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What information can you learn from the derivative?



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Students will verbally explain how to
find the derivative

(using the words:
function, exponent, coefficient...)

☺ Derivatives - Power Rule, Product Rule, Quotient Rule, Chain Rule

(half worksheets, worksheet from book, step-by-step problems)

☺ Definition of the Derivative (worksheet)

☺ Equation of a tangent line (on all of above worksheets)

8. AB Calculus - Step-by-Step Name _____

Parts a, b, and c all refer to $f(x)$, given by $f(x) = x^2 - x - 6$ which is defined on $[0, 6]$.

a. Write an equation of the line tangent to f at the point where $x = 4$.

$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 $f'(x) = x^2 - x - 6$
 $f(4) = 4^2 - 4 - 6 = 6 \rightarrow (4, 6)$
 $f'(x) = 2x - 1$
 $f'(4) = 2(4) - 1 = 7 \rightarrow \text{slope}$
 $y - 6 = 7(x - 4)$

b. If $g(x) = [f(x)]^2$, write an equation of any horizontal tangent lines to g . Show how you arrive at your answer.

$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 $g(x) = [f(x)]^2 = [x^2 - x - 6]^2$
 $g'(x) = 2f(x) \cdot f'(x)$
 $g'(x) = 2(x^2 - x - 6)(2x - 1)$
 $0 = 2(x^2 - x - 6)(2x - 1)$
 $0 = 2(x - 3)(x + 2)(2x - 1)$
 $0 \neq 2 \quad 0 = x - 3 \quad 0 = x + 2 \quad 0 = 2x - 1$
 $x = 3 \quad x = -2 \quad x = \frac{1}{2}$

c. If $h(x) = \frac{1}{f(2x)}$, find all values of x where the tangent lines to h are either horizontal or do not exist on the interval $[0, 6]$. Show how you arrive at your answer.

$h(x) = \frac{1}{f(2x)} = \frac{1}{(2x)^2 - (2x) - 6} = \frac{1}{4x^2 - 2x - 6}$
 $h'(x) = \frac{0(4x^2 - 2x - 6) - (8x - 2)(1)}{(4x^2 - 2x - 6)^2} = \frac{-(8x - 2)}{(4x^2 - 2x - 6)^2}$
 $0 = 4x^2 - 2x - 6$
 $0 = 2(2x^2 - x - 3)$
 $0 = 2(2x - 3)(x + 1)$
 $0 \neq 2 \quad 0 = 2x - 3 \quad 0 = x + 1$
 $x = \frac{3}{2} \quad x = -1$

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1	4	-3	5	2
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b. If the function r is given by $r(x) = -2f(x)g(x)$, find the equation of the tangent line to $r(x)$ at $x = 2$.

c. If the function v is given by $v(x) = \frac{f(x)-1}{f(x)}$, find the slope of the line parallel to v at $x = 3$.

(same slope)

d. If the function w is given by $w(x) = xf(x)$ and $w'(4) = 9$, find $f'(4)$.

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$$h'(1) = \frac{f'(1)g(1) - g'(1)f(1)}{g(1)^2} + 1 = \frac{-3(5) - 2(4)}{5^2} + 1 = \frac{-15 - 8}{25} + 1 = \frac{-23}{25} + \frac{25}{25} = \frac{2}{25}$$

b. If the function r is given by $r(x) = -2f(x)g(x)$, find the equation of the tangent line to $r(x)$ at $x = 2$.

$$r(x) = -2f(x)g(x)$$

$$r'(x) = -2f'(x)g(x) + g'(x)(-2f(x))$$

$$r'(2) = -2f'(2)g(2) + g'(2)(-2f(2)) = -2(-1)(4) + 6(-2)(-3) = 8 + 36 = 44$$

$$r(2) = -2f(2)g(2) = -2(-3)(4) = 24$$

$$y - 24 = 44(x - 2)$$

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$$v(x) = \frac{f(x)-1}{f(x)}$$

$$v'(x) = \frac{f'(x) \cdot f(x) - f(x)f'(x) - 1}{f(x)^2}$$

$$v'(3) = \frac{f'(3) \cdot f(3) - f(3)f'(3) - 1}{f(3)^2} = \frac{8(\pi) - 8(\pi - 1) - 1}{\pi^2} = \frac{8\pi - 8\pi + 8 - 1}{\pi^2} = \frac{7}{\pi^2}$$

d. If the function w is given by $w(x) = xf(x)$ and $w'(4) = 9$, find $f'(4)$.

$$w(x) = xf(x)$$

$$w'(x) = 1f(x) + f'(x)x$$

$$w'(4) = 1f(4) + f'(4)4 = 9$$

$$f(4) + 4f'(4) = 9$$

$$-5 + 4f'(4) = 9$$

$$4f'(4) = 14$$

$$f'(4) = \frac{14}{4}$$

$$f'(4) = \frac{7}{2}$$