

CHAPTER 4. THE DERIVATIVE

Section 4.1 Tangent Lines

Quick Quiz:

- Let $f(x) = x$. Then:

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

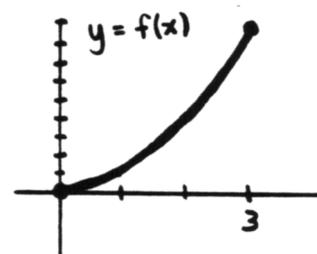
Thus, as expected, the slope of the tangent line to f at the point $(2, 2)$ is 1.

- The dummy variable is h . Using the dummy variable t , the limit can be rewritten as:

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

- In the limit, x represents the x -value of a point where the slope of the tangent line is desired.
- In the limit, the difference quotient $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$ represents the slope of a secant line through the points $(x, f(x))$ and $(x+h, f(x+h))$. This secant line is being used as an approximation to the tangent line at the point $(x, f(x))$.
- The function f is graphed below. Since f is only defined to the right of 0, the limit is actually a right-hand limit:

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



The slope of the tangent line at the point $(0, 0)$ is 0.

End-of-Section Exercises:

- EXP
- SEN; CONDITIONAL
- SEN; TRUE
- $g(0.1) = \frac{f(x+0.1)-f(x)}{0.1}$; $g(\Delta x) = \frac{f(x+\Delta x)-f(x)}{\Delta x}$
- $h \in \mathcal{D}(g) \iff (h \neq 0 \text{ and } x+h \in \mathcal{D}(f))$
- When $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(h)$ exists, it tells the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at the point $(x, f(x))$.

Section 4.2 The Derivative

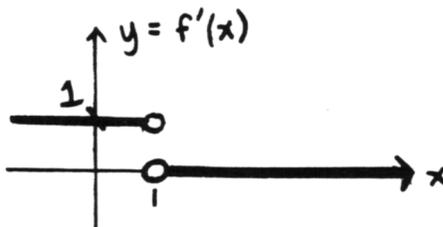
Quick Quiz:

- When the limit exists:

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

- f' is the derivative *function*; $f'(x)$ is a particular output of this function, when the input is x .
- $A - B = (0, 2) \cup (2, 4)$; $B - A = \{4\}$

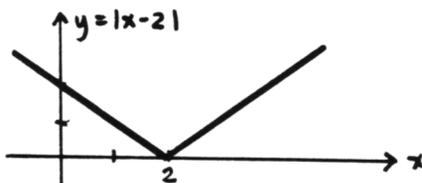
4. $\mathcal{D}(f') = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$; its graph is:



5. TRUE. If the limit $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ exists, then, in particular, f must be defined at x (so that $f(x)$ makes sense).

End-of-Section Exercises:

1. The graph of f is shown below. Here, $\mathcal{D}(f) = \mathbb{R}$.

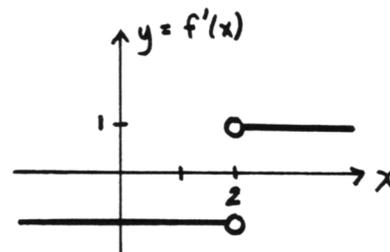


When $x > 2$, the slopes of the tangent lines equal 1.

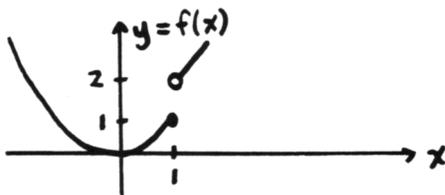
When $x < 2$, the slopes of the tangent lines equal -1 .

There is no tangent line at $x = 2$.

The graph of f' is shown at right. Here, $\mathcal{D}(f') = \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$.



3. The graph of f is shown below. Here, $\mathcal{D}(f) = \mathbb{R}$.

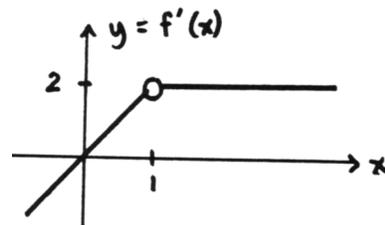


When $x > 1$, the slopes of the tangent lines equal 2.

