

# Math 100 • Tangent Lines

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[#2] Determine the equation of the line tangent to  $y = x^2 - 4x$  at  $x = 3$

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Determine the slope of the tangent lines

[#3]  
to  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1$  at  $(3, 2)$

use tangent formula #1

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

[#4]  
to  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x$  at  $(-1, -4)$

use tangent formula #2

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

[#5]  
to  $f(x) = x^3 + 2$  at  $(1, 3)$

use tangent formula #1

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

[#6]  
to  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x$  at  $(-1, 5)$

use tangent formula #2

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

[#7]  
to  $f(x) = \frac{4}{x-2}$  at  $(3, 4)$

use tangent formula #1

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

[#8]  
to  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+5}$  at  $(-1, 2)$

use tangent formula #1

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$$\text{to } f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} \text{ at } (2, 1)$$

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use tangent formula #2

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$$\begin{array}{l} (-1, 5) \\ (3, -3) \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \\ m = \frac{-3 - 5}{3 - (-1)} = \frac{-8}{4} = -2 \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y - y_0 = m(x - x_0) \\ y - 5 = -2(x + 1) \\ y = -2x + 3 \end{array} \right.$$

#2] Determine the equation of the line tangent to  $y = x^2 - 4x$  at  $x = 3$

$$\begin{array}{l} (3, -3) \\ (3+h, (3+h)^2 - 4(3+h)) \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m = \frac{(3+h)^2 - 4(3+h) - (-3)}{3+h - 3} \\ m = \frac{9+6h+h^2-12-4h+3}{3+h-3} \\ m = \frac{h^2+2h}{h} = \frac{h(h+2)}{h} \\ m = 0+2 = 2 \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y + 3 = 2(x - 3) \\ y = 2x - 9 \end{array} \right.$$

Determine the slope of the tangent lines

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$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+h)^2 - 2(3+h) - 1 - 2}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{9+6h+h^2-6-2h-1-2}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2+4h}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(h+4)}{h} = 4$$

#4]  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x$  at  $(-1, -2)$

use tangent formula #2

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{f(x) - f(-1)}{x - (-1)}$$

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 2}{x + 1}$$

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x+1)(x+2)}{x+1} = 1$$

$a$       $f(a)$   
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use tangent formula #1

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+h)^3 + 2 - 3}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^3 + 3h^2 + 3h + 1 + 2 - 3}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(h^2 + 3h + 3)}{h}$$

$$m = 0^2 + 3(0) + 3 = 3$$

EXPAND

$$(1+h)^3 = h^3 + 3h^2 + 3h + 1$$

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use tangent formula #2

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$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{f(x) - f(-1)}{x + 1}$$

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{3x^2 - 2x - 5}{x + 1}$$

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(3x-5)(x+1)}{x+1}$$

$$m = 3(-1) - 5 = -8$$

FACTOR

$$\begin{aligned}
 &3x^2 - 2x - 5 \\
 &3x^2 + 3x - 5x - 5 \\
 &3x(x+1) - 5(x+1) \\
 &(x+1)(3x-5)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4}{3+h-2} - 4}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4}{h+1} - 4}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 - 4(h+1)}{h(h+1)}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 - 4h - 4}{h(h+1)}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-4h}{h(h+1)}$$

$$m = \frac{-4}{0+1} = -4$$

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to  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+5}$  at  $(-1, 2)$

use tangent formula #1

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-1+h) - f(-1)}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{-1+h+5} - 2}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{h+4} - 2}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{h+4} + 2}{\sqrt{h+4} + 2}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h+4 - 4}{h(\sqrt{h+4} + 2)}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{h+4} + 2)}$$

$$m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0+4} + 2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} \text{ at } (2, 1)$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2+h-1}} - 1}{h}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{h+1}} - 1}{h}$$

Multiply by LCD

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{h+1}}{h\sqrt{h+1}}$$

Multiply by conjugate

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (h+1)}{h\sqrt{h+1}(1 + \sqrt{h+1})}$$

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h\sqrt{h+1}(1 + \sqrt{h+1})}$$

$$m = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{0+1}(1 + \sqrt{0+1})}$$

$$m = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2}$$

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} - 1}{x - 2}$$

Multiply by LCD

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1 - \sqrt{x-1}}{(x-2)\sqrt{x-1}}$$

Multiply by conjugate

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1 - (x-1)}{(x-2)(\sqrt{x-1})(1 + \sqrt{x-1})}$$

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2 - x}{(x-2)(\sqrt{x-1})(1 + \sqrt{x-1})}$$

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{x-1}(1 + \sqrt{x-1})}$$

$$m = \frac{-1}{1(2)} = \frac{-1}{2}$$