
Chapter 2

Differentiation

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Derivative



Derivative

$$y = x^n$$

$$f(x) = x^n$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$$

$$f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$$

The derivative of y with respect to x .

The derivative of $f(x)$ with respect to x .

with respect to --- w.r.t

Some results

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0, \text{ where } c \text{ is any constant.}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}, \text{ where } n \text{ is any constant.}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

Trigonometric Functions

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$$

Question: How to derive these results?

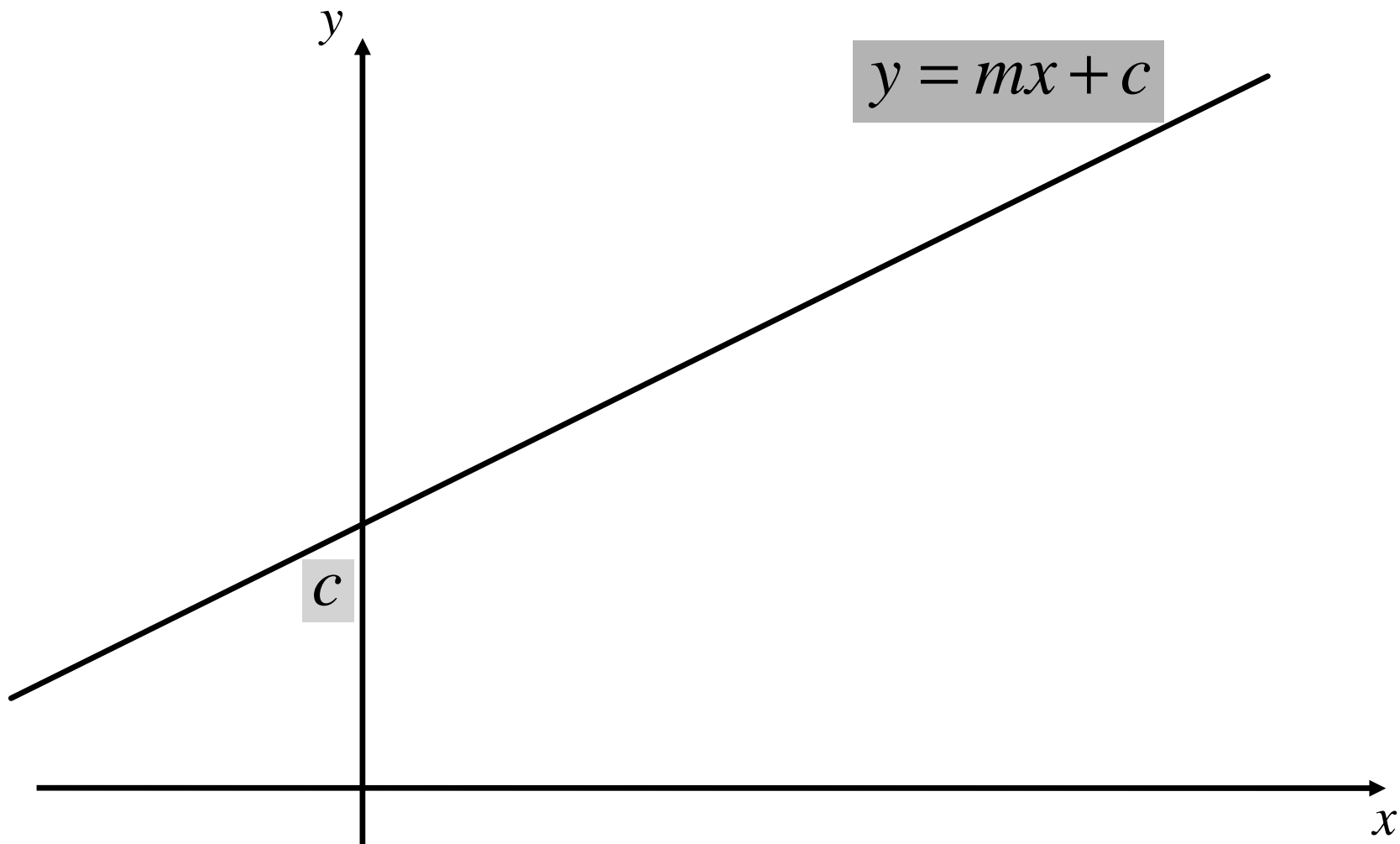
Using limits

1. Derivative --- using the concept of limit

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

2. Derivative --- **(Geometrically)**
Gradient (Slope) of the
tangent line

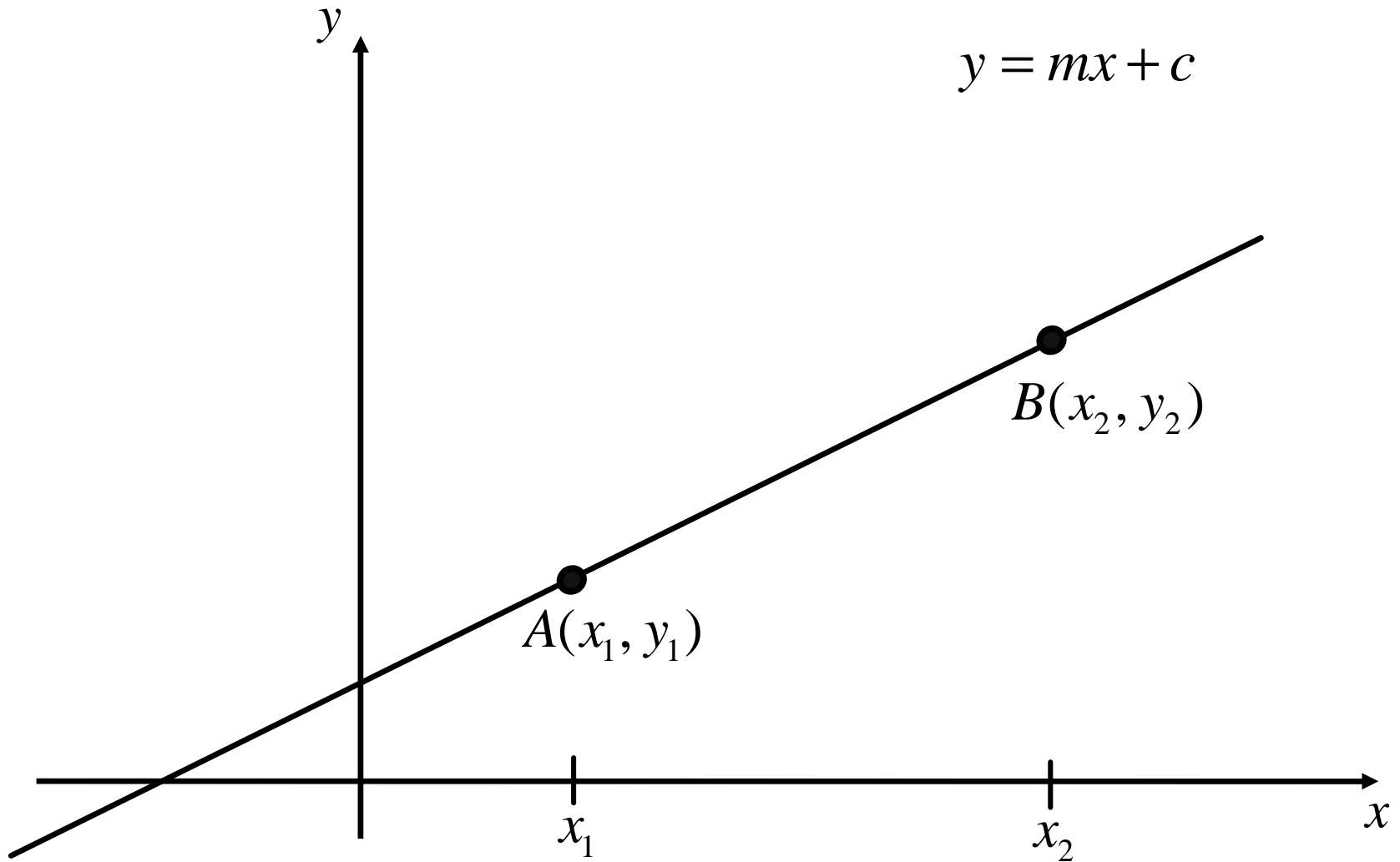
3. Derivative --- **instantaneous rate of**
change of the function



