

Final Review :

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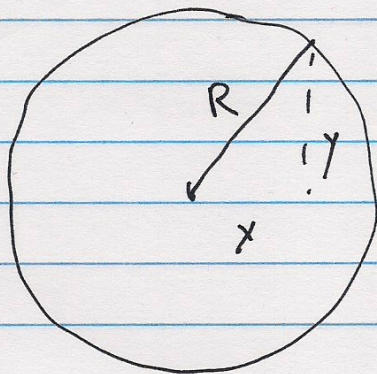
5. "A problem involving implicit differentiation"

First : recall circle

$$\text{eqn: } x^2 + y^2 = R^2$$

↳ radius

constant



Differentiate eqn, viewing y as a function of x . Get:

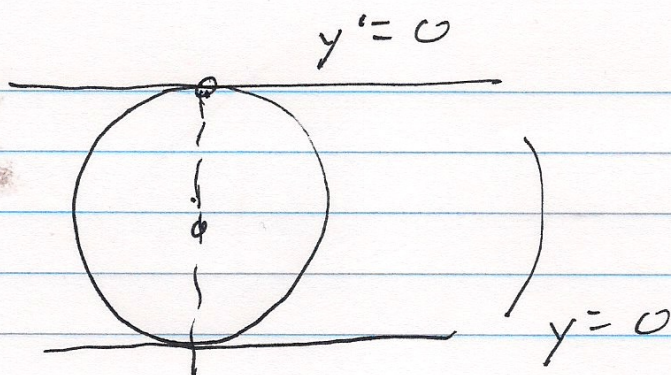
$$2x + 2yy' = 0 \quad \text{since } \frac{dR}{dx} = 0$$

$$\text{so } yy' = -x$$

$$y' = \frac{-x}{y}$$

Reality checks: $x = 0 \Rightarrow (x, y) = (0, \pm R)$
top of circle:
slope 0. ✓

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at top & bottom of
circle.

2nd reality check, Solve:

$$y^2 = R^2 - x^2$$

$$y = +\sqrt{R^2 - x^2} = y(x)$$

or

$$-\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}$$

Compute $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for either one.

$$\text{Find: } \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y(x)}.$$

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Divide:

$$\frac{2x-y}{x-8y} = y'$$

B). Use (A) to find the points on the ellipse at which the tangent line is parallel to the line $y=x$.

Sol'n: $y' =$ slope of tangent.

~~a line~~: $y=x$ has slope 1
 so a line is tangent to $y=x$
 iff it has slope 1
 (form $y=x+b$).

So set $y'=1$. above:

$$\frac{2x-y}{x-8y} = 1$$

$$\text{or } 2x-y = x-8y$$

$$\text{or } x = -7y; \quad y = -\frac{1}{7}x.$$

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The point (x, y) must also lie on the ellipse:

$$x^2 - xy + 4y^2 = 4.$$

lets plug in: $x = -7y$

$$\Rightarrow 49y^2 + 7y \cdot y + 4y^2 = 4$$

$$60y^2 = 4$$

$$y^2 = \frac{4}{60} = \frac{1}{15}.$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{15}}.$$

From earlier $x = -7y$

Solutions: $(-7\sqrt{\frac{1}{15}}, \sqrt{\frac{1}{15}}), (+7\sqrt{\frac{1}{15}}, -\sqrt{\frac{1}{15}})$

Picture

