

# MATHEMATICS

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## TANGENTS AND NORMALS & Their Properties

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### THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. If  $y = f(x)$ , then

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_P = \text{Slope of the tangent to } y = f(x) \text{ at point P.}$$

$$\frac{1}{\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_P} = \text{Slope of the normal to } y = f(x) \text{ at point P.}$$

If the tangent is parallel to x-axis  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ .

If the tangent is parallel to y-axis, then  $\frac{dx}{dy} = 0$ .

2. If  $P(x_1, y_1)$  is a point on the curve  $y = f(x)$ , then

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_P (x - x_1) \text{ is the equation of tangent at P.}$$

$$y - y_1 = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_P} (x - x_1) \text{ is the equation of the normal at P.}$$

3. The angle between the tangents to two given curves at their point of intersection is defined as the angle of intersection of two curves.

If  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are two curves having equations  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  respectively such that they intersect at point P.

the angle  $\theta$  of intersection of these two curves is given by

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{C_1} - \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{C_2}}{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{C_1} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{C_2}}$$

If the angle of intersection of two curves is a right angle, then the curve are said to intersect orthogonally.

The condition for orthogonality of two curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  is

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{C_1} \times \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{C_2} = -1$$

4. Two curves  $ax^2 + by^2 = 1$  and  $a'x^2 + b'y^2 = 1$  will intersect orthogonally, if

$$\frac{1}{a} \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{a'} \frac{1}{b'}$$

**EXERCISE-1**

1. Show that the tangents to the curve  $y = 2x^3 - 3$  at the points where  $x = 2$  and  $x = -2$  are parallel.
2. Prove that the tangents to the curve  $y = x^2 - 5x + 6$  at the points  $(2, 0)$  and  $(3, 0)$  are at right angles.
3. Find the slope of the normal to the curve  $x = 1 - a \sin \theta$ ,  $y = b \cos^2 \theta$  at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .
4. Find the slope of the normal to the curve  $x = a \cos^3 \theta$ ,  $y = a \sin^3 \theta$  at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .
5. Find the point on the curve  $y = 2x^2 - 6x - 4$  at which the tangent is parallel to the x-axis.
6. Find the points on the curve  $y = x^3$  at which the slope of the tangent is equal to the y-coordinate of the point.
7. Find the points on the curve  $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 1$ , where the tangents are perpendicular to the line  $2y + x = 0$ .
8. Find the point on the curve  $y = x^3 - 11x + 5$  at which the tangent has the equation  $y = x - 11$ .
9. If the tangent to the curve  $y = x^3 + ax + b$  at  $(1, -6)$  is parallel to the line  $x - y + 5 = 0$ , find  $a$  and  $b$ .
10. At what points on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 1 = 0$ , the tangent is parallel to x-axis.
11. Find the points on the curve  $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$  at which the tangent are parallel to the (i) x-axis, (ii) y-axis.
12. Find the points on the curve  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$  at which the tangents are parallel to the x-axis.
13. Show that the tangent to the curve  $y = 7x^3 + 11$  at the points  $x = 2$  and  $x = -2$  are parallel.
14. Find the points on the curve  $y = x^3$  where the slope of the tangents equal to the x-coordinate of the point.
15. Find the equations of the tangent and normal to the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$  at the point  $(at^2, 2at)$ .
16. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $x = 1 - \cos \theta$ ,  $y = \theta - \sin \theta$  at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .
17. Find the equations of the tangent and the normal at the point 't' on the curve  $x = a \sin^3 t$ ,  $y = b \cos^3 t$ .
18. Show that the line  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$  touches the curve  $y = be^{-x/a}$  at the point where it crosses the y-axis.
19. Find the equations of the tangent and the normal to the curve  $y = \frac{x-7}{(x-2)(x-3)}$  at the point, where it cuts x-axis.
20. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = (x^3 - 1)(x - 2)$  at the points where the curve cuts the x-axis.
21. Find the equation of tangent to the curve  $y = x^3 + 2x + 6$  which is perpendicular to the line  $x + 14y + 4 = 0$ .
22. Find all the tangents to the curve  $y = \cos(x + y)$ ,  $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$  that are parallel to the line  $x + 2y = 0$ .
23. For the curve  $y = 4x^3 - 2x^5$  find all points at which the tangent passes through the origin.
24. Find the equations of all lines of slope -1 that are tangents to the curve  $y = \frac{1}{1-x}$ ,  $x \neq 1$ .

