

2.1 Notes and Examples

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The Derivative and the Tangent Line Problem

Consider two points on a curve, $(a, f(a))$ and $(b, f(b))$. If you connect them you form a _____ line. The slope of that secant line is the average rate of f between a and b . As those two locations a and b get closer and closer to each other, the line connecting them starts to look more and more like a

_____ line, where it touches f at one place. The slope of **that** line now looks like the rate at a single moment, or an _____ rate.

Definition of a Tangent Line with Slope m

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

which we also often see as

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} =$$

If this limit exists, then the line passing through $(c, f(c))$ with slope m is the **tangent line** to the graph of f at the point $(c, f(c))$.

1. Find the slope of the graph of $f(x) = 2x - 3$ at the point $(2, 1)$

Definition of the Derivative of a Function

The **derivative** of f at $x = a$ is given by

$$f'(a) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=a} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

Other common notations for derivatives include $y' = \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] = D_x[y]$

Theorem: If it is Differentiable it is _____

Proof: Using the definition of Continuity at a point:

1. Is $f(a)$ defined?
2. Does the limit exist?
3. Does $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$?

Is the converse true? If f is continuous, must it be differentiable?

Counterexample:

2. Let f be a function which satisfies $f(2+h) - f(2) = 5h - 3h^2 + 9h^3$ for all real numbers h . Find $f'(2)$.

3. Use the limit definition to find the derivative of $f(x)$:

(a) If $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$

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

(c) If $f(x) = x^3$

4. Let $y = \frac{2}{t}$. Find $\frac{dy}{dt}$.

5. Given $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{f(x) - f(5)}{x - 5} = 3$, for each of the following select MUST be true, MIGHT be true, or NEVER be true:

(a) $f'(5) = 3$

(b) $f'(5) = 0$

(c) $f(5) = 3$

(d) f is continuous at $x = 0$

(e) f is continuous at $x = 5$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = f(5)$

6. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 15}{x - 3}$ *Hint: does this remind you of 3(a)?*

7. Use the limit definition of derivative $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$, and the theorems $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} = 1$, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos h}{h} = 0$ to prove the following:

(a) $\frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] = \cos x$

(b) $\frac{d}{dx}[\cos x] = -\sin x$

AP Style

8. Water is flowing into a tank over a 24 hour period. The amount of water in the tank is modeled by a differentiable function W for $0 \leq t \leq 24$, where t is measured in hours and $W(t)$ is measured in gallons. Values of $W(t)$ at selected values of time t are shown in the table below.

t (hours)	0	4	8	12	16	20	24
$W(t)$ in (gallons)	150	184	221	257	294	327	357

- (a) Use the data in the table to find $W(8)$. Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of your answer.
- (b) Use the data in the table to find $W^{-1}(257)$. Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of your answer.
- (c) Use the data in the table to find an approximation for $W'(15)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer. Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of your answer.
- (d) Use the data in the table to find the average rate of change of $W(t)$ over the time period $4 \leq t \leq 20$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.
- (e) For $0 < t < 24$, must there be a time t when the tank contains 265 gallons of water? Justify your answer.

- (f) A model for the amount of water in the tank is given by $A(t) = \frac{1}{225}(-t^3 + 30t^2 + 1800t + 33750)$ where $A(t)$ is measured in gallons and t is measured in hours. Use your calculator to find $A'(15)$.

Hint: Use MATH 8. Deriv.

If you have an TI-83 the order of the parameters are nDeriv(Y_1 , X , 15)

- (g) A model for the amount of water in the tank is given by $A(t) = \frac{1}{225}(-t^3 + 30t^2 + 1800t + 33750)$ where $A(t)$ is measured in gallons and t is measured in hours. Use your calculator to find the average rate of change over the time period $4 \leq t \leq 20$ hours.

Hint: Recall the average rate of change between $x = a$ and $x = b$ is the slope of the secant line:

$$\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$