

Math 124: Calculus I - Dr. Andy Loveless

1st Homework (8-10 hrs of work)

Closing Mon, Jan 9: 10.1

Closing Wed, Jan 11: 2.1

Closing Fri, Jan 13: 2.2

Entry Task (Some precalculus)

1. Without a calculator, give the values of $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$, $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$, $\sec\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$, $\tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$
2. Consider the circle with radius 4 centered at $(2,0)$.
 - (a) Find the point on the circle where $x = 1$ and y is positive.
 - (b) Find the equation of line through the point you just found and the center.
 - (c) Find the equation of the tangent line to the circle at the point you found.

Homework Help (Just like problem 2 of the first homework):

Find the equations for all lines that are tangent to the unit circle and also pass through the point $(-3, 4)$.

10.1 Parametric Equation Basics for Applications

Parametric Equations are any set of equation of the form $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$.

Linear Motion: $x = x_0 + v_x t$
 $y = y_0 + v_y t$

Example:

The location of a bug on the xy -plane after t seconds is given by

$$x = 1 + 2t \quad , \quad y = 3t$$

You do:

Plug in $t = -1$, $t = 0$, $t = 1$, and $t = 2$.

Plot these points in the xy -plane

Circular Motion:

$$x = x_c + r \cos(\theta_0 + \omega t)$$

$$y = y_c + r \sin(\theta_0 + \omega t)$$

Example:

The location of an ant on the xy -plane after t seconds is given by

$$x = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{2}t\right)$$

$$y = 3 + 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{2}t\right)$$

You do: Without a calculator, plug in $t = 0$, $t = 1$, $t = 2$, $t = 3$, and $t = 4$. Plot these points in the xy -plane

What we will do in this course:

We learn the basic tools of differential calculus which provide the essential language for engineering, science and economics. Specifically,

1. 10.1 – Para. Equations/Review
2. Ch. 2 – Limits and tangents
($\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} ??$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} ??$, $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$)
3. 3.1-3.6, 10.2 – All Derivative Rules
(product, quotient, chain rules, logarithmic diff., implicit diff.,
 $f'(x) = ??$, $\frac{dy}{dx}$)
4. 3.9, 3.10, Ch. 4 – Applications
(rates, max/min, curve sketching)

How to get help: First, work ahead on homework; pretend the closing date is actually two days early.

1. Ask questions in quiz section.
2. Math Study Center – Comm. B-014
Mon – Thurs: 9:30am-9:30pm
Fri : 9:30am-1:30pm
Sun: 2:00pm-6:00pm
3. CLUE – Mary Gates Commons
Sun – Thurs: 7pm-midnight
4. Work in study groups.
5. Visit your TA's office hours.
6. Visit my office hours.
7. If you have tried all these other things, then email me.