When $x < 1$, the slopes of the tangent lines equal $2x$ (as per an example in the text).

There is no tangent line at $x = 1$.

The graph of f' is shown at right. Here, $\mathcal{D}(f') = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$.



5. Note that $f(2) = \frac{1}{2-1} = 1$. Then:

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

Thus, $f'(2) = -1$. That is, the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at the point $(2, 1)$ is -1 .

7. $y - 9 = 6(x - 3)$
9. $y = 1$

Section 4.3 Some Very Basic Differentiation Formulas

Quick Quiz:

- $f(x) = x^{1/2}$; $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$. In Leibniz notation: $\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$
- TRUE. The derivative of a constant equals zero.
- $y' = 3x^2$; the slope of the tangent line at $x = 2$ is $y'(2) = 3(2^2) = 12$. TRUE.
- $$(a - b)^4 = (a + (-b))^4 = (1)a^4 + (4)a^3(-b) + (6)a^2(-b)^2 + (4)a(-b)^3 + (1)(-b)^4$$

$$= a^4 - 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 - 4ab^3 + b^4$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & & 1 & \\ & & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ & 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{array}$$

5. $g'(x) = e^x + \frac{1}{x}$

End-of-Section Exercises:

- Multiply out, differentiate term-by-term, and simplify: $f'(x) = 6(2x + 1)^2$
- 3.

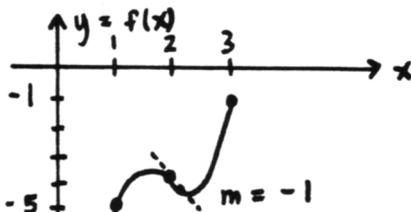
$$h'(x) = \begin{cases} 6x - 2 & \text{for } x \geq 1 \\ 4 & \text{for } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{D}(h) = \mathcal{D}(h') = \mathbb{R}$$

Section 4.4 Instantaneous Rates of Change

Quick Quiz:

- $\frac{f(2)-f(1)}{2-1} = \frac{2^3-1^3}{1} = 8 - 1 = 7$; this number represents the slope of the secant line through the points $(1, 1^3)$ and $(2, 2^3)$
- $f'(x) = 3x^2$; $f'(1) = 3(1) = 3$. This number represents the slope of the tangent line at the point $(1, 1^3)$.
- less than; once we move to the right of $x = 1$, the rates of change increase
- One correct sketch is given:



5. Since f is not continuous at $x = 1$, f is not differentiable at $x = 1$.

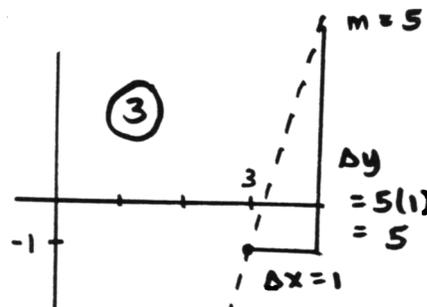
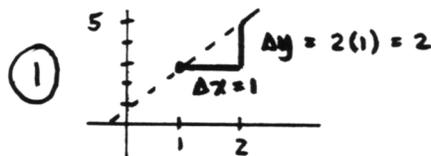
End-of-Section Exercises:

In all cases, the 'predicted value' for $f(x_2)$ from known information at x_1 is given by

$$f(x_2) \approx f(x_1) + (\Delta x)(f'(x_1)) ,$$

where $\Delta x_2 = x_2 - x_1$.

- Here, $\Delta x = 2 - 1 = 1$; $f(2) \approx 3 + (1)(2) = 5$
- Here, $\Delta x = 4 - 3 = 1$; $f(4) \approx -1 + (1)(5) = 4$



Section 4.5 The Chain Rule (Differentiating Composite Functions)

Quick Quiz:

- See page 231. The Chain Rule tells us how to differentiate composite functions.
- $f'(x) = 7\sqrt{2}(1-x)^6(-1) = -7\sqrt{2}(1-x)^6$
- $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dw} \cdot \frac{dw}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dt}$
- ... tells us that to find out how fast $f \circ g$ changes with respect to x , we find out how fast f changes with respect to $g(x)$, and multiply by how fast g changes with respect to x
- $f(x) = \frac{1}{3} \ln(2x+1)$, $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2x+1} \cdot 2 = \frac{2}{3(2x+1)}$

