

3.1 Derivative at a Point

- GOALS:**
1. Understand the definition of the slope of the tangent line to a curve (limits).
 2. Learn the definition of the derivative at a point (limits).
 3. Interpret the derivative at a point as the slope of the tangent line.

Study 3.1 #11-19, 21-29, 39-43, 47,53

Study definitions: Derivative at a Point (3.3, 3.4)

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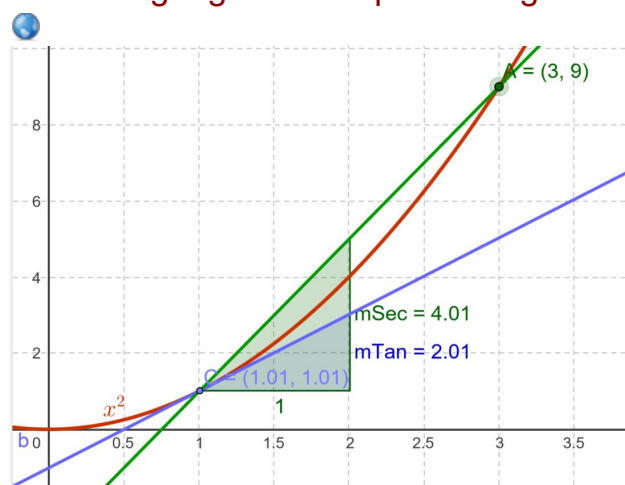
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Consider the slope of the secant line
as an approximation to the slope of the tangent line.

on-line geogebra: Slope of Tangent Line

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Slope of the secant line:

$$m_s = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

For $y = f(x)$,
consider point
 $(c, f(c))$

$$m_s = \frac{f(c+\Delta x) - f(c)}{c+\Delta x - c} =$$

$$m_s = \frac{f(c+\Delta x) - f(c)}{\Delta x}$$

In newer books, the
 Δx is replaced by h

Slope of the tangent line at a point $(c, f(c))$:

$$m_T = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+\Delta x) - f(c)}{\Delta x} \text{ at a point } (c, f(c))$$

generalize to

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

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Slope of the secant line:

Slope of the tangent line at a point $(c, f(c))$:

$$m_T = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \text{ at a point } (c, f(c))$$

Slope of the tangent line at a point $(a, f(a))$:

$$m_T = f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$



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Slope of the secant line:

Slope of the tangent line at a point $(c, f(c))$:Definition

Let $f(x)$ be a function defined in an open interval containing a . The *tangent line* to $f(x)$ at a is the line passing through the point $(a, f(a))$ having slope

$$m_{\tan} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \quad (3.3)$$

provided this limit exists.

Equivalently, we may define the tangent line to $f(x)$ at a to be the line passing through the point $(a, f(a))$ having slope

$$m_{\tan} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} \quad (3.4)$$

provided this limit exists.

generalize to $\rightarrow \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$

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Derivative of $f(x)$, the function:

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$f'(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx}$ both are notation

Derivative of $f(x)$ at a point $(a, f(a))$

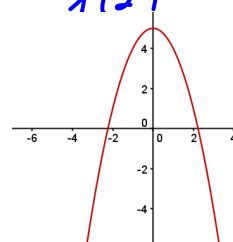
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$f'(a)$

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$$f(x) = 5 - x^2 \quad F: m_T \text{ at } (2, 1) \quad 1/2)$$

$$f(\quad) = 5 - (\quad)^2$$



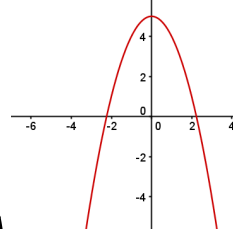
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$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{\text{Tan}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{5 - x^2 - 1}{x - 2} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-x^2 + 4}{x - 2} \rightarrow \frac{-4 + 4}{2 - 2} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \text{limit exists.} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-(x^2 - 4)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-(x+2)(x-2)}{(x-2)} \\
 m_{\text{Tan}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} -(x+2) = -4 \quad \text{slope at } (2, 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

