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Find all the x -coordinates in the increasing order of the points on the curve $x^2y^2 + xy = 2$ where the slope of the tangent is -1 .

Solution

$$x^2y^2 + xy = 2$$

$$2x \cdot y^2 + \underline{x^2 \cdot 2y \frac{dy}{dx}} + y + \underline{x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (2x^2y + x) = -y - 2xy^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-(y + 2xy^2)}{2x^2y + x} = \frac{-y(1 + 2xy)}{x(2xy + 1)} = -\frac{y}{x}$$

So $\frac{dy}{dx} = -1$, so $-\frac{y}{x} = -1 \Leftrightarrow y = x$

Now substitute that into original equation.

$$x^2 \cdot x^2 + x \cdot x = 2$$

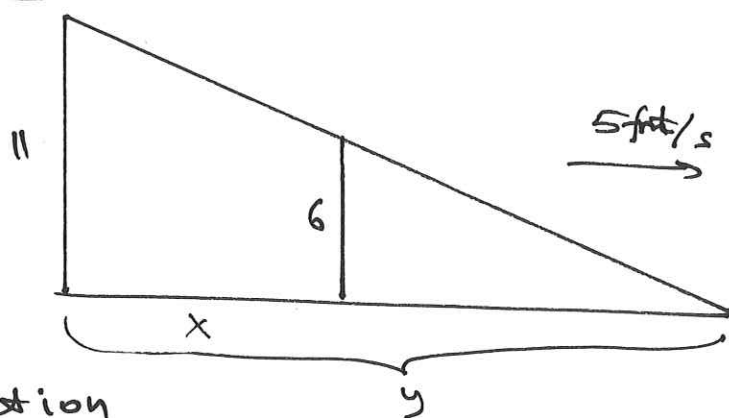
$$x^4 + x^2 - 2 = 0$$

Let $z = x^2$, then $z^2 + z - 2 = 0$
 $(z - 1)(z + 2) = 0$

Thus, $z = 1$ or $z = -2$ (since $z = x^2 \geq 0$)

Hence, $z = x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = -1}$ and $\boxed{x = 1}$

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Solution

We are going to use similar triangles.

$$\frac{11}{y} = \frac{6}{y-x} \quad \text{or} \quad 11y - 11x = 6y$$

$$5y = 11x$$

$$y = \frac{11}{5}x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{11}{5} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} (40) = \frac{11}{5} \cdot 5 = \boxed{11} \text{ ft/s.}$$