End-of-Section Exercises:

- $f'(x) = \frac{-e^x}{\sqrt{(e^x - 1)^3}} + 1$
- $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3e^{3x}$
- $y' = 33(3t - 4)^{10}$
- $g'(t) = \frac{2t + 1}{2\sqrt[6]{(t^2 + 2t + 1)^5}}$
- $f'(y) = -7e^{-y} + \frac{1}{y}$
- $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{x}(\ln x)^2$
- $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{2\sqrt{t-1} + 1}{2\sqrt{t-1}(t + \sqrt{t-1})^2}$

Section 4.6 Differentiating Products and Quotients

Quick Quiz:

- See page 239.
- See page 244.
- $f'(x) = x \cdot 5(x+1)^4(1) + (1)(x+1)^5$
- Using the Quotient Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{e^{2x}(2) - (2x+1) \cdot 2e^{2x}}{(e^{2x})^2} \\ &= \frac{2e^{2x}(1 - (2x+1))}{e^{4x}} \\ &= \frac{-4xe^{2x}}{e^{4x}} \end{aligned}$$

5. Using a ‘generalized’ product rule:

$$y' = (1)(x+1)(x^2+1) + x(1)(x^2+1) + x(x+1)(2x)$$

End-of-Section Exercises:

1.

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= 2(2-x)^2(1-2x) \\ y(0) &= 0, \quad y(t^2) = t^2(2-t^2)^3 \\ y'(0) &= 8, \quad y'(t) = 2(2-t)^2(1-2t) \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= e^x \left(\frac{1}{x} + \ln x \right) \\ \mathcal{D}(f) &= (0, \infty), \quad \mathcal{D}(f') = (0, \infty) \\ f'(e^x) &= e^{(e^x)} \left(\frac{1}{e^x} + x \right), \quad f'(e^2) = e^{(e^2)} \left(\frac{1}{e^2} + 2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

5.

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= e^{x+e^x} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) &= e, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g'(x) = e \\ \mathcal{D}(g) &= \mathbb{R}, \quad g(g'(g(0))) = e^{e^{(e+e^e)}} \end{aligned}$$

7. $h'(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$; the tangent line is horizontal, and has equation $y = 0$

9. $f'(x) = 4e^{2x}(2x+1)^6(x+4)$; the tangent line has equation $y = 16x + 1$

11. $h(t) = \frac{-12e}{(3t-1)^5}$; the tangent line has equation $y - e = -12e(t - \frac{2}{3})$

13.

$$y' = 0 \iff \left(x = 3 \text{ or } x = -1 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2} \right)$$

Section 4.7 Higher Order Derivatives

Quick Quiz:

1. The ‘higher derivatives’ of a function f are the derivatives of the form $f^{(n)}$ for $n \geq 2$. That is, the second derivative, third derivative, fourth derivative, etc., are the ‘higher derivatives’ of f .

2. prime notation: $f''(x)$

Leibniz notation: $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x)$

3. $\sum_{i=1}^3 i^{i+1} = 1^{1+1} + 2^{2+1} + 3^{3+1} = 1 + 8 + 81 = 90$

4.

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 &= 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot \frac{5!}{5!} \\ &= \frac{10!}{5!} \end{aligned}$$

5. $\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i'(x)$

End-of-Section Exercises:

1. SEN; TRUE
3. EXP

5. SEN; CONDITIONAL
7. SEN; TRUE
9. EXP
11. EXP
13. EXP
15. SEN; TRUE
17. SEN; CONDITIONAL

Section 4.8 Implicit Differentiation (Optional)

Quick Quiz:

1.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(xy^2) &= \frac{d}{dx}(2) \\ x(2y^1)\frac{dy}{dx} + (1)y^2 &= 0 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-y^2}{2xy}\end{aligned}$$

