

2023 AB #6
(no calculator)

(a)

$$6xy = 2 + y^3$$

$$6x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cdot 6 = 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \rightarrow (6x - 3y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = -6y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-6y}{6x - 3y^2} = \frac{-6y}{6x - 3y^2} \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{3}}{-\frac{1}{3}} \right) = \frac{2y}{y^2 - 2x}$$

(b)

The tangent line is horizontal if its slope at the point of tangency, (x, y) , is zero $\rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x,y)} = 0$

and (x, y) exists. Now, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $2y = 0 \rightarrow y = 0$

Finding x when $y = 0$ using $6xy = 2 + y^3 \rightarrow 6x(0) = 0$ and $2 + (0)^3 = 2 \rightarrow \text{But } 0 \neq 2$

So no point (x, y) exists when $y = 0$ and $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x,y)} = 0$ and no horizontal tangent line exists.

(c)

The tangent line is vertical when the slope of the tangent line is undefined at the point of tangency, $(x, y) \rightarrow$

$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x,y)}$ is undefined and (x, y) exists.

$\frac{dy}{dx}$ is undefined when $y^2 - 2x = 0 \rightarrow 2x = y^2 \rightarrow x = \frac{y^2}{2}$

Finding y when $x = \frac{y^2}{2}$ using $6xy = 2 + y^3$:

$$6 \left(\frac{y^2}{2} \right) y = 2 + y^3 \rightarrow 3y^3 = 2 + y^3 \rightarrow y^3 = 1 \rightarrow y = 1$$

and since $x = \frac{y^2}{2} \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$

So since $6 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (1) = 2 + (1)^3$ the tangent line is vertical at $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1 \right)$ because the slope of

the tangent line is undefined there and the point exists.

(d)

At the point $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -2 \right)$, $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{2}{3}$. We must find $\frac{dy}{dt}$ there. Since $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1/2, -2)} = \frac{2(-2)}{(-2)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)} = \frac{-4}{4 - 1} = -\frac{4}{3} \quad \text{So } \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \left[-\frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \right] \text{ or } -\frac{8}{9}$$