

1) Find the equations of the tangents to the curve that pass through the point (17, 22).

$$x = 4t^2 + 1$$
$$y = 3t^3 - 2$$

Note: This problem is similar to the challenge problem number 4 from section 3.2.

Let $t=A$ be the value of t that points to the point on the curve whose tangent line will go through the point (17, 22).

The general form of the tangent line is

$$y - y(A) = m_{tan} (x - x(A))$$

$$m_{tan} = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=A}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{9t^2}{8t} = \frac{9t}{8} \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=A} = \frac{9A}{8}$$

Thus the equation of the tangent line is:

$$y - (3A^3 - 2) = \frac{9A}{8} (x - (4A^2 + 1))$$

This line goes through the point $x=17$ and $y=22$.

$$22 - 3A^3 + 2 = \frac{9A}{8} (17 - 4A^2 - 1)$$

$$8(24 - 3A^3) = 9A(16 - 4A^2)$$

$$192 - 24A^3 = 144A - 36A^3$$

$$12A^3 - 144A + 192 = 0$$

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If you examine the equation you can notice that $A=2$ is a solution. This takes a bit of plugging in numbers and trying for a solution.

Since $A=2$ is a solution, this means that $(A-2)$ is a factor of the above equation. Use this fact and long division we can finish factoring.

$$\begin{array}{r} A^2 + 2A - 8 \\ A-2 \overline{) A^3 + 0A^2 - 12A + 16} \\ \underline{-(A^3 - 2A^2)} \\ 2A^2 - 12A \\ \underline{-(2A^2 - 4A)} \\ -8A + 16 \\ \underline{-(-8A + 16)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Thus we get the following. Now factor the quadratic.

$$12(A-2)(A^2 + 2A - 8) = 0$$

$$12(A-2)(A-2)(A+4) = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } A = 2 \text{ or } A = -4$$

general formula of the tangent line. created earlier in the problem.

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$$A = 2$$

$$y - (3(2)^3 - 2) = \frac{9(2)}{8} (x - (4(2)^2 + 1))$$

$$y - 22 = \frac{9}{4} (x - 17)$$

$$A = -4$$

$$y + 194 = -\frac{9}{2} (x - 65)$$