

Homework 12, Calculus I, Fall 2008

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§3.3 #61 Suppose $s(t) = t^3 - 3t$ represents the equation of motion find,

(a.) acceleration & velocity,

$$v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = \underline{3t^2 - 3}.$$

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \underline{6t}.$$

(b.) $a(2) = 6(2) = \underline{12}$.

(c.) $v(t) = 3t^2 - 3 = 0$

$$3t^2 = 3$$

$$t^2 = 1$$

$$\underline{t = \pm 1} \quad \text{thus } a(-1) = -6 \text{ and } a(1) = 6$$

probably the text throws out $t = -1$ since its negative, I don't see the need, time can be negative.

§3.3 #71 Find points on $y = f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 1$ where the tangent line is horizontal. Note this means we must search for x such that $f'(x) = 0$,

$$f'(x) = 6x^2 + 6x - 12 = 0$$

$$(6x+12)(x-1) = 0$$

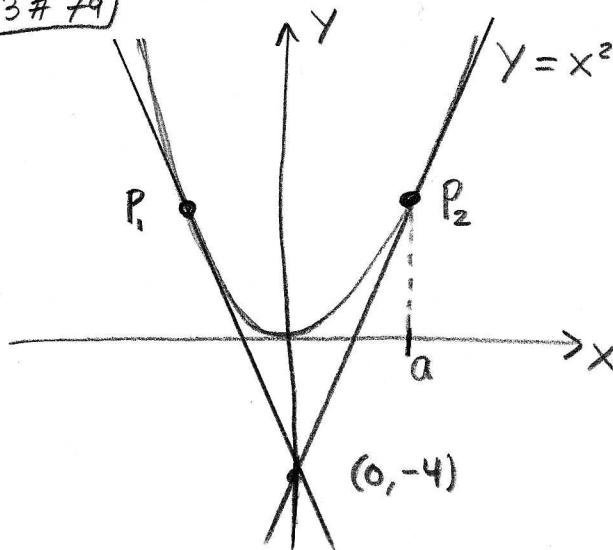
$$6(x+2)(x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2 \text{ or } x = 1$$

Then $f(-2) = 2(-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 - 12(-2) + 1 = -16 + 12 + 24 + 1 = 21$

$$f(1) = 2 + 3 - 12 + 1 = -6$$

Thus the points where the tangent is horizontal are

$$\boxed{(-2, 21), (1, -6)}.$$



We need to introduce some variable other than x or else confusion will abound. I'll use "a" as in picture

Let $y = f(x) = x^2$ then our tangent lines must follow a few simple rules,

- 1.) they're a line: $y = mx + b$
- 2.) slope given by $f'(a) = 2a$: $y = 2ax + b$
- 3.) they go through $(0, -4)$: $b = -4$.

So we have

$$y = 2ax - 4$$

Now we still have one more piece of data. We know the tangent line has to pass through $(a, f(a)) = (a, a^2)$ hence

$$a^2 = 2a^2 - 4 \rightarrow a^2 = 4 \rightarrow a = \pm 2.$$

Thus the points are $\boxed{(2, 4) \text{ and } (-2, 4)}$
 "P₂" "P₁" (my picture)

§3.3 #83 Find $P(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$ such that $P(2) = 5$, $P'(2) = 3$ and $P''(2) = 2$. Observe, ③

$$P(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

$$P'(x) = 2Ax + B$$

$$P''(x) = 2A$$

$$\text{Thus } P''(2) = 2 = 2A \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$P'(2) = 3 = 4A + B = 4 + B \Rightarrow B = -1.$$

$$P(2) = 5 = 4A + 2B + C = 4 - 2 + C \Rightarrow C = 3.$$

Hence $\boxed{P(x) = x^2 - x + 3}$

§3.3 #85 Find cubic $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ with horizontal tangent at the points $(-2, 6)$ and $(2, 0)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$$

We want $\underbrace{\frac{dy}{dx}(-2, 6) = 0}_{\textcircled{I}}$ and $\underbrace{\frac{dy}{dx}(2, 0) = 0}_{\textcircled{II}}$ thus,

$$\textcircled{I}: 0 = 12a - 4b + c$$

$$\textcircled{II}: 0 = 12a + 4b + c$$

Subtract equations to obtain $-8b = 0$ thus $b = 0$.

