

1 (13 points) Compute the derivatives of the following functions. No need to simplify your answers.

a) $f(t) = (t^2 + 5) \arctan(3t)$

Product Rule, then Chain Rule:

$$f'(t) = 2t \arctan(3t) + (t^2 + 5) \frac{1}{1 + (3t)^2} (3)$$

b) $g(x) = \ln(x - \sqrt{1 + x^2})$

Chain Rule (twice):

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{x - \sqrt{1 + x^2}} (x - \sqrt{1 + x^2})' = \frac{1}{x - \sqrt{1 + x^2}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1 + x^2}} (2x) \right)$$

c) $y = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{\sec x}$

Since the variable appears both in the base and in the exponent, we need to use logarithmic differentiation:

$$\ln y = \sec x \ln \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$\ln y = -\sec x \ln x$$

$$\frac{1}{y} y' = -[\sec x \tan x \ln x + \sec x \frac{1}{x}]$$

$$y' = -\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{\sec x} \left[\sec x \tan x \ln x + \frac{\sec x}{x} \right]$$

2 (12 points) Consider the spiral curve given by the following parametric equations, with $0 \leq t \leq 3$:

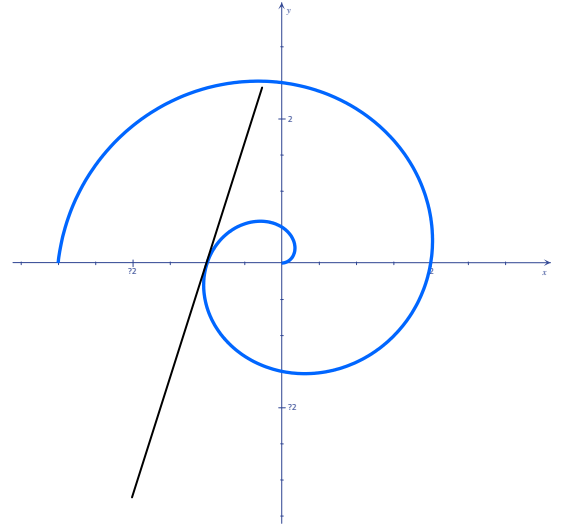
$$\begin{cases} x(t) = t \cos(\pi t) \\ y(t) = t \sin(\pi t) \end{cases}$$

- a) Compute the horizontal and vertical velocities (as functions of t).

Computing the derivatives with respect to t . Use product rule (and chain):

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = \cos(\pi t) - t \sin(\pi t) (\pi t)' \\ y'(t) = \sin(\pi t) + t \cos(\pi t) (\pi t)' \end{cases}$$

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- b) Compute the equation of the tangent line to this curve at the point corresponding to $t = 1$.

The point on this spiral corresponding to $t=1$ is $(x(1), y(1)) = (1 \cos(\pi), 1 \sin(\pi)) = (-1, 0)$.

The slope of the tangent line at that point is given by: $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=1} = \frac{y'(1)}{x'(1)} = \frac{\sin(\pi) + \pi \cos(\pi)}{\cos(\pi) - \pi \sin(\pi)} = \frac{0 - \pi}{-1 - 0} = \pi$

The line through $(-1, 0)$ with slope π has equation:

$$y = \pi(x + 1) = \pi x + \pi$$

- c) Find **all** times t , $0 \leq t \leq 3$, at which the curve crosses the y -axis.

A curve crosses the y -axis when $x=0$.

Here, $x(t) = t \cos(\pi t) = 0$ is true when either $t = 0$, or $\cos(\pi t) = 0$

Solving $\cos(\pi t) = 0$ we get:

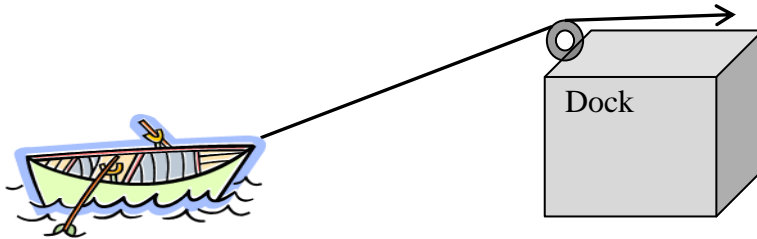
$$\pi t = \frac{\pi}{2} \pm k\pi, \text{ i.e. (dividing by } \pi)$$

$$t = \frac{1}{2} \pm k, \text{ where } k \text{ is any integer.}$$

In the given interval $0 \leq t \leq 3$, we have $t = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}$

