

Homework 7.3

AP® CALCULUS AB

2001 Question 6

The function f is differentiable for all real numbers. The point $(3, \frac{1}{4})$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$, and the slope at each point (x, y) on the graph is given by $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(6 - 2x)$.

- (a) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and evaluate it at the point $(3, \frac{1}{4})$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= y^2(6 - 2x) \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}(6 - 2x) + y^2(-2) \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 2y \cdot [y^2(6 - 2x)](6 - 2x) - 2y^2 \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 2y^3(6 - 2x)^2 - 2y^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{(3, \frac{1}{4})} &= 2(\frac{1}{4})^3(6 - 2(3))^2 - 2(\frac{1}{4})^2 \\ &= 2(\frac{1}{16})(6 - 6)^2 - 2(\frac{1}{16}) \\ &= 0 - \frac{1}{8} \\ \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{(3, \frac{1}{4})} &= -\frac{1}{8} \quad \text{+1}\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find $y = f(x)$ by solving the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(6 - 2x)$ with the initial condition $f(3) = \frac{1}{4}$. $\int y^{-2} dy = \int (6 - 2x) dx$

$$\begin{aligned}-y^{-1} &= 6x - x^2 + C \\ -\frac{1}{y} &= -x^2 + 6x + C \\ \text{at } (3, \frac{1}{4}) \quad &\frac{-1}{\frac{1}{4}} = -(3)^2 + 6(3) + C \\ -4 &= -9 + 18 + C \\ -4 &= 9 + C \\ -13 &= C\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{1}{y} &= -x^2 + 6x - 13 \\ -1 &= (-x^2 + 6x - 13)y \\ \frac{-1}{-x^2 + 6x - 13} &= y \\ f(x) &= \frac{1}{x^2 - 6x + 13}\end{aligned}$$