

Differential Equations and tangent lines 2  
AP Calculus

Name: Answers

1) Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3-x}{y}$

- a) Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to the given differential equation for  $1 < x < 5$  such that the line  $y = -2$  is tangent to the graph of  $f$ . Find the  $x$ -coordinate of the point of tangency.
- b) Let  $y = g(x)$  be the particular solution the given differential equation for  $-2 < x < 8$ , with the initial condition  $g(6) = -4$ . Find  $g(x)$ .
- c) Show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3-x}{y}$  given  $g(x)$  is what you got in part b.

a) slope of  $f(x)$  at  $y = -2$  is zero.

$$0 = \frac{3-x}{-2}$$

$$\text{At } (3, -2) \quad f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} 0 = 3 - x \\ x = 3 \end{array}}$$

$$b) \int y \, dy = \int (3-x) \, dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2}y^2 = 3x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C_1$$

$$y^2 = 6x - x^2 + C_2$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{6x - x^2 + C_2}$$

$$(6, -4): -4 = -\sqrt{6(6) - (6)^2 + C_2}$$

$$16 = C$$

$$\boxed{g(x) = -\sqrt{6x - x^2 + 16}}$$

$$c) \quad g(x) = -(6x - x^2 + 16)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$g'(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(6x - x^2 + 16)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(6 - 2x)$$

$$= -\frac{3-x}{\sqrt{6x - x^2 + 16}}$$

$$= \frac{3-x}{y}$$

since

$$y = -\sqrt{6x - x^2 + 16}$$

2) Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^y(3x^2 - 6x)$ . Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to the differential equation that passes through  $(1, 0)$ .

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $(1, 0)$ . Use the tangent line to approximate  $f(1.2)$ .

(b) Find  $y = f(x)$ , the particular solution to the differential equation that passes through  $(1, 0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) slope of tangent line at } (1, 0) &= e^0(3(1)^2 - 6(1)) \\ &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{equation of line: } y = -3(x-1) \text{ or } y = -3x + 3$$

$$\text{approx. of } f(1.2) = -3(1.2) + 3 = -.6$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{dy}{e^y} = (3x^2 - 6x) dx$$

$$\int e^{-y} dy = \int (3x^2 - 6x) dx$$

$$-1e^{-y} = x^3 - 3x^2 + C_1$$

$$e^{-y} = -x^3 + 3x^2 + C_2$$

$$-y = \ln(-x^3 + 3x^2 + C_2)$$

$$y = -\ln(-x^3 + 3x^2 + C_2)$$

given  $(1, 0)$

$$0 = -\ln(-1 + 3 + C)$$

$$0 = \ln_e(2 + C)$$

$$e^0 = 2 + C$$

$$-1 = C$$

so

$$f(x) = -\ln(-x^3 + 3x^2 - 1)$$

$$\boxed{f(x) = -\ln(-x^3 + 3x^2 - 1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{actual value of} \\ &f(1.2) = -.465 \end{aligned}$$