m ----- gradient (slope) of the line

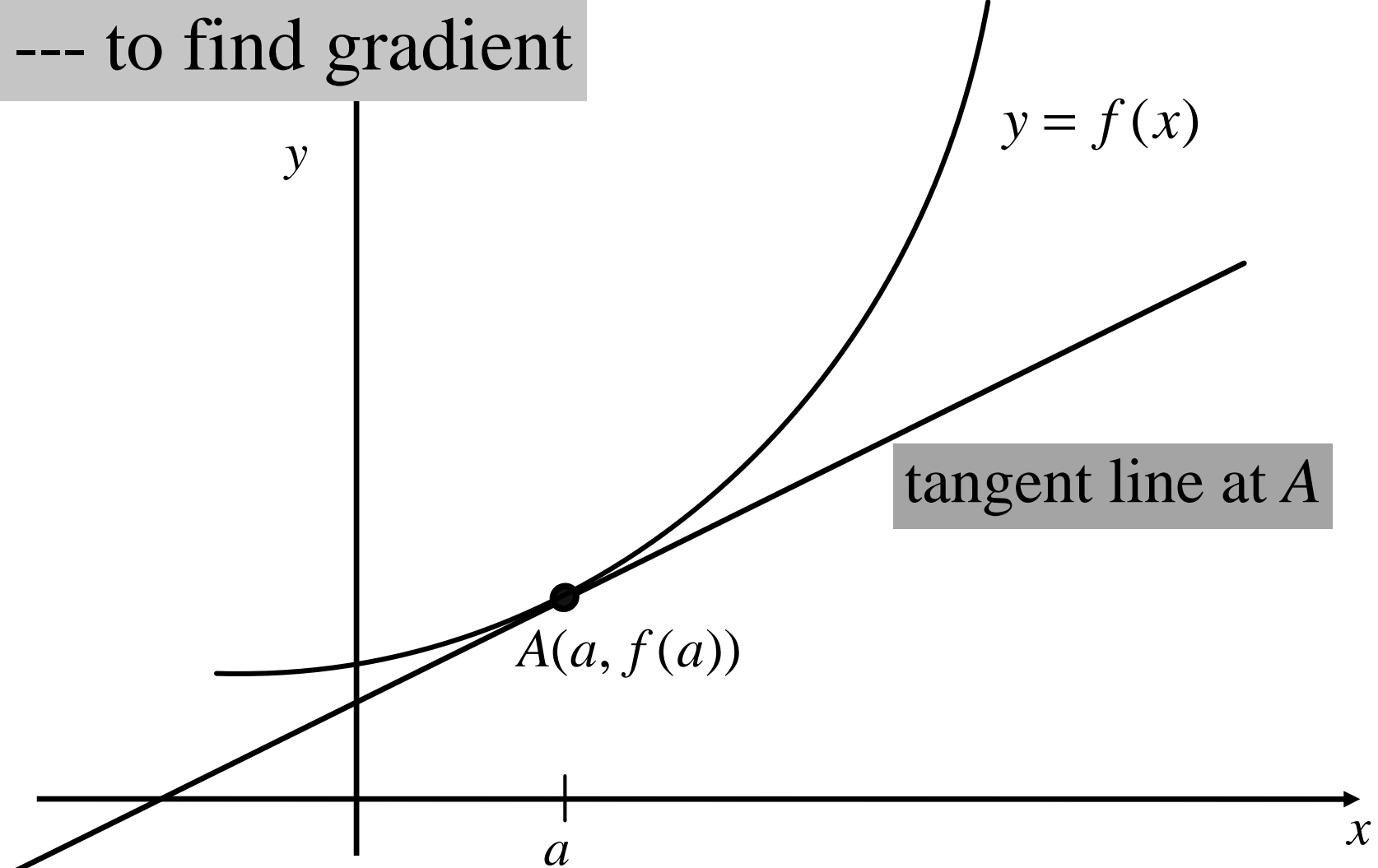
c ----- y – intercept

Straight line --- find gradient



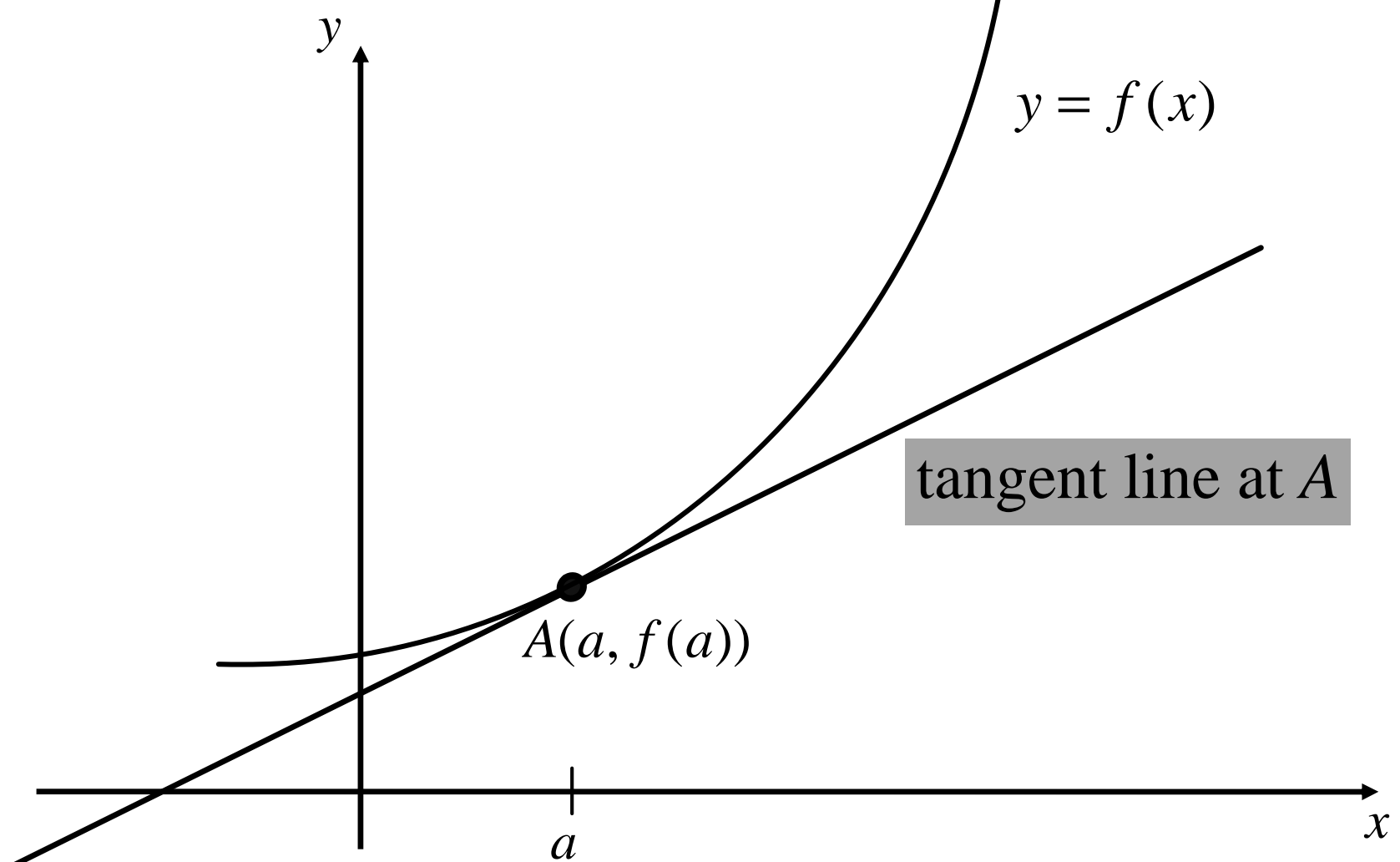
$$\text{gradient (slope)} = m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Curve --- to find gradient



