

Quiz 3

Your name:

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Solutions

1. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve $\frac{y^2 - x^2}{2x + 3y} = -2x$ at the point $(-1, 1)$.

$$y^2 + x^2 = -2x(2x + 3y) = -4x^2 - 6xy$$

$$\text{DPS: } 2yy' + 2x = -8x - 6y - 6xy'$$

$$\text{Plug in } x = -1, y = 1$$

$$2y' - 2 = 8 - 6 + 6y'$$

$$2y' - 6y' = 2 + 2$$

$$-4y' = 4$$

$$y' = -1 = m$$

$$\text{tan line: } y = 1 - 1(x - (-1))$$

$$y = 1 - x - 1$$

$$\boxed{y = -x}$$

2. Find the derivative of the function $y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{4x-1}{3x+7}}$.

$$y = \left(\frac{4x-1}{3x+7} \right)^{1/3} = (4x-1)^{1/3} \cdot (3x+7)^{-1/3}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 4 (4x-1)^{-2/3} (3x+7)^{-1/3} +$$

$$+ (4x-1)^{1/3} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot 3 (3x+7)^{-4/3}$$

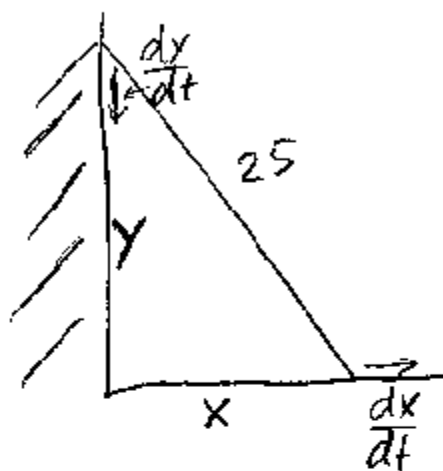
$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (4x-1)^{-2/3} (3x+7)^{-4/3} \cdot [4(3x+7) - 3(4x-1)] =$$

$$= \frac{12x+28-12x+3}{3 \sqrt[3]{(4x-1)^2 (3x+7)^4}} = \frac{31}{3 \sqrt[3]{(4x-1)^2 (3x+7)^4}}$$

Another way: $y' = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{4x-1}{3x+7} \right)^{-2/3} \cdot \frac{4(3x+7) - 3(4x-1)}{(3x+7)^2}$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{3x+7}{4x-1} \right)^{2/3} \cdot \frac{31}{(3x+7)^2} = \frac{31}{3 (4x-1)^{2/3} (3x+7)^{4/3}}$$

3. A 25-foot ladder is leaning against a vertical wall. If the base of the ladder is pulled horizontally away from the wall at a rate of 0.2 ft/sec, how fast is the top of the ladder sliding down that wall at the instant when it is 20 feet from the ground?



$$y^2 + x^2 = 25$$

$$y = 20, \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = 0.2$$

$$\text{DBS: } 2y \frac{dy}{dt} + 2x \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = - \frac{x}{y} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$x = \sqrt{25^2 - 20^2} = 15$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = - \frac{15}{20} \cdot 0.2 = \boxed{-0.15 \text{ ft/sec}}$$