2. For $x > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln y &= \ln(x^{2x}) = 2x \ln x \\ \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (2x) \frac{1}{x} + (2) \ln x = 2 + 2 \ln x = 2(1 + \ln x) \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= y \cdot 2(1 + \ln x) = 2x^{2x}(1 + \ln x)\end{aligned}$$

3. Put the equation in standard form, by completing the square:

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 2x + y^2 = 8 &\iff (x^2 - 2x + (\frac{-2}{2})^2) + y^2 = 8 + 1 \\ &\iff (x - 1)^2 + (y - 0)^2 = 3^2\end{aligned}$$

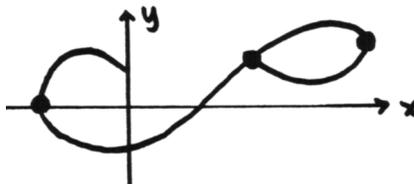
The equation graphs as the circle centered at $(1, 0)$ with radius 3.

4. There are *many* possible correct answers. Here are two:

y given explicitly in terms of x : $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$

y given implicitly in terms of x : $xy^2 = x + y$

5.



End-of-Section Exercises:

1. The graph is the circle centered at $(-2, 1)$ with radius 1.
 y is NOT locally a function of x at the points $(-1, 1)$ and $(-3, 1)$. (There are vertical tangent lines here.)
 The equation of the tangent line at the point $(-2, 2)$ is $y = 2$.
 The equation of the tangent line at the point $(-1, 1)$ is $x = -1$.
3. The graph is the circle centered at $(-2, 1)$ with radius 2.
 y is NOT locally a function of x at the points $(0, 1)$ and $(-4, 1)$; there are vertical tangent lines here.
 The equation of the tangent line at the point $(-1, 1 + \sqrt{3})$ is:

$$y - (1 + \sqrt{3}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(x - (-1))$$

Section 4.9 The Mean Value Theorem

Quick Quiz:

1. See page 266.
2. The word ‘mean’ refers to ‘average’; the Mean Value Theorem guarantees (under certain hypotheses) a place in an interval (a, b) where the *instantaneous* rate of change is the same as the *average* rate of change over the entire interval.
3. The average rate of change of f on the interval $[1, 3]$ is:

$$\frac{f(3) - f(1)}{3 - 1} = \frac{27 - 1}{2} = 13$$

The instantaneous rates of change are given by $f'(x) = 3x^2$. We seek $c \in (1, 3)$ for which $f'(c) = 13$:

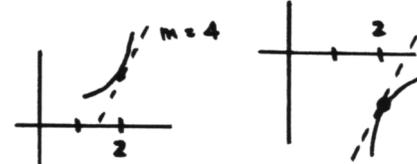
$$\begin{aligned} f'(c) = 13 &\iff 3c^2 = 13 \\ &\iff c^2 = \frac{13}{3} \\ &\iff c = \pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Choosing the value of c in the desired interval, we get $c = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$.

4. If f WERE continuous on $[a, b]$, then there would have to be (by the MVT) a number $c \in (a, b)$ with $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$. Thus, it must be that f is NOT continuous on $[a, b]$; that is, f ‘goes bad’ at (at least one) endpoint.
5. If f WERE differentiable on (a, b) , then the MVT would guarantee that there must be $c \in (a, b)$ with $f'(c)$ equal to the average rate of change of f over $[a, b]$. Therefore, we can conclude that f is NOT differentiable on (a, b) . That is, there is at least one value of x in the interval (a, b) where $f'(x)$ does not exist.

End-of-Section Exercises:

1. The limit gives the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at the point $(x, f(x))$, whenever the tangent line exists and is non-vertical.
3. There is a tangent line to the graph of f when $x = 2$, and its slope is 4.
5. Let $f(x) = -x^2$. Then:



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

7. Put a ‘kink’ in the graph when $x = 3$.
- 9.



$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= e^{2x} \ln(2-x) + 2xe^{2x} \ln(2-x) - \frac{xe^{2x}}{2-x} \\ \mathcal{D}(f) &= (-\infty, 2), \quad \mathcal{D}(f') = (-\infty, 2) \end{aligned}$$

The tangent line when $x = 0$ has equation $y = (\ln 2)x$.