

Given $f(x)=7-x^2$, find the equation of the tangent line at $(2,3)$.

1) Find $f'(x)$ by using the power rule: $f'(x)=\frac{d}{dx}(7-x^2)=-2x$

2) Evaluate $f'(x)$ at 2 to get the slope there: $f'(2)=-2(2)=-4$

3) Write the equation of the tangent line as shown below.

$y-3=-4(x-2)$	Setup the equation
$y-3=-4x+8$	Distribute the -4
$y=-4x+8+3$	Add 3 to both sides
$y=-4x+11$	

4) Below is a picture of the curve, and the tangent at the point $(2,3)$.

