0.1414835851282179` x $\inf[59]:= Solve[t[x] == t1[x] && y == t[x]]$$ $\inf[59]:= Solve[t[x] == t1[x] && y == t[x]]$$ $\inf[59]:= \{\{x \to 1.17579, y \to 1.3229\}\}$$ $\lim[59]:= \{\{x \to 1.17579, y \to 1.3229\}\}$$ $\lim[59]:= Solve[t] $\lim[59]:= S
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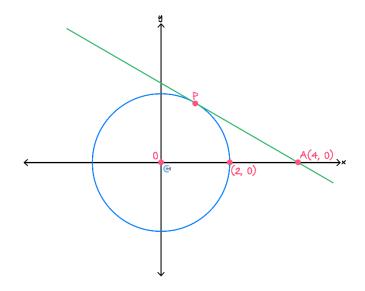
Section F: Extension Exam 1 (10 Marks)

INSTRUCTION:

- Regular: Skip
- 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 $f: [-2,2] \to R$, $f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$.

Use this to show that the equation of the line that passes through the points *A* and *P* is given by $y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$. (2 marks)

Solution: $f'(x) = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$. For line to be tangent we require $f'(x) = -\frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{4-x}$. Thus we solve $-\frac{x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{4-x}$ $4-x^2 = 4x-x^2$ 4x = 4x = 1 $f'(1) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. So our line has gradient $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and passes through (4,0). $y-0 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(x-4)$



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)

Solution: We find that the required lines have gradient $m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, through geometric intuition or solving $\left| \frac{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - m}{1 - \frac{m}{\sqrt{3}}} \right| = \tan(60^\circ)$ for m.

One line can be obtained by reflecting line through A and P, in the y-axis.

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$$

then by the symmetry of the circle the other line is $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x - \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$, 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.

c.

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

 $q\in [-1,0)\cup (0,1]$

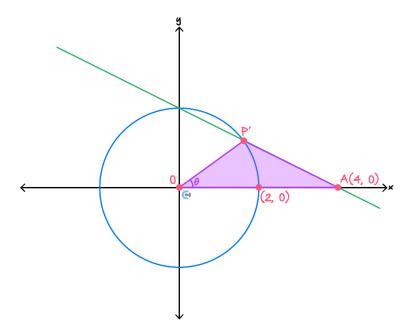
ii. Let the graph of g intersect the circle $\mathcal C$ twice.

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

Solution: Know that q < 1 to intersect twice. Line through (4,0) and (0,2) is $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$.

Thus $q \in \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 1\right)$

d. For $0 < q \le 1$, 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)

 $h: \left(0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right] \to \mathbb{R}, h(\theta) = 4\sin(\theta)$

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

Solution: Visually we see that the maximum will occur when P'=P, so $\theta=\frac{\pi}{3}$, then $A=2\sqrt{3}$.



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. $2\sqrt{e}$
- $\mathbf{D.} \ \frac{2}{e}$

Question 22 (1 mark)

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

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

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 $x \in R$.
- **B.** f(x) is always concave up.

C. f(x) has a horizontal asymptote as $x \to \infty$.

D. f(x) has exactly two inflection points.

Question 24 (13 marks)

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

Let $g_a : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ 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)

Solution: $f'(a) = 3a^2 - 3$. The tangent line at x = a is $y = (3a^2 - 3)x - 2a^3$. Tangent has an x-intercept when y = 0. Solve $(3a^2 - 3)x - 2a^3 = 0 \implies x = \frac{2a^3}{(3a^2 - 3)x^2}$.

$$\overline{3(a^2-1)}$$
.

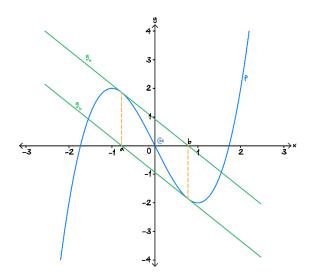
So
$$b = \frac{2a^3}{3(a^2 - 1)}$$



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)

Solution: b does not exist at the stationary points of f. $a = \pm 1$. g_a is a horizontal line at these points.

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)

Solution: We must solve f'(a) = f'(b), make the subtstitution $b = \frac{2a^3}{3(a^2 - 1)}$ and solve on CAS.

$$a = 0, \pm \frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}, \pm \sqrt{3}.$$

Check the condition $b \neq a$ and conclude that $a = \pm \frac{\sqrt{15}}{5} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$.

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)

$$x_0 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}$$

iii. Let $p: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, $p(x) = x^3 - wx$, 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)

Solution: Tangent to p at x = a has x intercept at $x = \frac{2a^3}{3a^2 - w}$.

We solve $p'(a) = p'\left(\frac{2a^3}{3a^2 - w}\right)$. Oscillating sequence for $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{w}{5}}$.

Stationary point when $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{w}{3}}$.

So no convergence if $x_0 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{w}{5}}, \pm \sqrt{\frac{w}{3}}$



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)

Solution: Note that f is an odd function, so parallel tangents occur at $x = \pm a$. We find the two tangent lines in terms of a. Find a line normal to the first tangent at the point $(0, -2a^3)$. Find when this normal line intersects the second tangent. Then solve for when the distance between these two points is $\frac{54}{\sqrt{241}}$.

The rational values that he tangents are drawn to are $x = -\frac{3}{2}$ and $x = \frac{3}{2}$.

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in[110]: TangentLine[f[x], {x, a}]

Out[110]: -2 a^3 + (-3 + 3 a^2) \times

in[111]: TangentLine[f[x], {x, -a}]

Out[111]: 2 a^3 + (-3 + 3 a^2) \times

in[109]: t1[x_{-}] := -2 a^3 + (-3 + 3 a^2) \times

in[112]: t2[x_{-}] := 2 a^3 + (-3 + 3 a^2) \times

in[113]: t1[0]

Out[113]: -2 a^3

in[114]: Solve[y - (-2 a^3) = \frac{-1}{(-3 + 3 a^2)} (x - 0), y]

Out[114]: \left\{ \left\{ y \rightarrow \frac{6 a^3 - 6 a^5 - x}{3 (-1 + a^2)} \right\} \right\}

in[115]: n1[x_{-}] := \frac{6 a^3 - 6 a^5 - x}{3 (-1 + a^2)}

in[116]: Solve[n1[x] := t2[x] & x y = t2[x]]
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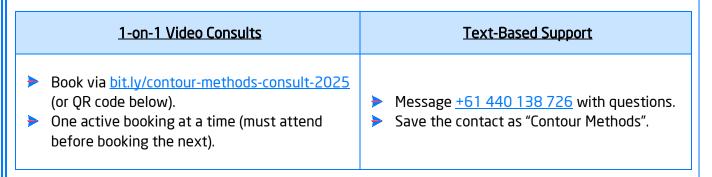
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