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14. $f(x) = 1 - x - x^2$, $a = 0$

F: a) m_T at $x = 0$
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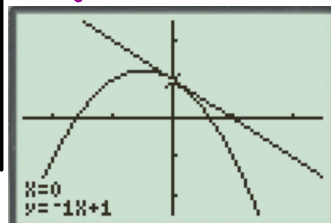
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$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$$

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - x - x^2 - (1)}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x - x^2}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(-1 - x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -1 - x = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} y - y_1 &= m_T(x - x_1) \\ y - 1 &= -1(x - 0) \\ y - 1 &= -x \\ y &= -x + 1 \end{aligned}$$



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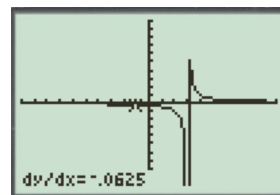
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$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

$$f'(-1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{f(x) - f(-1)}{x - (-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{1}{-1-3}}{x+1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\frac{1}{x-3} + \frac{1}{4}}{x+1} \cdot \frac{4(x-3)}{4(x-3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{4+x-3}{4(x+1)(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x+1}{4(x+1)(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{4(x-3)} = -\frac{1}{16}$$



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3.1 Derivative at a Point

A position function represents the position of a particle traveling along a horizontal line.

G: $s(t) = 2t^3 - 3t^2 - 12t + 8$

F: the initial velocity

Velocity is the instantaneous rate of change of distance with respect to time.

$$v(c) = s'(c) = \lim_{t \rightarrow c} \frac{s(t) - s(c)}{t - c}$$

So, looking for the slope of the tangent line to $s(t)$ when $t = 0$.

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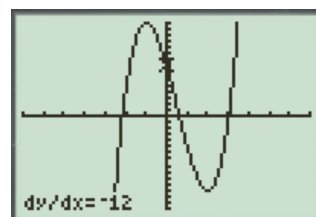
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Initial velocity is the velocity at $t=0$.

$$v(0) = s'(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(t) - s(0)}{t - 0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2t^3 - 3t^2 - 12t + 8) - (8)}{t}$$

$$s'(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2t^3 - 3t^2 - 12t}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t(2t^2 - 3t - 12)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} 2t^2 - 3t - 12 = -12$$



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HW PROBLEM:

157. A potato is launched vertically upward with an initial velocity of 100 ft/s from a potato gun at the top of an 85-foot-tall building. The distance in feet that the potato travels from the ground after t seconds is given by

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$$v(1) = s'(1) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{s(t) - s(1)}{t - 1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{(-16t^2 + 100t + 85) - (-16 + 100 + 85)}{t - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{-16t^2 + 100t + 85 - 84 - 85}{t - 1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{-16t^2 + 100t - 84}{t - 1} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{-4(4t^2 - 25t + 21)}{t - 1} = -4 \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{(t-1)(4t-21)}{t - 1} = -4 \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} 4t - 21 = -4(-17) = 68$$

at $t = 1$ sec, $v(1) = 68$ ft/sec

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3.1 Derivative at a Point

If a function is differentiable, is it continuous?
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f is differentiable at pt. ? f continuous at pt.

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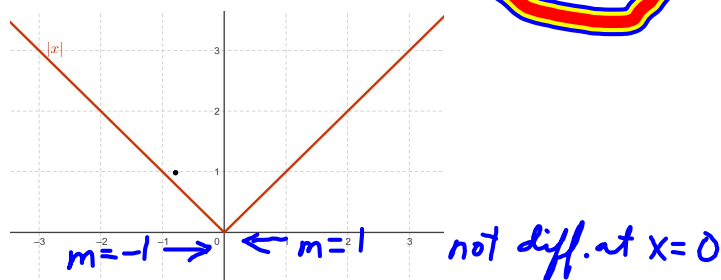
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3.1 Derivative at a Point

f is differentiable at pt. ↔ f continuous at pt.

