

Exercise 2.3 – Practice Problems

1. Differentiate the following

a) $f(x) = x^2 + 4x$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{2x + 4}$$

b) $f(x) = 3x^5 - 6x^4 + 2$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{15x^4 - 24x^3}$$

c) $g(x) = x^{10} + 25x^5 - 50$

$$g'(x) = \boxed{10x^9 + 125x^4}$$

d) $g(x) = x^2 - \frac{2}{x^2} \rightarrow x^2 - 2x^{-2}$

$$g'(x) = 2x + 4x^{-3}$$
$$= \boxed{2x + \frac{4}{x^3}}$$

e) $h(x) = \sqrt{x} - 5x^4$

$$h'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 20x^3$$
$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - 20x^3}$$

f) $h(x) = (x-1)(x+6)$

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

$$h'(x) = \boxed{2x + 5}$$

g) $y = \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = \sqrt{x} + x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

$$y' = \boxed{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{2x^{3/2}}}$$

h) $y = t^5 - 6t^{-5}$

$$y' = \boxed{5t^4 + 30t^{-6}}$$

i) $f(t) = (1+t)^3 = (1+t)(1+2t+t^2)$
$$= 1+2t+t^2+t+2t^2+t^3$$
$$= t^3+3t^2+3t+1$$

$$f'(t) = \boxed{3t^2+6t+3}$$

j) $F(x) = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[4]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}} + x^{\frac{1}{4}}$

$$F'(x) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt[4]{x^3}}}$$

k) $u(t) = a + \frac{b}{t} + \frac{c}{t^2} \rightarrow a + bt^{-1} + ct^{-2}$

$$u'(t) = -bt^{-2} - 2ct^{-3}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{b}{t^2} - \frac{2c}{t^3}}$$

l) $v(r) = \sqrt{r}(2+3r) = 2\sqrt{r} + 3r^{3/2}$

$$v'(r) = \frac{2}{2r^{\frac{1}{2}}} + 3 \cdot \frac{3}{2}r^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} + \frac{9\sqrt{r}}{2}}$$

2. Find $f'(x)$ and state the Domains of f and f'

$$\text{Domain } f: \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

a) $f(x) = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{4}x^4$

$$\text{Domain } f': \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$f'(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3$$

b) $f(x) = 4x - \sqrt[3]{x}$ Domain $f: \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x \geq 0\}$

$$= 4x - x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\text{Domain } f': \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0\}$$

$$f'(x) = 4 - \frac{1}{4x^{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

$$= 4 - \frac{1}{4\sqrt[4]{x^3}}$$

c) $f(x) = x + \frac{\sqrt{10}}{x^5}$ Domain $f: \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0\}$

$$= x + \sqrt{10}x^{-5}$$

$$\text{Domain } f': \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0\}$$

$$f'(x) = 1 - 5\sqrt{10}x^{-6}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{5\sqrt{10}}{x^6}$$

d) $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$ Domain $f: \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0\}$

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

$$f': \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0\}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - \frac{2}{2x^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

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

3. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point.

a) $y = x^3 - x^2 + x - 1; (1, 0)$

$$y' = 3x^2 - 2x + 1$$

at $x = 1$

$$m = 3(1)^2 - 2(1) + 1 \\ = 2$$

$$y = 2x + b$$

$$0 = 2(1) + b$$

$$b = -2$$

$$y = 2x - 2$$

b) $y = 7\sqrt{x} - 3x; (1, 4)$

$$y' = \frac{7}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 3$$

$$= \frac{7}{2\sqrt{x}} - 3 \text{ at } x = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{7}{2} - 3 \\ & = \frac{7}{2} - \frac{6}{2} \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + b$$

$$4 = \frac{1}{2}(1) + b$$

$$4 = \frac{1}{2} + b$$

$$\frac{7}{2} = b$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{7}{2}$$

c) $y = x + \frac{6}{x}; (2, 5)$

$$y = x + 6x^{-1}$$

$$y' = 1 - 6x^{-2}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{6}{x^2} \text{ at } x = 2$$

$$y' = 1 - \frac{6}{2^2}$$

$$1 - \frac{6}{4}$$

$$1 - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$y' = -\frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$5 = -\frac{1}{2}(2) + b$$

