

## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

**GOALS:**


1. Understand the definition of the derivative of a function (limits).
2. Apply the definition to find derivatives of specific functions.
3. Understand when a derivative does not exist.
4. Understand the relationship between continuity and the existence of a derivative at a point.

Study 3.2 #55-67, 75, 79, 85, 96

Study definitions: Derivative of a Function (3.9)

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## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

**FROM 3.1: DERIVATIVE AT A POINT**

This can be interpreted as the slope of the line tangent to the curve at a specific point  $(c, f(c))$

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

Now, want to generalize to find the

**DERIVATIVE OF A FUNCTION**

Need to consider the general point  $(x, f(x))$

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## Derivative of a Function

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

\* provided the limit exists

$f'(x)$

$\frac{dy}{dx}$

notation

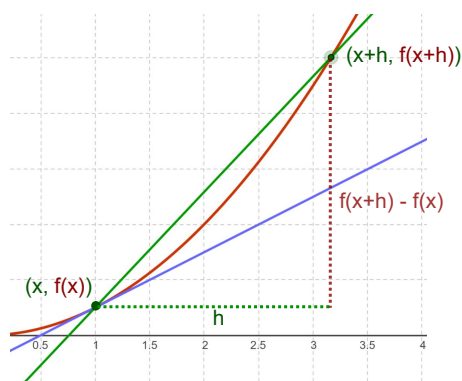
**It can be interpreted as the slope of the tangent line to the curve at any point on the curve.**

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### Definition

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$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}. \quad (3.9)$$



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## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5(x+h) - (x+h)^2 - (5x - x^2)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x + 5h - (x^2 + 2hx + h^2) - 5x + x^2}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5h - x^2 - 2hx - h^2 + x^2}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(5 - 2x - h)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 5 - 2x - h = 5 - 2x \\
 f'(x) &= 5 - 2x
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Note:** Derivative is a **function**

Compare to the derivative at a point,  
which is a particular numerical value.

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## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

60.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-6}$

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F:  $f'(x)$

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## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

$$60. \quad f(x) = \sqrt{x-6} \quad x \geq 6 \quad F: f'(x)$$

How is this different from **the derivative at a point** ?  
(section 3.1)

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h-6} + \sqrt{x-6}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-6}}$$

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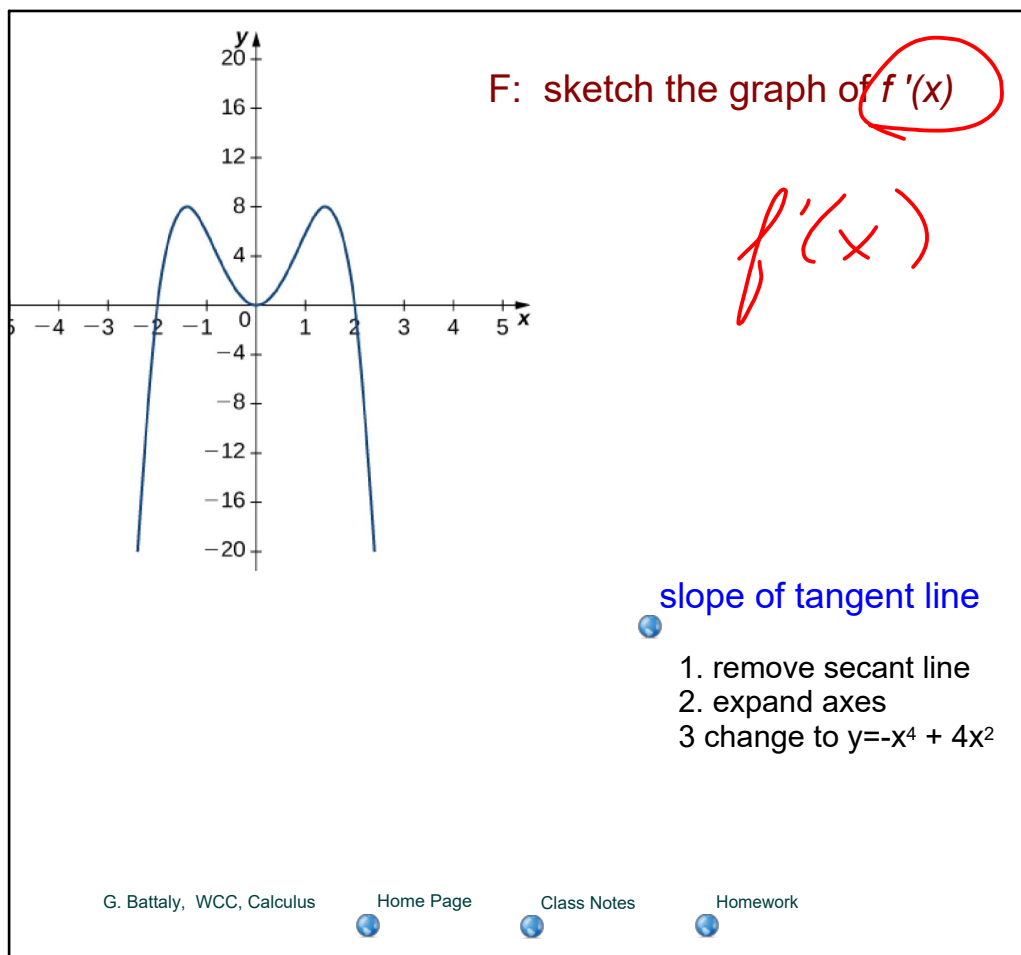
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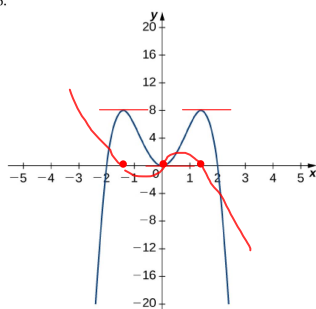
**Applies to all x in the domain.**