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25. Prove that all normals to the curve  $x = a \cos t + at \sin t$ ,  $y = a \sin t - at \cos t$  are at a distance  $a$  from the origin.
26. Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $x^2 = 4y$  which passes through the point  $(1, 2)$ .
27. Find the equations of the tangent and the normal to the following curves at the indicated points :
- (i)  $y = x^4 - bx^3 + 13x^2 - 10x + 5$  at  $(0, 5)$
  - (ii)  $y = x^4 - 6x^3 + 13x^2 - 10x + 5$  at  $(1, 3)$
  - (iii)  $y = x^2$  at  $(0, 0)$
  - (iv)  $y = 2x^3 - 3x - 1$  at  $(1, -2)$
  - (v)  $y^2 = \frac{x^3}{4-x}$  at  $(2, -2)$
  - (vi)  $y = x^2 + 4x + 1$  at  $x = 3$
  - (vii)  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  at  $(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta)$
  - (viii)  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  at  $(a \sec \theta, b \tan \theta)$
  - (ix)  $y^2 = 4ax$  at  $(a/m^2, 2a/m)$
  - (x)  $c^2(x^2 + y^2) = x^2 y^2$  at  $(\frac{c}{\cos \theta}, \frac{c}{\sin \theta})$
  - (xi)  $xy = c^2$  at  $(ct, c/t)$
  - (xii)  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  at  $(x_1, y_1)$
  - (xiii)  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$
  - (xiv)  $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = 2$  at  $(1, 1)$
  - (xv)  $x^2 = 4y$  at  $(2, 1)$
  - (xvi)  $y^2 = 4x$  at  $(1, 2)$
28. Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y^2 = x^3$  at the point  $(am^2, am^3)$ .
29. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $y = x^2 - 2x + 7$  which is
- (i) parallel to the line  $2x - y + 9 = 0$
  - (ii) perpendicular to the line  $5y - 15x = 13$
30. Find the equations of all lines of slope zero and that are tangent to the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x + 3}$ .

31. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $x^2 + 3y - 3 = 0$ , which is parallel to the line  $y = 4x - 5$ .
32. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $x = \sin 3t, y = \cos 2t$  at  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .
33. Show that the condition that the curves  
 $ax^2 + by = 1$  ... (i)  
 and,  $a'x^2 + b'y^2 = 2$  ... (ii)  
 should intersect orthogonally is that  $\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{a'} - \frac{1}{b'}$ .
34. Show that the curves  $x = y^2$  and  $xy = k$  cut at right angles, if  $8k^2 = 1$ .
35. Show that the curves  $xy = a^2$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = 2a^2$  touch each other.
36. Show that the angle between the tangent at any point P and the line joining P to the origin O is the same at all points on the curve  

$$\log(x^2 + y^2) = k \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$
37. Find the angle of intersection of the following curves :
- $y^2 = x$  and  $x^2 = y$
  - $y = x^2$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = 20$
  - $2y^2 = x^3$  and  $y^2 = 32x$
  - $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 - 2y - 9 = 0$
  - $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = ab$
  - $x^2 + 4y^2 = 8$  and  $x^2 - 2y^2 = 2$
  - $x^2 = 27y$  and  $y^2 = 8x$
  - $x^2 + y^2 = 2x$  and  $y^2 = x$
38. Find the condition for the following set of curves to intersect orthogonally :
- $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  and  $xy = c^2$
  - $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  and  $\frac{x^2}{A^2} - \frac{y^2}{B^2} = 1$
39. Show that the curve  $\frac{x^2}{a^2 + \lambda_1} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 + \lambda_1} = 1$  and  $\frac{x^2}{a^2 + \lambda_2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 + \lambda_2} = 1$  intersect at right angles.

### EXERCISE-2

1. Write the angle made by the tangent to the curve  $x = e^t \cot t$ ,  $y = e^t \sin t$  at  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$  with the x-axis.
2. Write the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^2 - x + 2$  at the point where it crosses the y-axis.
3. Write the coordinates of the point at which the tangent to the curve  $y = 2x^2 - x + 1$  is parallel to the line  $y = 3x + 9$ .

### EXERCISE-3

1. The slope of the tangent to the curve  $x = t^2 + 3t - 8$ ,  $y = 2t^2 - 2t = 5$  at point  $(2, -1)$  is  
(a)  $\frac{22}{7}$                       (b)  $\frac{6}{7}$                       (c)  $-6$                       (d) none of these