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1. $h(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-1}$

2. $f(u) = \frac{1 - u^2}{1 + u^2}$

3. $G(s) = (s^2 + s + 1)(s^2 + 2)$

4. $g(x) = (1 + \sqrt{x})(x - x^3)$

5. $H(x) = (x^3 - x + 1)(x^{-2} + 2x^{-3})$

6. $y = \frac{3t - 7}{t^2 + 5t - 4}$

7. $y = \frac{4t + 5}{2 - 3t}$

8. $y = \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{\sqrt{x}}$

9. $y = \frac{u^2 - u - 2}{u + 1}$

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10. $f(x) = \frac{x^5}{x^3 - 2}$

11. $s = \sqrt{t}(t^3 - \sqrt{t} + 1)$

12–16 ■ Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point.

12. $y = x\sqrt{x}, \quad (1, 1)$

13. $y = \frac{x}{x-3}, \quad (6, 2)$

14. $y = x + \frac{4}{x}, \quad (2, 4)$

15. $y = x^{5/2}, \quad (4, 32)$

16. $y = x + \sqrt{x}, \quad (1, 2)$

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1. $h'(x) = -\frac{3}{(x-1)^2}$ 2. $f'(u) = -\frac{4u}{(1+u^2)^2}$

3. $G'(s) = (2s+1)(s^2+2) + (s^2+s+1)(2s)$
 $[= 4s^3 + 3s^2 + 6s + 2]$

4. $g'(x) = 1 - 3x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2} - \frac{7}{2}x^{5/2}$

5. $H'(x) = 1 + x^{-2} + 2x^{-3} - 6x^{-4}$

6. $y' = \frac{-3t^2 + 14t + 23}{(t^2 + 5t - 4)^2}$ 7. $y' = \frac{23}{(2-3t)^2}$

8. $y' = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{3}{2x\sqrt{x}}$ 9. $y' = 1$

10. $f'(x) = \frac{2x^4(x^3-5)}{(x^3-2)^2}$

11. $s' = \frac{7}{2}t^{5/2} - 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}$ 12. $y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$

13. $x + 3y = 12$ 14. $y = 4$ 15. $y = 20x - 48$

16. $y = \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$

2.4 SOLUTIONS



$$1. h(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= \frac{(x-1)(1) - (x+2)(1)}{(x-1)^2} \\ &= \frac{x-1-x-2}{(x-1)^2} = -\frac{3}{(x-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$2. f(u) = \frac{1-u^2}{1+u^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(u) &= \frac{(1+u^2)(-2u) - (1-u^2)(2u)}{(1+u^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{-2u-2u^3-2u+2u^3}{(1+u^2)^2} = -\frac{4u}{(1+u^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$3. G(s) = (s^2 + s + 1)(s^2 + 2) \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} G'(s) &= (s^2 + s + 1)(2s) + (s^2 + 2)(2s + 1) \\ &= 2s^3 + 2s^2 + 2s + 2s^3 + s^2 + 4s + 2 \\ &= 4s^3 + 3s^2 + 6s + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$4. g(x) = (1 + \sqrt{x})(x - x^3) = x - x^3 + x^{3/2} - x^{7/2} \Rightarrow$$

$$g'(x) = 1 - 3x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2} - \frac{7}{2}x^{5/2}$$

Another Method: Use the Product Rule.

$$\begin{aligned} 5. H(x) &= (x^3 - x + 1)(x^{-2} + 2x^{-3}) \\ &= (x^3 - x + 1)(x^{-2}) + (x^3 - x + 1)(2x^{-3}) \\ &= x - x^{-1} + x^{-2} + 2 - 2x^{-2} + 2x^{-3} \\ &= 2 + x - x^{-1} - x^{-2} + 2x^{-3} \\ \Rightarrow H'(x) &= 1 + x^{-2} + 2x^{-3} - 6x^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

Another Method: Use the Product Rule.

$$6. y = \frac{3t-7}{t^2+5t-4} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{(t^2+5t-4)(3) - (3t-7)(2t+5)}{(t^2+5t-4)^2} \\ &= \frac{-3t^2+14t+23}{(t^2+5t-4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$7. y = \frac{4t+5}{2-3t} \Rightarrow$$

$$y' = \frac{(2-3t)(4) - (4t+5)(-3)}{(2-3t)^2} = \frac{23}{(2-3t)^2}$$

$$8. y = \frac{x^2+4x+3}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{3/2} + 4x^{1/2} + 3x^{-1/2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2} + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{-1/2} + 3\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{-3/2} \\ &= \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{3}{2x\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned}$$

Another Method: Use the Quotient Rule.

$$9. y = \frac{u^2-u-2}{u+1} = \frac{(u-2)(u+1)}{u+1} = u-2 \text{ for } u \neq -1.$$

$$y' = \frac{d}{du}(u-2) = 1$$

$$10. f(x) = \frac{x^5}{x^3-2} \Rightarrow$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x^3-2)(5x^4) - x^5(3x^2)}{(x^3-2)^2} = \frac{2x^4(x^3-5)}{(x^3-2)^2}$$

$$11. s = \sqrt{t}(t^3 - \sqrt{t} + 1) = t^{7/2} - t + t^{1/2} \Rightarrow$$

$$s' = \frac{7}{2}t^{5/2} - 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}.$$

Another Method: Use the Product Rule.

$$12. y = x\sqrt{x} = x^{3/2} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2}. \text{ At } (1, 1), y' = \frac{3}{2}, \text{ and an equation of the tangent line is } y - 1 = \frac{3}{2}(x - 1), \text{ or } y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$13. y = f(x) = \frac{x}{x-3} \Rightarrow$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x-3)1 - x(1)}{(x-3)^2} = \frac{-3}{(x-3)^2}. \text{ So the slope of the tangent line at } (6, 2) \text{ is } f'(6) = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ and its equation is } y - 2 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 6) \text{ or } x + 3y = 12.$$

$$14. y = f(x) = x + \frac{4}{x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = 1 - \frac{4}{x^2}. \text{ So the slope of the tangent line at } (2, 4) \text{ is } f'(2) = 0 \text{ and its equation is } y - 4 = 0 \text{ or } y = 4.$$

$$15. y = f(x) = x^{5/2} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{5}{2}x^{3/2}. \text{ So the slope of the tangent line at } (4, 32) \text{ is } f'(4) = 20 \text{ and its equation is } y - 32 = 20(x - 4) \text{ or } y = 20x - 48.$$

$$16. y = f(x) = x + \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}. \text{ So the slope of the tangent line at } (1, 2) \text{ is } f'(1) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(1) = \frac{3}{2} \text{ and its equation is } y - 2 = \frac{3}{2}(x - 1) \text{ or } y = \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 3x - 2y + 1 = 0.$$