

Due Wed. 3/22:

2.1 #1-41 odd;

Due Mon. 3/27:

2.1 #65-89 odd

2.2 #3-67 odd;

Due sometime later next week:

2.2
87-95 odd; 97-100 all; 105,106,111,113,115

2.1 The Derivative & The Tangent Line Problem

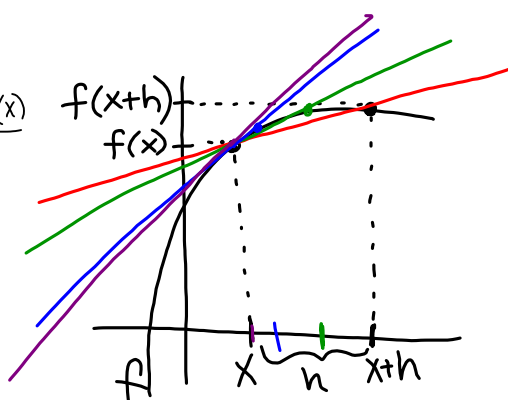
secant line
crosses through
a function at
two points

slope of the
secant line:

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{x+h - x} = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

what happens
as $h \rightarrow 0$?

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



As $h \rightarrow 0$, the secant line approximates the tangent line, and the limit is the slope of the tangent line and we call it the derivative of f at x .

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

$f'(x)$ "f prime of x"

$\frac{dy}{dx}$ "derivative of y with respect to x"

y' "y prime"

$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)]$ "the derivative with respect to x of f(x)"

$D_x[y]$ "the partial derivative with respect to x of y"

The Derivative

The slope of the tangent line to the graph of f

at the point $(c, f(c))$ is given by:

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

The derivative of f at x is given by

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2.1 Differentiability & Continuity

Alternative definition of the derivative at the point $(c, f(c))$:

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

All differentiable functions are continuous, but not all continuous functions are differentiable.

e.g. $f(x) = |x|$

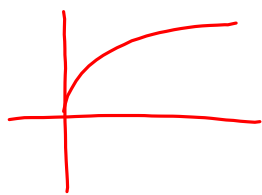
$f(x) = |x|$
 $c = 0$
 $f'(x) = \frac{|x|}{x} = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{x} = 1, & x > 0 \\ -\frac{x}{x} = -1, & x < 0 \end{cases}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = -1$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 1$

Since the left- & right-hand limits are different, the limit in general, and hence the derivative defined by that limit, do not exist.

$$f(x) = |x + 3|$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{0}}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^{1/2}}{x^1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x^{1/2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = \infty$$

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = \frac{a^{m-n}}{1} = \frac{1}{a^{n-m}}$$

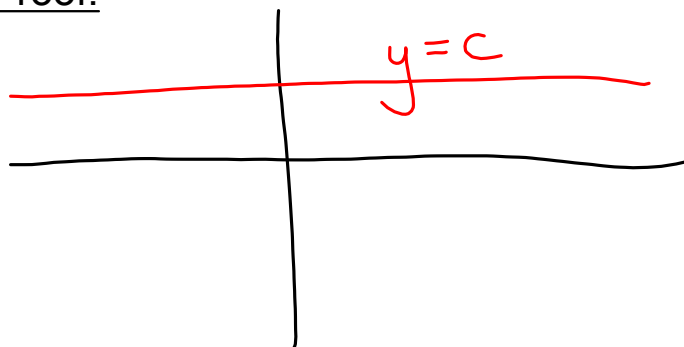
slope of tangent line to \sqrt{x} @ $(0,0)$ is ∞
 \Rightarrow vertical tangent line
 (undefined slope)

2.2 Basic Differentiation Rules

1. The derivative of a constant function is zero, i.e.,

$$\text{for } c \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0$$

Proof:



graph of constant function is horizontal line, which has slope = 0

2. Power Rule for $n \in \mathbb{Q}$, $\frac{d}{dx}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$

Special case: $\frac{d}{dx}[x] = 1$

Proof:

$$[x^1]' = 1 \cdot x^0 = 1$$

Recall the binomial expansion:

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + na^{n-1}b + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}a^{n-2}b^2 + \dots + \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}a^{n-k}b^k + \dots + b^n$$

$$[x^n]' = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^n - x^n}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^n + nx^{n-1}h + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \dots + h^n - x^n}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{nx^{n-1}h + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \dots + h^n}{h}$$

$$= nx^{n-1}$$

Examples:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^7] = 7x^6$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\pi^3] = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[2e] = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sqrt{x}] = \frac{d}{dx}(x^{1/2}) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2x^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{1}{x^3}\right] = \frac{d}{dx}[x^{-3}] = -3x^{-4} = \frac{-3}{x^4}$$

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3. Constant Multiple Rule $\in \mathbb{R}$, $\frac{d}{dx}[cf(x)] = cf'(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} [5x^2]' &= 5 \cdot [x^2]' \\ [3 \sin x]' &= 3 [\sin x]' \end{aligned}$$

4. Sum & Difference Rules $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \pm g(x)] = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$

Examples:

$$f(x) = 3x^2$$

$$f'(x) = 3 \cdot (x^2)' = 3 \cdot 2x = \boxed{6x}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{x} = 3x^{-1}$$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{-3x^{-2}}$$

$$g(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 + 3x$$

$$g'(x) = \boxed{6x^2 - 2x + 3}$$

$$y = 4x^{3/2} - 5x^4 + 2x^{1/3} - 7$$

$$y' = 4 \left(\frac{3}{2} x^{3/2 - 2/2} \right) - 5 (4x^3) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{3} x^{1/3 - 2/3} \right) - 0$$

$$= \boxed{6x^{1/2} - 20x^3 + \frac{2}{3}x^{-2/3}}$$