Adding equations yields $24a + 2c = 0$ thus $c = -12a$.

We find $y = ax^3 - 12ax + d$. We can pin this down further since the points $(-2, 6)$ and $(2, 0)$ are on the cubic,

$$+ \begin{pmatrix} 6 = -8a + 24a + d \\ 0 = 8a - 24a + d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$6 = 2d \rightarrow d = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad -16a = d = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{16}$$

Note $-12(\frac{3}{16}) = -\frac{9}{4}$ thus,

$$\boxed{y = \frac{3}{16}x^3 - \frac{9}{4}x + 3}$$

is the cubic with $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ at $(-2, 6)$ and $(2, 0)$.

§ 3.3 # 96 Let

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ mx + b & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Find values for the constants m & b which make f differentiable everywhere. To begin, notice $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = 2x$ and $\frac{d}{dx}(mx+b) = m$ are true for all x so they're certainly true for $x < 2$ and $x > 2$ respectively. We need only verify that $f'(2)$ exists. This means, at $x = 2$ we need

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(mx+b) \quad \text{at } x=2$$

$$2x = m \quad \text{at } x=2$$

$4 = m.$

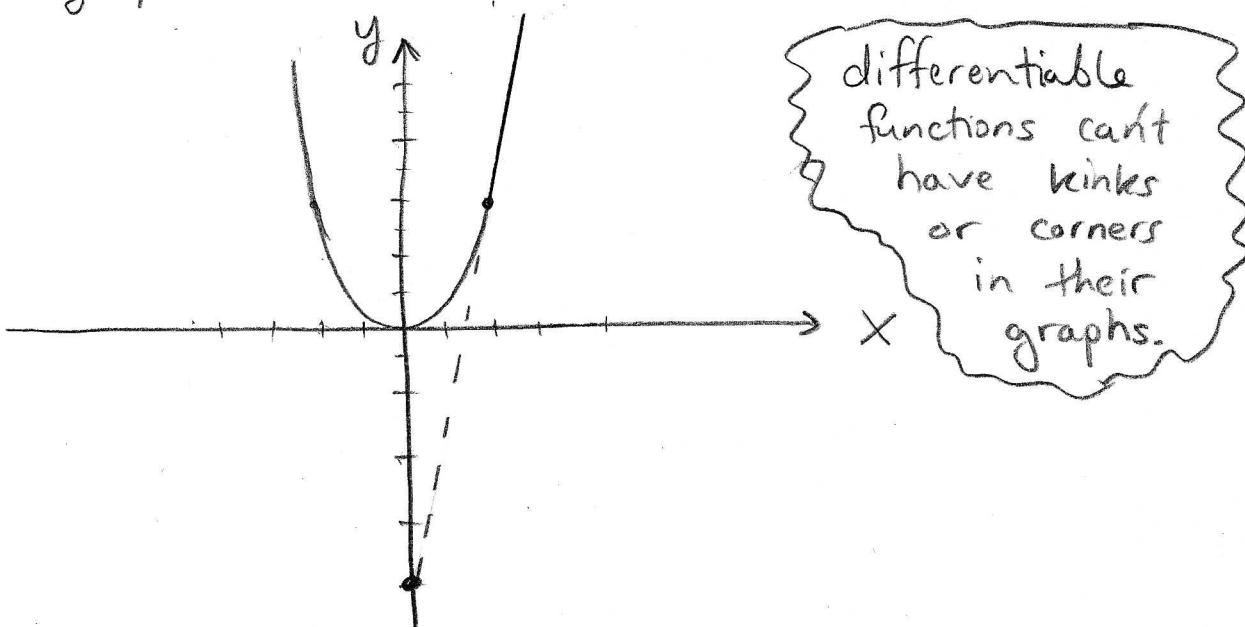
What about 6? Well we also need continuity,
 so $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2) = 4$. That is,

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 2^+ \\ \parallel}} f(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 2^- \\ \parallel}} f(x)$$

$\therefore 2m+b = 4$

$$\text{But } m=4 \text{ thus } 8+b=4 \text{ so } b = -4$$

Let's graph the situation here.



Remark: our result makes good sense. We continue the parabola at $(2, 4)$ by the tangent line. You can check my claim is true; $f'(2) = 4 \rightarrow y = 4 + 4(x-2) = 4x - 4$.