

1. Let  $C$  be the curve defined by  $x^2y = 4$ . Which of the following statements is true of curve  $C$  at the point  $(2, 1)$ ?

(A) It has a relative minimum because  $y' = 0$  and  $y'' > 0$ .

(B) It has a relative maximum because  $y' = 0$  and  $y'' < 0$ .

(C) It is decreasing and concave up because  $y' < 0$  and  $y'' > 0$ .

(D) It is decreasing and concave down because  $y' < 0$  and  $y'' < 0$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx} (2xy + x^2y') = 0$$

$$-2xy \quad -2xy$$

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

$$\frac{y}{4} > 0 \quad x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = -\frac{2y}{x}$$

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

$$y' = -1 < 0$$

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

$$y'' = \frac{-2x\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right) + (-2y)}{x^2}$$

$$y'' = \frac{4y}{x^2} = \frac{4}{2^2} \frac{1}{4}$$

2. Consider the curve in the  $xy$ -plane defined by  $x^2 - \frac{y^2}{5} = 1$ . It is known that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5x}{y}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{25}{y^3}$ .

Which of the following statements is true about the curve in Quadrant IV?

- (A) The curve is concave up because  $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$ .
- (B) ~~The curve is concave down because  $\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$ .~~
- (C) ✓ The curve is concave up because  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$ .
- (D) ~~The curve is concave down because  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$ .~~

In QIV  $y < 0$   $\frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{4}$   
Therefore  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{25}{y^3} > 0$   
Concave up

5. If  $x^2y - \frac{x}{y} = -2$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

(A)  $\frac{y}{x+x^2y^2}$

(B)  $\frac{y-2xy^3}{x+x^2y^2}$

(C)  $\frac{y+2xy^3}{x-x^2y^2}$

(D)  $\frac{y-2xy^3}{x^2y^2-x}$

$$2xy + x^2 \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) - \frac{y - x \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)}{y^2} = 0$$

$$2xy^3 + x^2y^2 \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) - y + x \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\frac{dy}{dx} (x + x^2y^2)}{x + x^2y^2} = \frac{y - 2xy^3}{x + x^2y^2}$$

7. Consider the curve in the  $xy$ -plane defined by  $y\sqrt{y^3+1} = x$  for  $y > -1$ . For what value of  $y$ ,  $y > -1$ , does the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  not exist?

(A)  $y = \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

✓  $y' \sqrt{y^3+1} + y \left( \frac{3y^2}{2\sqrt{y^3+1}} \right) = y' = \frac{2\sqrt{y^3+1}}{5y^3+2}$

(B)  $y = \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$y'$  will not exist when the denominator equals 0

(C)  $y = 0$

$5y^3 + 2 = 0$  when  $y = \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

- (D) The derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  exists for all  $y > -1$ .

9. At how many points on the curve  $x^{\frac{2}{5}} + y^{\frac{2}{5}} = 1$  in the  $xy$ -plane does the curve have a tangent line that is horizontal?

(A) None

(B) One

(C) Two

(D) Three

Answer C

Correct. To find the number of points at which the tangent line is horizontal, find where the derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is equal to 0. Using implicit differentiation yields

$\frac{2}{5}x^{-\frac{3}{5}} + \left(\frac{2}{5}y^{-\frac{3}{5}}\right)\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$ , which can be solved for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  to get  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y^{\frac{3}{5}}}{x^{\frac{3}{5}}}$ . The derivative is equal to 0 at points

$(x, y)$  on the curve in which  $y = 0$  and  $x \neq 0$ . Letting  $y = 0$  in the equation of the curve yields  $x^{\frac{2}{5}} = 1$ , which has two solutions,  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ . The curve has a horizontal tangent line at the two points  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(1, 0)$  and no others.

10. Which of the following describes the  $y$ -coordinates of the points on the curve  $e^x = \sin y$  in the  $xy$ -plane where the curve has a vertical tangent line?

- (A) The values  $\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$  for all nonnegative integers  $n$
- (B) The values  $\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$  for all nonnegative integers  $n$
- (C) The values  $\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$  for all integers  $n$
- (D) The values  $\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$  for all integers  $n$

Answer D

Correct. To find the points at which the tangent line is vertical, find where the derivative  $y'$  can be written in the form of a quotient in which the denominator is equal to 0 and the numerator is nonzero. Using implicit differentiation yields  $e^x = (\cos y) y'$ , so that  $y' = \frac{e^x}{\cos y}$ . The numerator  $e^x$  is nonzero for all values of  $x$ . The points  $(x, y)$  on the curve at which the denominator of  $y'$  is equal to 0 satisfy  $\cos y = 0$ , which is true for  $y = \pm\frac{\pi}{2}, \pm\frac{3\pi}{2}, \pm\frac{5\pi}{2}, \dots$ , or  $y = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$  for all integers  $n$ . However, since the equation  $e^x = \sin y$  must also be satisfied, and since  $e^x > 0$  for all values of  $x$ , the values of  $y$  for which  $\sin y < 0$  are not coordinates of points on the curve; they must be excluded. That is, only the values  $y = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{9\pi}{2}, \dots$  and  $y = -\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{7\pi}{2}, -\frac{11\pi}{2}, \dots$  satisfy all of the conditions, and these values are represented by  $\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$  for all integers  $n$ .