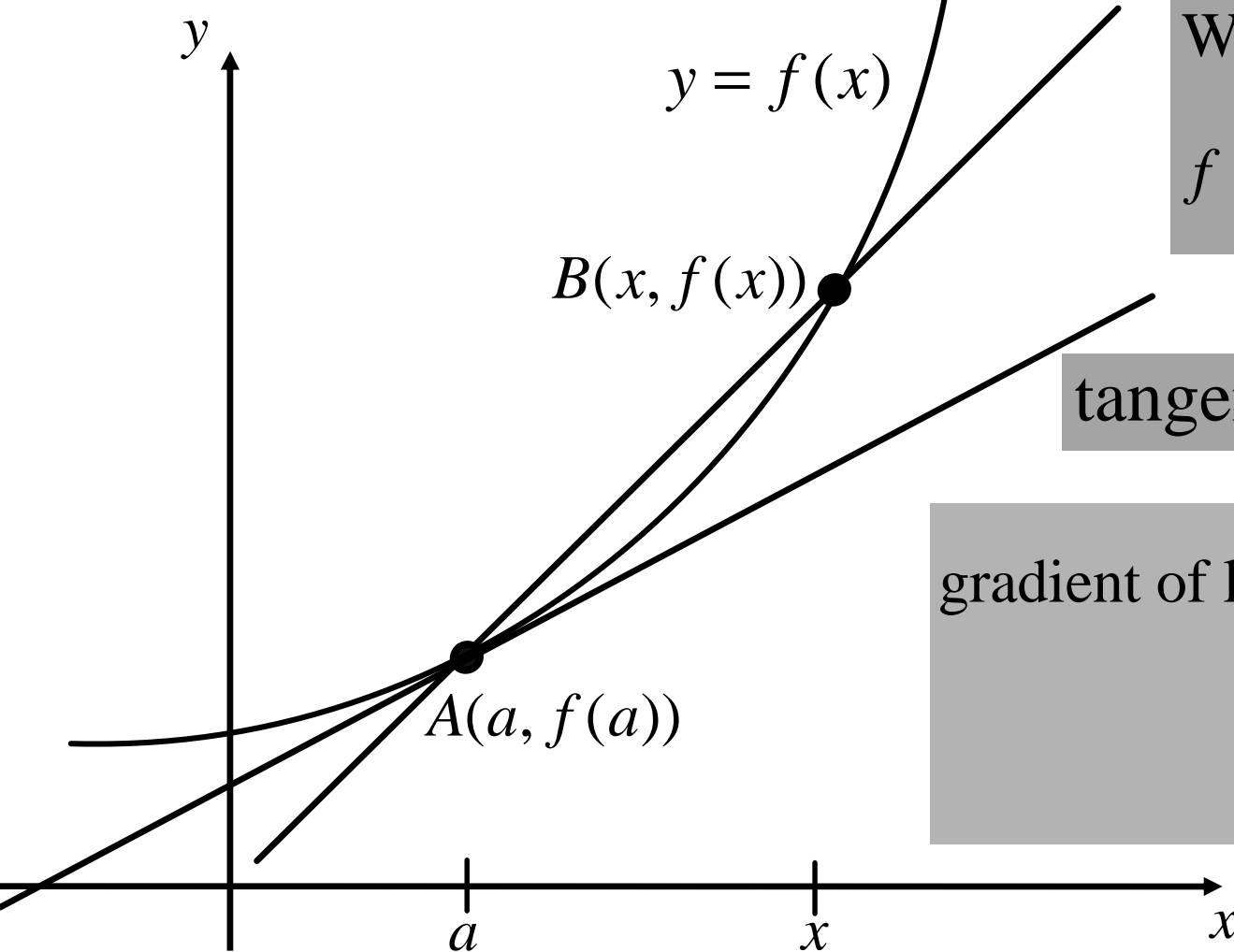
gradient at A = gradient of tangent line at A

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



Question: Why we define

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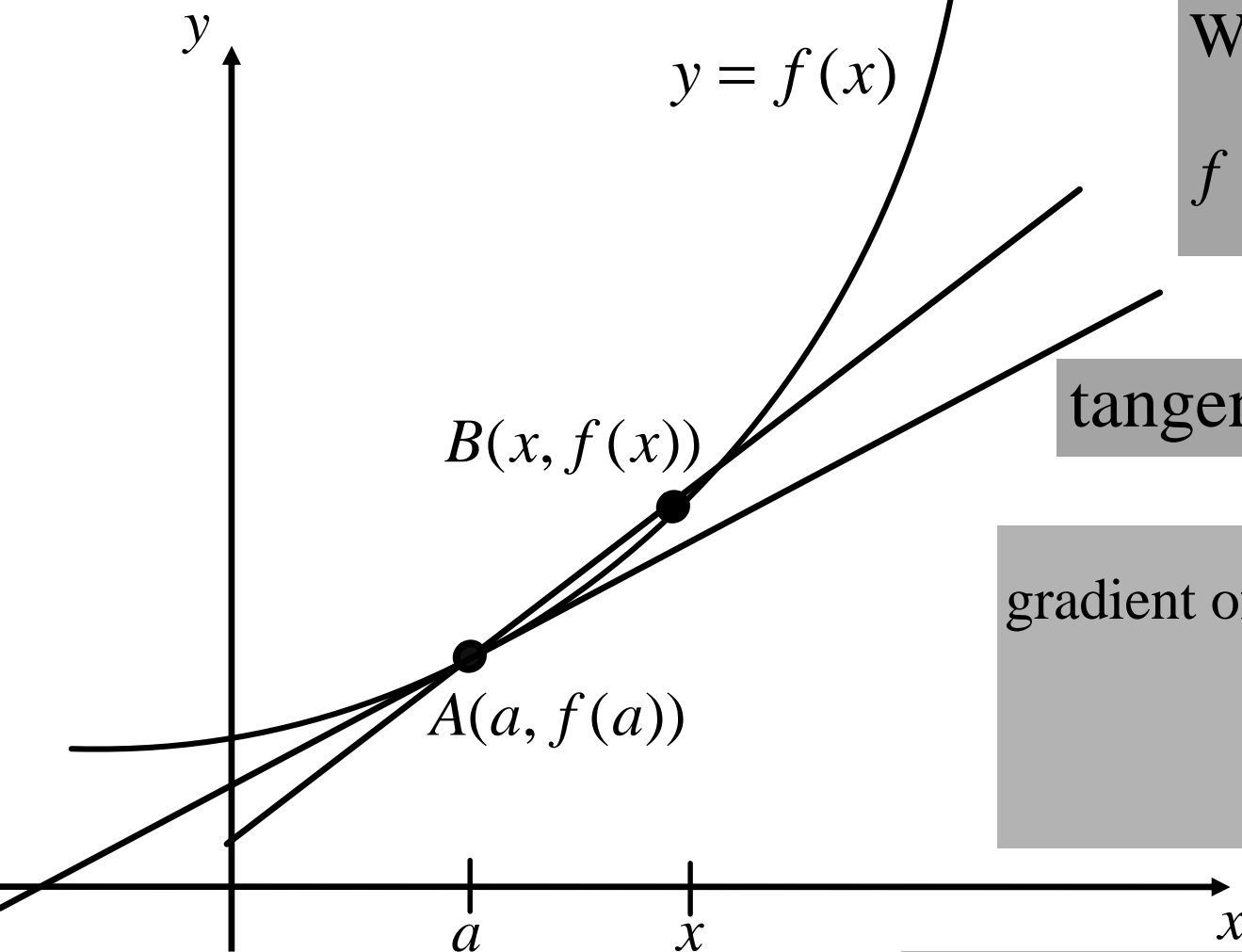
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tangent line at A

