

Pre-AP Precal
Equations of Tangent Lines

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1. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ at the point where $x = 3$.

a) $x - 4y = -5$ b) $4x - y = 5$
c) $x + 4y = 8$ d) $x - 4y = 5$
e) $4x - y = -8$
2. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{x-7}$ at the point where $x = 16$.

a) $x - 6y = -2$ b) $6x - y = 2$
c) $x + 6y = 2$ d) $x - 6y = 2$
e) $6x + y = -2$
3. If $f(x) = -x^2 + 12$, find an equation of the tangent to the curve passing through the point $(4, 0)$.

a) $y = -8x + 32$ b) $y = -8x - 32$
c) $y = -4x$ d) $y = -4x + 16$
e) $y = -2x - 32$
4. If $f(x) = x^2 - 10$, find an equation of the tangent to the curve passing through the point $(5, 1)$.

a) $y - 1 = -10(x - 5)$ b) $y + 5 = -10(x + 1)$
c) $y + 1 = 10(x + 5)$ d) $y - 1 = 10(x - 5)$
e) $y - 5 = 10(x - 1)$
5. Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = 2x(2x^2 - 1)$ at the point where $x = 1$.

a) $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}$ b) 2 c) $\sqrt{2}$ d) 10 e) 12
6. Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = -3x^2(x^2 + 2)$ at the point where $x = -1$.

a) 6 b) -6 c) 0 d) 24 e) -24
7. Given a function is defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$, for what value(s) of x does the function have one or more vertical tangents?

a) 0 only b) 4 only c) -4 only
d) 0 and 4 e) 0 and -4
8. Write the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = x^4 - 7x^2 + 12$ at the point where $x = 1$.

a) $10x + 2y - 5 = 0$ b) $10x + y - 16 = 0$
c) $5x + y - 8 = 0$ d) $x + 10y - 16 = 0$
e) $2x + 10y - 16 = 0$
9. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 3x - 5 & \text{for } x \leq 1, \\ 5x - 6 & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$
Does the curve have a tangent at $x = 1$?
10. Given: $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 5x - 3 & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ 2x - 3 & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$
Does the curve have a tangent at $x = 0$?
11. For what x -values is the slope of $f(x) = 2x^4 + x^3 - 7x^2 + 4x - 3$ equal to 2?

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| CodePath: | APC.EC.3 |
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| 5. | |
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| 6. | |
| Answer: | d |
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| 7. | |
| Answer: | c |
| CodePath: | APC.EC.29 |
| 8. | |
| Answer: | b |
| CodePath: | APC.EC.39 |
| 9. | |
| Answer: | yes, $m = 5$ |
| CodePath: | APC.EC.65 |
| 10. | |
| Answer: | no, slopes are different |
| CodePath: | APC.EC.67 |
| 11. | |
| Answer: | $-1.581, 0.150, 1.057$ |
| CodePath: | APC.EC.71 |