$$5 = -1 + b$$

$$6 = b$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 6$$

d) $(x^2 + 1)^2; (-1, 4)$

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

$$x^4 + 2x^2 + 1$$

$$y' = 4x^3 + 4x$$

at $x = -1$

$$y' = 4(-1)^3 + 4(-1)$$

$$= -4 - 4$$

$$= -8$$

$$y = -8x + b$$

$$4 = -8(-1) + b$$

$$4 = 8 + b$$

$$-4 = b$$

$$y = -8x - 4$$

4. If a ball is thrown upward with a velocity of 40m/s, its height in metres after t seconds is:

$$h = 40t - 5t^2$$

Find the velocity of the ball after 2s, 4s, and 5s

$$v(t) = h'(t)$$

$$h'(t) = 40 - 10t$$

at $t = 2$

$$40 - 10(2)$$

$$\boxed{20 \text{ m/s}}$$

at $t = 4$

$$40 - 10(4)$$

$$\boxed{0 \text{ m/s}}$$

at $t = 5$

$$40 - 10(5)$$

$$\boxed{-10 \text{ m/s}}$$

5. The displacement in metres of a particle moving in a straight line is given by: $s = 8t^2 - 5t + 6$, where t is measured in seconds. Find the velocity of the particle after 1s, 2s, and 5s.

$$v(t) = s'(t)$$

$$s'(t) = 16t - 5$$

at 1s

$$\boxed{11 \text{ m/s}}$$

2s

$$\boxed{27 \text{ m/s}}$$

5s

$$\boxed{75 \text{ m/s}}$$

6. At what point on the curve $y = x^4 - 25x + 2$ is the tangent line parallel to the line $7x - y = 2$?

$$y' = 4x^3 - 25$$

$$4x^3 - 25 = 7$$

$$4x^3 = 32$$

$$x^3 = 8 \quad x = 2$$

when $x = 2$

$$y = 2^4 - 25(2) + 2$$

$$= 16 - 50 + 2$$

$$= -32$$

↓ same slope ↑ $y = 7x - 2$

$$m = 7$$

$$\boxed{(2, -32)}$$

7. At what point does the curve $y = x^3 + 3x^2 - 24x + 1$ have a horizontal tangent?

$$y' = 3x^2 + 6x - 24$$

$$3x^2 + 6x - 24 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$(x+4)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = -4 \quad x = 2$$

↑
occurs at $m = 0$

if $x = -4$

$$y = (-4)^3 + 3(-4)^2 - 24(-4) + 1$$

$$= -64 + 48 + 96 + 1$$

$$31 = 81$$

$$\boxed{(-4, 81)}$$

$x = 2$

$$y = 2^3 + 3(2)^2 - 48 + 1$$

$$= 8 + 12 - 48 + 1$$

$$= -27$$

$$\boxed{(2, -27)}$$

8. Show that the curve $y = 10x^3 + 4x + 2$ has no ^{tangent} ~~tangent~~ lines with a slope of 3.

$$y' = 30x^2 + 4$$

$$30x^2 + 4 = 3$$

$$30x^2 = -1$$

$$x^2 = -\frac{1}{30}$$

$x = \sqrt{-\frac{1}{30}}$

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NOT POSSIBLE

9. Find the equation of both lines that pass through the origin and are tangent to the parabola $y = 1 + x^2$

$$y' = 2x$$

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2a

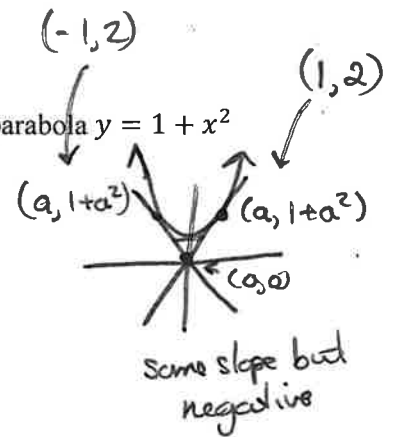
at point a

$$\frac{1+a^2-0}{a-0} = \frac{1+a^2}{a}$$

$y = 2x$
 $y = -2x$

$$2a = \frac{1+a^2}{a} \rightarrow a^2 = 1$$

$$2a^2 = 1+a^2 \rightarrow a = \pm 1$$



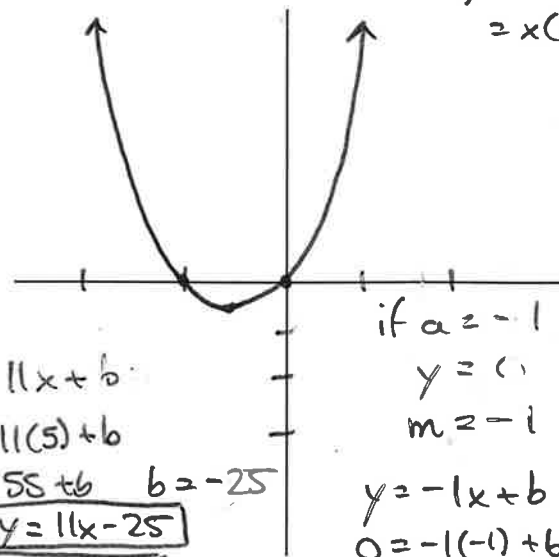
10. Find the equations of the tangent lines to the parabola $y = x^2 + x$ that pass through the point $(2, -3)$. Sketch the curve and the tangents.

