

3. Consider the parametric curve  $C: \begin{cases} x = t^3 - 3t \\ y = t^3 - 12t \end{cases}$

(2+4 pts.) a) Find  $y'(x)$  and  $y''(x)$ .

$$y'(x) = \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)} = \frac{3(t^2 - 4)}{3(t^2 - 1)}$$

$$y''(x) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)} \right) = \frac{(t^2 - 1)^2 - 2t(t^2 - 4)}{3(t^2 - 1)^3} = \frac{2t}{(t^2 - 1)^3}$$

(4 pts.) b) Find the points on  $C$  where the tangent line is vertical.

$$t = \mp 1 \quad \text{[REDACTED]}$$

(4 pts.) c) Find the points on  $C$  where the tangent line is horizontal.

$$t = \mp 2 \quad \text{[REDACTED]}$$

(6 pts.) d) Find the points on the curve  $C$  where the tangent line is parallel to the secant line joining the points  $P_1(-2, -11)$  where  $t=1$ , and  $P_2(2, -16)$  where  $t=2$ .

$$C: \begin{cases} x = f(t) \\ y = g(t) \end{cases}$$

Find  $t \in [-2, 2]$  s.t.

$$\underbrace{\frac{g(2) - g(1)}{f(2) - f(1)}}_{-\frac{5}{4}} = \frac{c^2 - 4}{c^2 - 1} \text{. Then}$$

$$c_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}}$$