

TANGENT & NORMAL LINE V1.10

This program finds the tangent line to a curve in a common point on the curve (**PNTONCURVE**) or calculates the tangent's equation of a line through a point P1 ($x_p|y_p$) outside the curve (**PNTOUTCURVE**). For both cases the calculation of the normal line in the tangent point is included.

Load **tangline.8xp** to the calculator and press **prgm**. Then select **EXEC TANGLINE** and press **enter** twice. Follow the instructions for the examples.

EXAMPLE 1:

Given $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x$. Find the tangent to the curve in $x=2$.

Start **TANGLINE** . The program now prompts to enter a point on the curve **PNTONCURVE** or outside the curve **PNTOUTCURVE** . Select **1** (default) and enter the equation of F(X):

$X^3 - 3X^2 + 2X$.

For the point on the curve enter XT: **2** .

The results are given in the graph-screen as curve of the function $f(x)$, normal and tangent line, $n(x)$ and $t(x)$, tangent point **XT=2, YT=0** and the equations **$N(X)=-0.5*X+1$, $T(X) = 2*X - 4$** .

EXAMPLE 2:

Given the same curve as above. Find the tangent line to $f(x)$ going through point P₁ (2|-0.5) outside $f(x)$. Start **TANGLINE**. The program now prompts again to enter a point on the curve

PNTONCURVE or outside the curve **PNTOUTCURVE** . Select **2** and enter the equation of F(X):

$X^3 - 3X^2 + 2X$, followed by: XP: **2** , YP: **-.5** .

Now you have to make a guess for the tangent point and an input for the lower and upper bounds to search:

GUESS: **1**

LOWER: **1**

UPPER: **2**

After some seconds of calculation the graph-screen displays the curve, the tangent and normal line and the numerical results:

$N(X)=4*X-6.375$, $T(X)=-0.25*X+7E-13= -0.25*X$, **XT=1.5, YT=-0.375** . The program

pauses here, press **enter** to see the prompt:

CONTINUE WITH

1:NEW GUESS

2:NEW XP,YP

3:EXIT. Press **enter** (**1** is default) to input a new guess for another tangent line (**same** point P₁ !).

Enter:

GUESS: **2**

LOWER: **2**

UPPER: **5**

Result presented on the graph-screen: **$N(X)=-0.2175*X+1.69758$, $T(X)=4.5981*X-9.69615$, $XT=2.366$, $YT=1.183$** .

Press **enter**. Program again returns to the **CONTINUE WITH** -prompt. Press the **enter**-key, then input:

GUESS: **.5**, LOWER: **.4**, UPPER: **.8** and you will get the third tangent through (2|-.5)!

For a new point ($x_p|y_p$) press key 2 in the CONTINUE WITH -prompt, to finish program execution press 3 !

NOTE: It is important to make a "good" choice for the guess and/or the bounds, otherwise the program displays an error message ! .

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