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gradient at A \neq gradient of line AB



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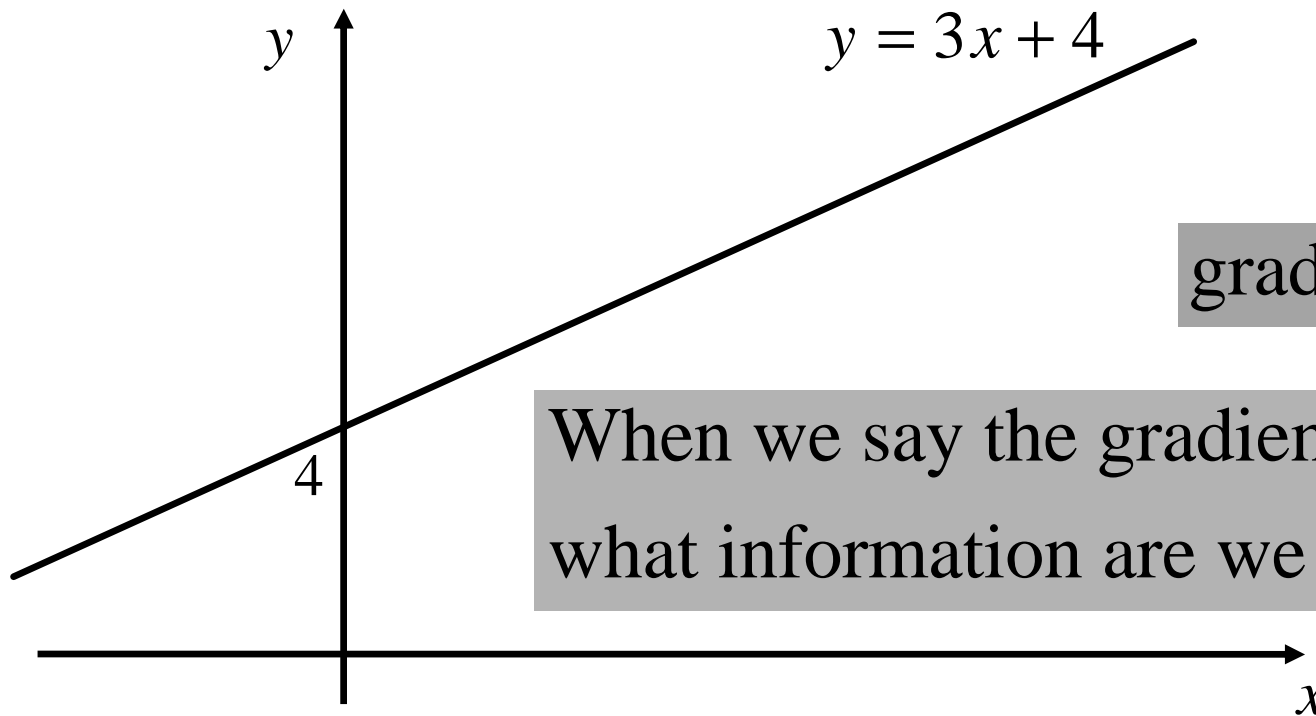
If we choose B close to A, then
gradient of line $AB \approx$ gradient at A

Choosing B closer and closer to A
is the same as letting x approaches a .

Taking limit, we have, gradient at A = $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (\text{gradient of } AB)$

