

Horizontal Tangents & Review

For each problem, find the points where the tangent line to the function is horizontal. Indicate if no horizontal tangent line exists.

1) $f(x) = \frac{3}{x-1}$

No horizontal tangent line exists.

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

(0, 1)

3) $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 6$

(0, 6), (2, 2)

4) $f(x) = -\frac{2}{x-2}$

No horizontal tangent line exists.

5) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$

No horizontal tangent line exists.

6) $f(x) = -x^3 - 3x^2 - 27x - 3$

No horizontal tangent line exists.

7) $f(x) = \frac{3}{x^2-4}$

$\left(0, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$

8) $f(x) = -\frac{9x}{x^2+9}$

$\left(-3, \frac{3}{2}\right), \left(3, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$

9) $f(x) = -x^3 + 3x^2 + 2$

(0, 2), (2, 6)

10) $f(x) = (3x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

No horizontal tangent line exists.

11) $f(x) = -\frac{x^2}{2x+4}$

(-4, 4), (0, 0)

12) $f(x) = -(x+2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

No horizontal tangent line exists.

For each problem, find the equation of the line tangent to the function at the given point. Your answer should be in slope-intercept form.

$$13) f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 3 \text{ at } (0, 3)$$

$$y = 3$$

$$14) f(x) = \frac{2}{x-2} \text{ at } \left(-2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{8}x - \frac{3}{4}$$

Differentiate each function with respect to x .

$$15) y = \frac{4x^4 - 2}{5x^4 + 5}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(5x^4 + 5) \cdot 16x^3 - (4x^4 - 2) \cdot 20x^3}{(5x^4 + 5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{24x^3}{5x^8 + 10x^4 + 5}$$

$$16) y = \frac{5}{x^3 - 2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{5 \cdot 3x^2}{(x^3 - 2)^2}$$

$$= -\frac{15x^2}{x^6 - 4x^3 + 4}$$

$$17) y = 5x^2(5x^5 + 3)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^2 \cdot 25x^4 + (5x^5 + 3) \cdot 10x$$

$$= 175x^6 + 30x$$

$$18) y = 4x^3(-2x^3 + 4)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 \cdot -6x^2 + (-2x^3 + 4) \cdot 12x^2$$

$$= -48x^5 + 48x^2$$

$$19) y = 2x^4 - 4x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 8x^3 - 8x$$

$$20) y = 5x^5 + 4x^4 - 4x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 25x^4 + 16x^3 - 4$$

Use the definition of the derivative to find the derivative of each function with respect to x .

$$21) y = 5x + 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5$$

$$22) y = 2x^2 + 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x$$

$$23) y = -\frac{2}{2x-5}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4}{4x^2 - 20x + 25}$$

$$24) y = \sqrt{-4x+4}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{-x+1}}$$