Continuous

$$y = |x|$$



$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \quad \text{DNE}$$

$$\text{bec. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \dots \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+}$$

NO SHARP TURNS

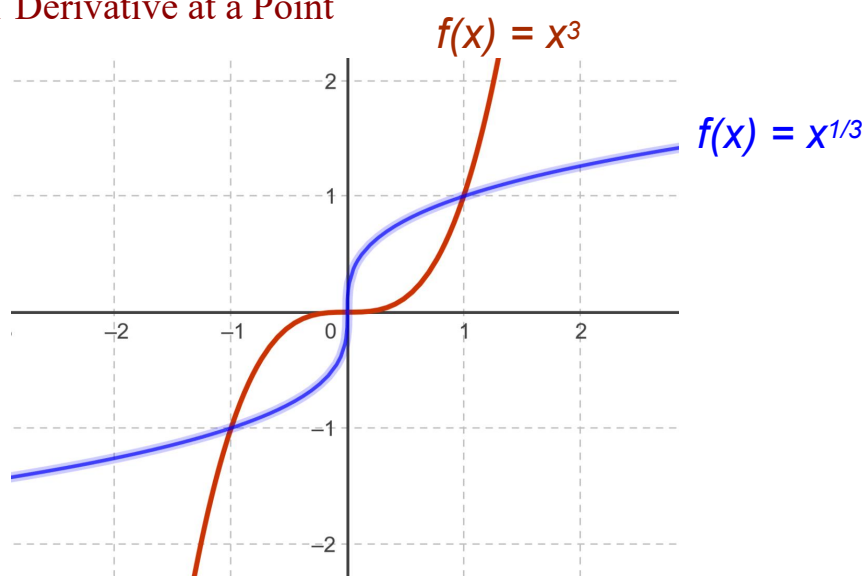
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$f(x) = x^3$ diff and cont

$f(x) = x^{1/3}$ not diff at $x=0$, yet cont

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G: $f(x) = x^2 + 3$
 $f'(x) = 2x$

F: eq tang.
 at $(1, 4)$
 $y - y_1 = m_T(x - x_1)$
 $y - 4 = m_T(x - 1)$



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p. 104 #25 G: $f(x) = x^2 + 3$
 $f(1) = 1^2 + 3$

$$m_T = f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(x + \Delta x) + 3] - [x^2 + 3]}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2 + 3 - x^2 - 3}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x(2x + \Delta x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (2x + \Delta x) = 2x$$

at $(1, 4)$ $m_T = f'(1) = 2(1) = 2 \neq m_T$

F: eq. tang.
at $(1, 4)$

$$y - y_1 = m_T(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 4 = m_T(x - 1)$$

$$y - 4 = 2(x - 1)$$

$$y - 4 = 2x - 2$$

$$y = 2x + 2$$

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3.1 Derivative at a Point

12. $f(x) = \frac{x}{5} + 6$, $a = -1$

F: a) m_T at $x = -1$
 b) eq. tan line

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3.1 Derivative at a Point $-\frac{1}{5} + 6 =$

F: a) m_T at $x = -1$
 b) eq. tan line

$$12. f(x) = \frac{x}{5} + 6, a = -1$$

Can use definition formulas, but do not need to because this is a straight line, and already know the slope and already given the equation.

$$f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$$

$$f'(-1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{f(x) - f(-1)}{x - (-1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\frac{x}{5} + 6 - (-\frac{1}{5} + 6)}{x + 1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\frac{x}{5} + 6 + \frac{1}{5} - 6}{x + 1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\frac{x}{5} + \frac{1}{5}}{x + 1} \cdot \frac{5}{5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x + 1}{5(x + 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$y - y_1 = m_T (x - x_1)$$

$$y - \frac{29}{5} = \frac{1}{5} (x - (-1))$$

$$y - \frac{29}{5} = \frac{1}{5} x + \frac{1}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{5} x + \frac{30}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{5} x + 6$$

m_T at $x = -1$

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