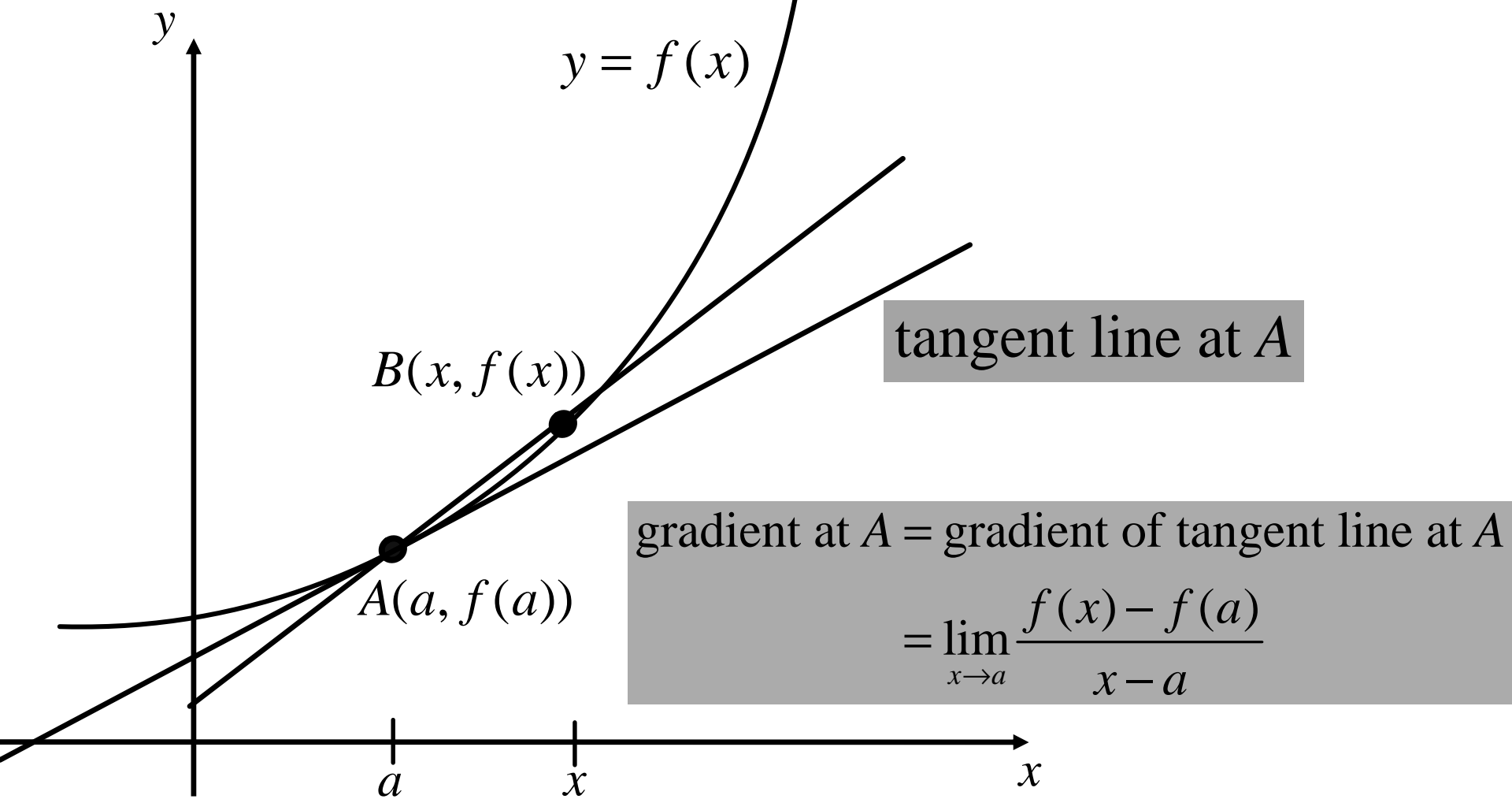
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

Pause and Think !!!



gradient = 3

When we say the gradient is 3,
what information are we providing?



Similarly, gradient at A gives
instantaneous rate of change of the function $f(x)$.

Derivative

Let $f(x)$ be a function.

The derivative of f at a is defined to be

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

provided the limit exists.

If $f'(a)$ exists, we say that f is *differentiable* at $x = a$.

If f is *differentiable* at any point a in the domain of f , we say that f is *differentiable*.

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The value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = a$.

$$f'(a) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=a} = \frac{dy}{dx}(a)$$

Theorem (to decide when limit exists)

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$
both exist and are equal.

For $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ to exist,

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An equivalent formulation is

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

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Let $\boxed{x = a + h}$.

Since $\textcircled{x \rightarrow a}$, so $a + h \rightarrow a$.

Therefore, we have

$$\textcircled{h \rightarrow 0}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\textcircled{x \rightarrow a}} \frac{f(\boxed{x}) - f(a)}{\boxed{x} - a} &= \lim_{\textcircled{h \rightarrow 0}} \frac{f(\boxed{a + h}) - f(a)}{\boxed{a + h} - a} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} \end{aligned}$$

Pause and Think !!!

$$(1) \quad f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

$$(2) \quad f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h}$$

Question : When to use which one ?

Question : Which one is easier to use?

Evaluate the derivative of $f(x) = x^2$ at the point $x = 1$.

$$\text{Using } f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a},$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1^2}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x + 1 \\ &= 1 + 1 \\ &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

Recalled that

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b).$$

Derivative - Example

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

Let $f(x) = x^3$. Show that $f'(x) = 3x^2$.

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\boxed{(x+h)^3} - x^3}{h}$$

Binomial expansion

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\boxed{x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3} - x^3}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3x^2 + 3xh + h^2)$$

$$= 3x^2$$

Let $f(x) = |x|$.

Show that f is differentiable for $x \neq 0$ and has no derivative at $x = 0$.