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## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

66.

F: sketch the graph of  $f'(x)$ 

Think about the slope of the tangent line.

Start with max & mins.  $\rightarrow$  slope=0  
so  $f'(x)=0$  at those values of  $x$ .

Next, where is the slope positive?

Where is the slope negative?

Can we expect  $f'(x)$  to be continuous?

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## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

$$76. f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 + 2, & x \leq 1 \\ x, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

- F: a) sketch the graph  
b) Show that not differentiable at  $x=1$

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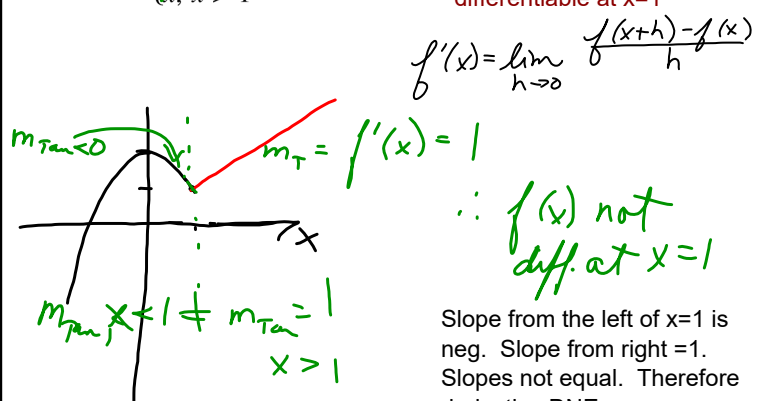
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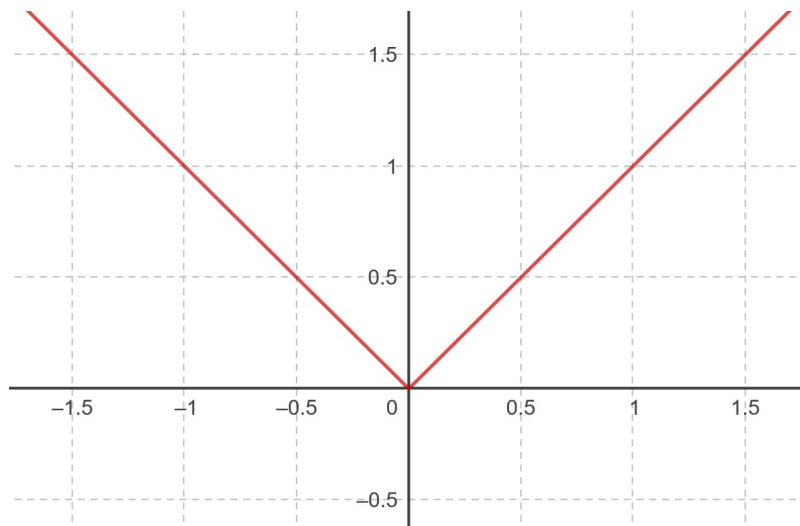
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$$y = |x|$$
$$y = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



