

Derivatives:

- Constant: 0
- Linear equation: If  $f(x) = ax+b$ ,  $f'(x) = a$
- Quadratics:  $f'(x) = 2ax + b$
- Trigonometric functions:
  - $d/dx \sin(x) = \cos(x)$
  - $d/dx \cos(x) = -\sin(x)$

$$\text{Claim: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{\cos x + 1}{\cos x + 1} &= \frac{\cos^2 x - 1}{x(\cos x + 1)} \\ &= \frac{-\sin^2 x}{x(\cos x + 1)} \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \underbrace{\frac{\sin x}{x}}_1 \right) \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{\cos x + 1}}_{0.5} \right) \underbrace{(-\sin x)}_0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also: } \frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin x}{h}$$

$$e = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$$

Definition:  $e$  is the unique number  $a$  such that the tangent line to  $f(x) = a^x$  has slope 1 at  $x=0$

i.e.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } (e^x)' &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} e^x \cdot \frac{e^h - 1}{h} \quad \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = 1 \right) \\ &= e^x \end{aligned}$$