(if you look at the picture: $t=0$ is the point at the origin, and the other 3 points are the y -intercepts along the curve)

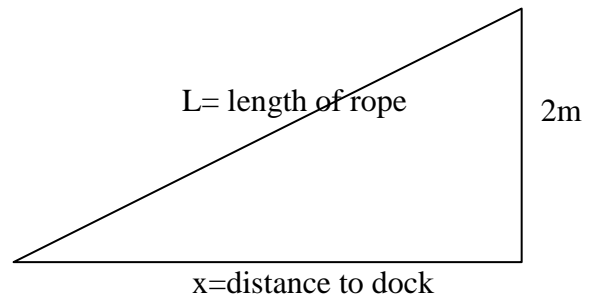
3 (10 points) A boat is pulled towards a dock by a rope attached to the bow of the boat and passing through a pulley on the dock that is 2 m higher than the bow of the boat. If the rope is pulled in at a rate of 1.5 m/sec, how fast is the boat approaching the dock when it is 6 m from the dock?



We have a right triangle as pictured:

We know: $\frac{dL}{dt} = -1.5 \text{ m/s}$.

We want: $\frac{dx}{dt} = ?$



By the Pythagorean Theorem:

$$L^2 = x^2 + 2^2$$

Differentiating with respect to time t:

$$2L \frac{dL}{dt} = 2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 0$$

Simplifying:

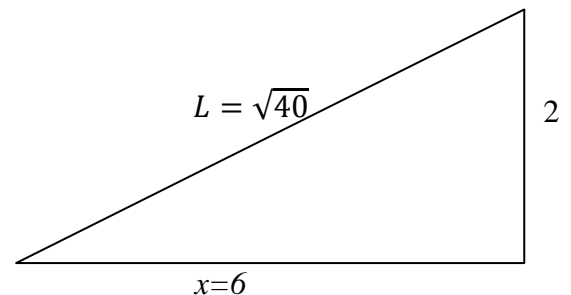
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{L}{x} \frac{dL}{dt}$$

When the boat is 6 m from the dock, $x=6$ so

$$L^2 = 6^2 + 2^2 \rightarrow L = \sqrt{40} = 2\sqrt{10}$$

So:

$$\left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{x=6} = \frac{\sqrt{40} \text{ m}}{6 \text{ m}} (-1.5) \text{ m/s} = \frac{-\sqrt{40}}{4} = \frac{-\sqrt{10}}{2} \text{ m/s}$$



4 (7 points) Let $f(x) = (1 + x)^n$, where n is a constant.

- a) Compute the linearization of $f(x)$ at $x = 0$. Your answer will depend on n .

$$L(x) = f'(0)(x - 0) + f(0)$$

$$f'(x) = n(1 + x)^{n-1} \rightarrow f'(0) = n(1 + 0)^{n-1} = n$$

$$f(0) = (1 + 0)^n = 1$$

So $L(x) = nx + 1$

- b) Use the linearization you found in part (a) to approximate $\sqrt[3]{1.009}$. Show all work, not just the final answer.

$\sqrt[3]{1.009} = (1 + 0.009)^{1/3}$, so we can use $x = 0.009$, $k = \frac{1}{3}$ in the above linearization:

$$\sqrt[3]{1.009} \approx \frac{1}{3}(0.009) + 1 = \boxed{1.003}$$

5 (8 points) Consider the cardioid curve given by the equation:

$$x^2 + y^2 = (2x^2 + 2y^2 - x)^2$$

Find the equation of the tangent line to this curve at the point $(0, -\frac{1}{2})$.

Implicitly differentiating the equation (with respect to x):

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 2(2x^2 + 2y^2 - x) \left(4x + 4y \frac{dy}{dx} - 1 \right)$$

Substituting $x=0$ and $y = -1/2$, we can compute the derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at

the point $(0, -\frac{1}{2})$:

$$0 + 2 \frac{-1}{2} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \left(0 + 2 \frac{1}{4} - 0 \right) \left(0 + 4 \frac{-1}{2} \frac{dy}{dx} - 1 \right),$$

which we solve to get $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(0, -\frac{1}{2})} = -1$.

Hence, the equation of tangent line at $(0, -\frac{1}{2})$ is: $y = -x - \frac{1}{2}$