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Note that : $|x| \geq 0$. ($|x|$ is always positive)

When $x = 3$, $|x| = |3| = 3$. (x is positive)

When $x = -4$, $|x| = |-4| = 4$

$$-x = -(-4) = 4$$

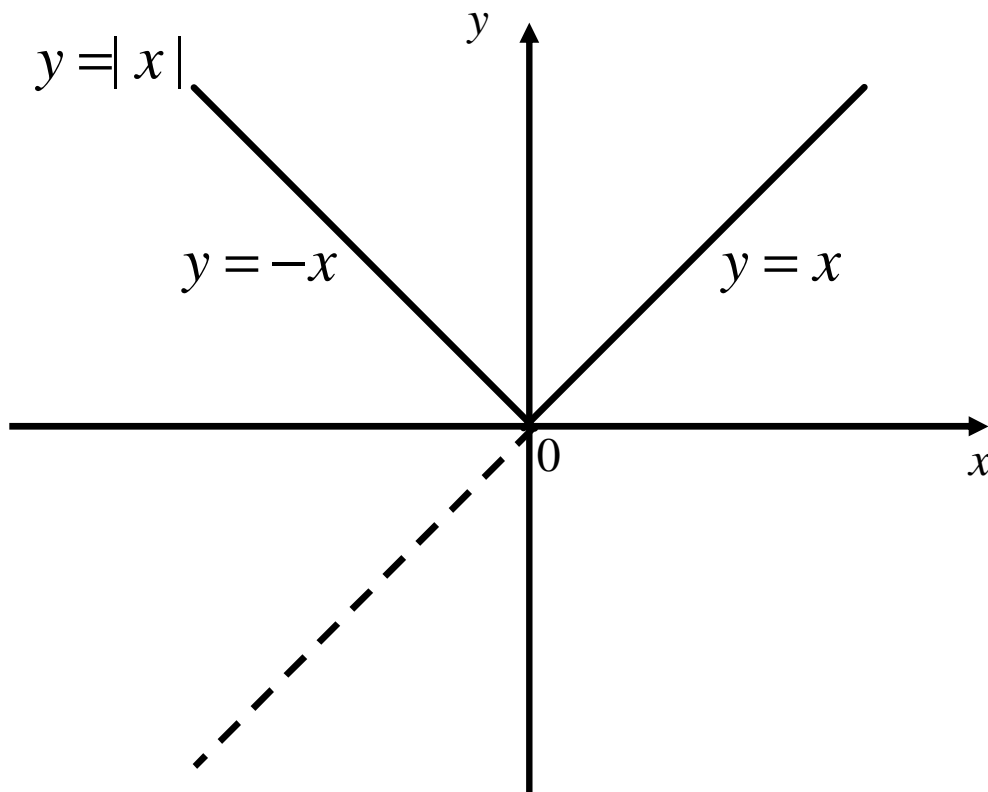
Therefore, $|x| = -x$.

(x is negative and so
 $-x$ is positive)

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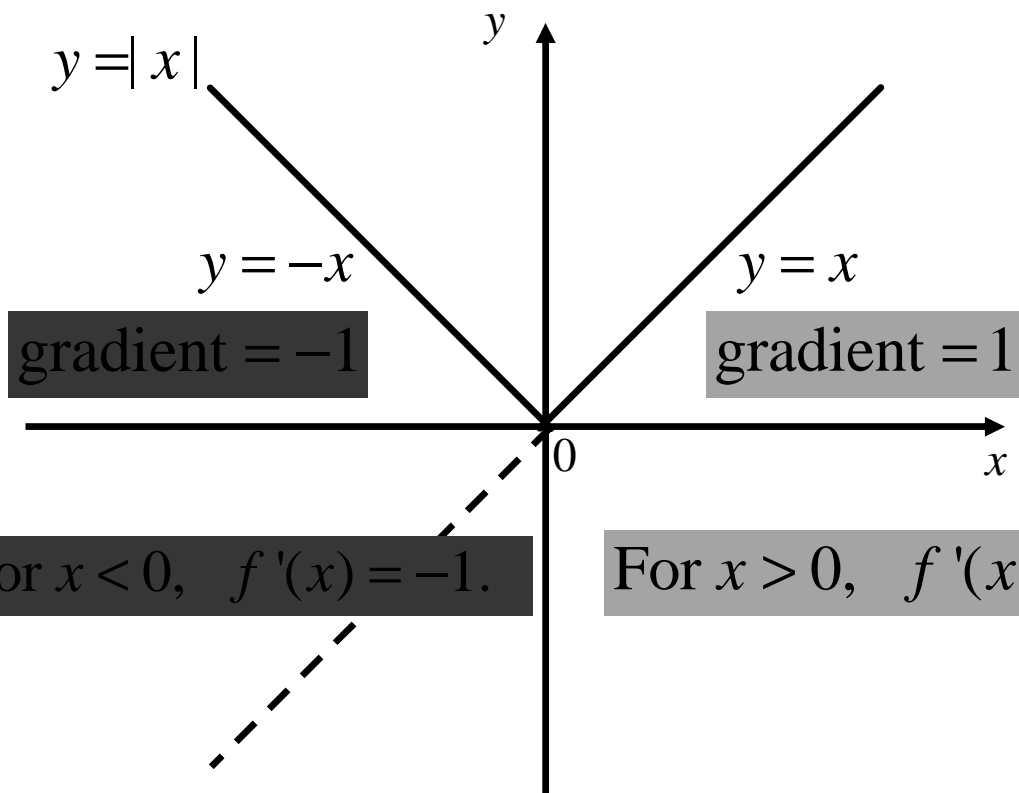
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Question: At $x = 0$, $f'(0) = 1$ or -1 ??

No derivative at $x = 0$.

To show f has No derivative at $x = 0$,
need to show $f'(0)$ does not exist.

Since $f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$, we shall show that

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$ does not exist.