### 3.2 Derivative of a Function

If a function is differentiable, is it continuous?

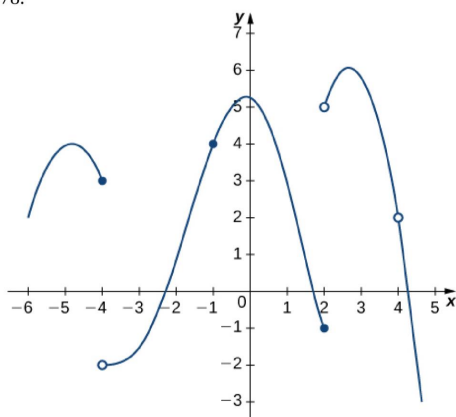
If a function is continuous, is it differentiable?



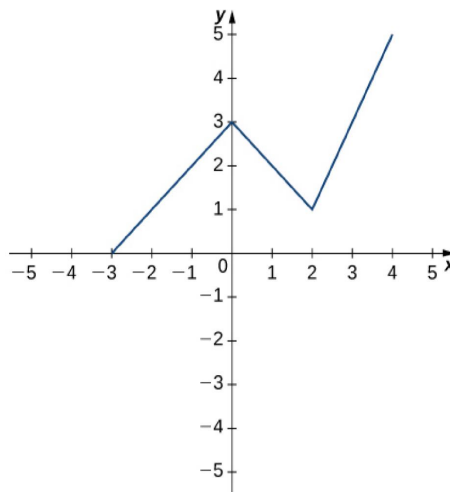
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If a function is differentiable, is it continuous?  
If a function is continuous, is it differentiable?

78.



80. Use the graph to evaluate a.  $f'(-0.5)$ , b.  $f'(0)$ , c.  $f'(1)$ , d.  $f'(2)$ , and e.  $f'(3)$ , if it exists.



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**f is differentiable  
at a point**



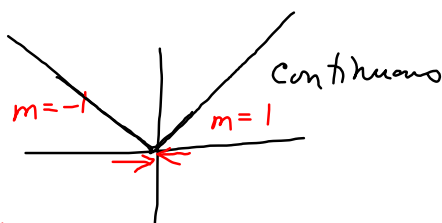
**f is continuous  
at a point**

**f is differentiable  
at a point**



**f is not continuous  
at a point**

$$y = |x|$$



not diff. at  $x = 0$

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

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

No sharp turns!

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## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

$$G: f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1 \quad F: \text{eq of tan at } (-3, 4)$$


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

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+h) &= (x+h)^2 + 2(x+h) + 1 \\ &= x^2 + 2hx + h^2 + 2x + 2h + 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2hx + h^2 + 2x + 2h + 1 - (x^2 + 2x + 1)}{h} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2hx + h^2 + 2h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x + h + 2)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x + h + 2 = 2x + 2$$

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

$$m_T \text{ at } (-3, 4)$$

$$= 2(-3) + 2$$

$$= -6 + 2 = -4$$

$$y - 4 = -4(x - (-3))$$

$$y - 4 = -4(x + 3) = -4x - 12$$

$$y = -4x - 8$$

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## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

G:  $f(x) = x^2 + 3$  F: eq tang. at  $(1, 4)$

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## 3.2 Derivative of a Function

G:  $f(x) = x^2 + 3$  F: eq tang. at  $(1, 4)$   
 $f(1) = (1)^2 + 3$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$y = 2x + 2$$

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