$$y' = 2x + 1$$

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2a+1

Let (a, a^2+a) be on the parabola



then $m = \frac{a^2+a - (-3)}{a-2}$

if $a = 5$
 $y = 30$
 $m = 11$

if $a = -1$
 $y = 0$
 $m = -1$

$y = -1x - 1$

$$2a+1 = \frac{a^2+a+3}{a-2}$$

$$(2a+1)(a-2) = a^2+a+3$$

$$2a^2 - 3a - 2 = a^2 + a + 3$$

$$a^2 - 4a + 5 = 0 \quad (a-5)(a+1) = 0 \quad a = 5 \quad a = -1$$

$$y = 11x + b$$

$$30 = 11(5) + b$$

$$30 = 55 + b \quad b = -25$$

$y = 11x - 25$

$$y = -1x + b$$

$$0 = -1(-1) + b$$

$$b = -1$$

11. Find the x-coordinates of the points on the hyperbola $xy = 1$ where the tangents from the point $(1, -1)$ intersect the curve.

$$xy = 1 \rightarrow y = \frac{1}{x}$$

Let $(a, \frac{1}{a})$ be on the curve.

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

$$\frac{\frac{1}{a} - (-1)}{a-1} = m \rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{a} + 1}{a-1} = -\frac{1}{a^2} \rightarrow a^2 \left(\frac{1}{a} + 1 \right) = -(a-1)$$

$$\rightarrow a + a^2 = -a + 1$$

$$a^2 + 2a - 1 = 0$$

$$= -\frac{1}{a^2}$$

$x = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$

Quad Equation or Desmos

12. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ x^2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3 - 2x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

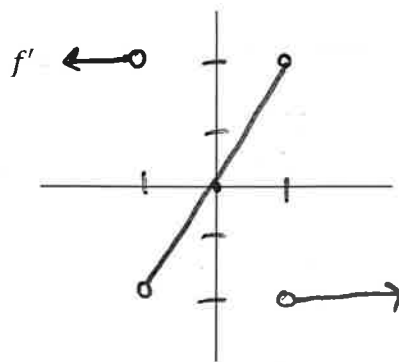
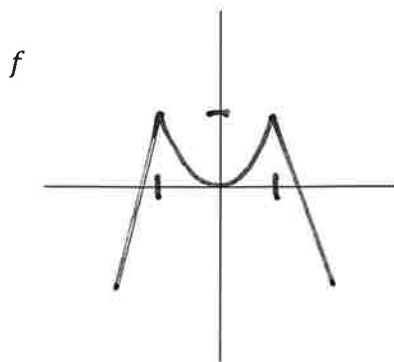
a) Where is f differentiable

consider the graph

NOT differentiable at $x = -1$ or $x = 1$

* Sharp edges *

b) Find an expression for f' and sketch the graphs of f and f'



$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ 2x & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ -2 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

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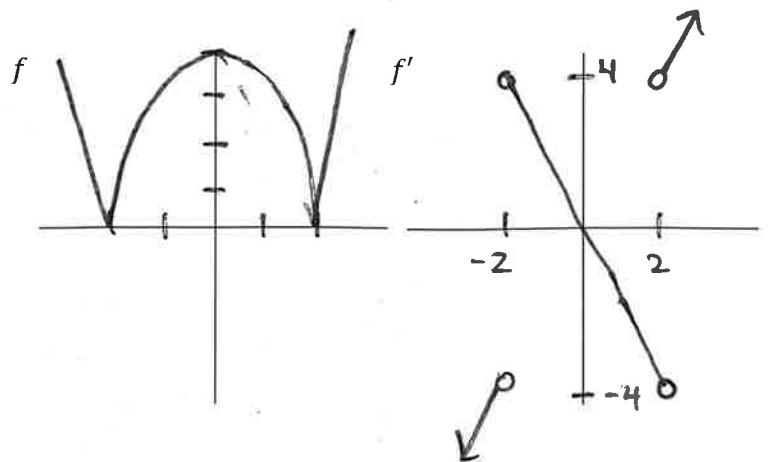
a) Sketch the graph of $f(x) = |x^2 - 4|$.

b) For what values of x is f not differentiable.

\rightarrow not differentiable at $x = 2$ $x = -2$

c) Find a formula for f' and sketch its graph.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4 & \text{if } x < -2 \\ -(x^2 - 4) & \text{if } -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ x^2 - 4 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$



$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x < -2 \\ -2x & \text{if } -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 2x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$