

Let f be a real valued differentiable function on \mathbb{R} (the set of all real numbers) such that $f(1)=1$. If the y -intercept of the tangent at any point $P(x,y)$ on the curve $y=f(x)$ is equal to cube of abscissa of P , then the value of $f(-3)$ is equal to .

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Solution:

The tangent at point $P(x,y)$

$$\Rightarrow Y-y = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)(X-x)$$

$$\text{the } y\text{-intercept} \Rightarrow Y = y - x \frac{dy}{dx}$$

\therefore It is given that $y\text{-intercept} = x^3$

$$\Rightarrow y - x \frac{dy}{dx} = x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = -x^2 \rightarrow \text{linear DE}$$

$$\text{IF} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-\ln x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

\therefore the solution \Rightarrow

$$y \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \int -x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = -\frac{x^3}{2} + C$$

$\therefore f(1)=1$ (given)

$$\Rightarrow 1 = -\frac{1}{2} + C \Rightarrow C = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = -\frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore y = -\frac{x^3 + 3x}{2}}$$

$$\therefore f(-3) = \frac{27 - 9}{2} = 9$$

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