For $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \right)$ to exist,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \left(\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} \left(\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \right)$$

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$$x \rightarrow 0^+ \quad x > 0$$

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

$$x \rightarrow 0^- \quad x < 0$$

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

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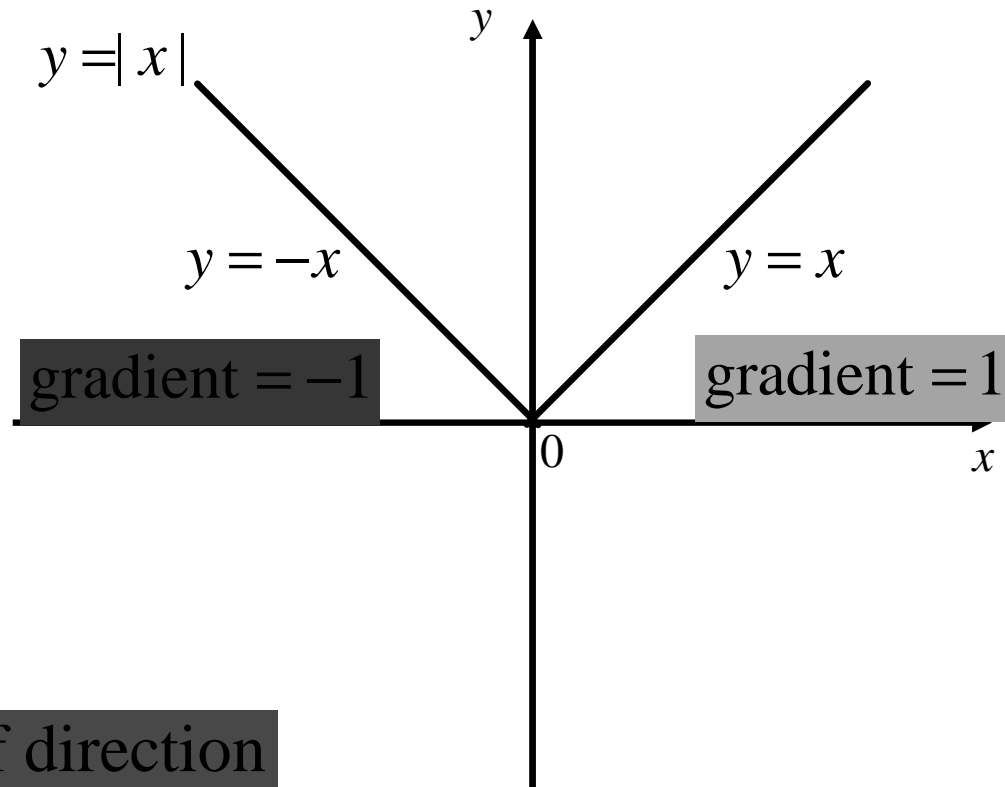
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No derivative at $x = 0$.

Note that :

1. There is a sudden change of direction for the graph of $f(x) = |x|$ at $x = 0$.

2. The graph of $f(x) = |x|$ at $x = 0$ is a "sharp point".

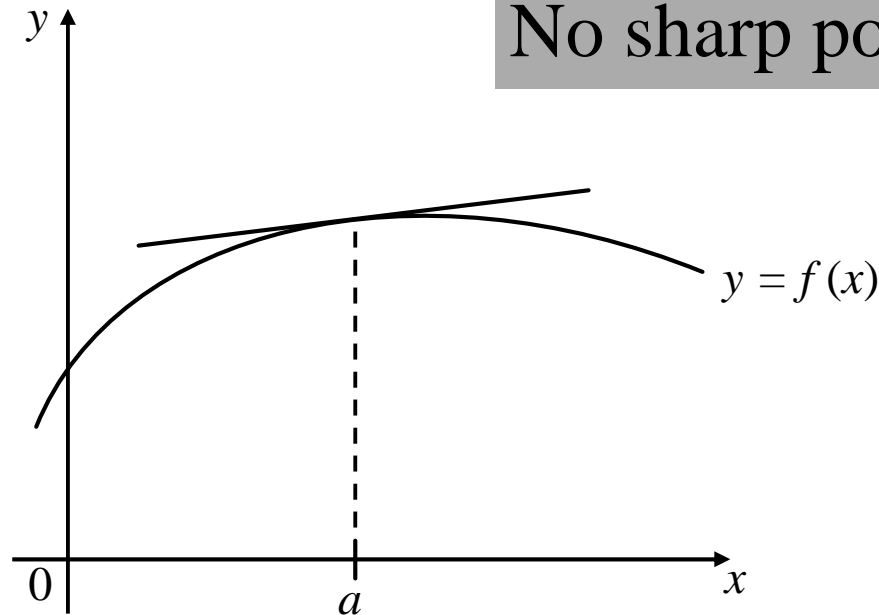


Derivative

The *existence* of $f'(a)$ is a *smoothness* condition on the
■ curve $y = f(x)$ at " $x = a$ ".

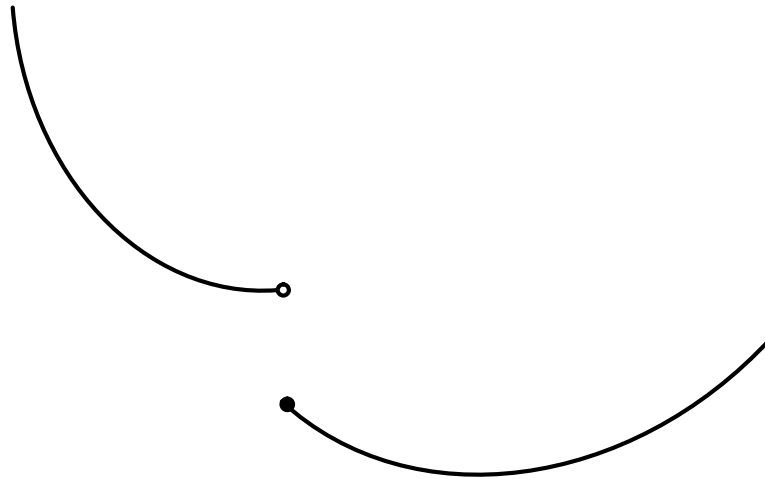
No sudden change of direction.

No sharp point.



Derivative – Non-existence of $f'(a)$

■ Discontinuity

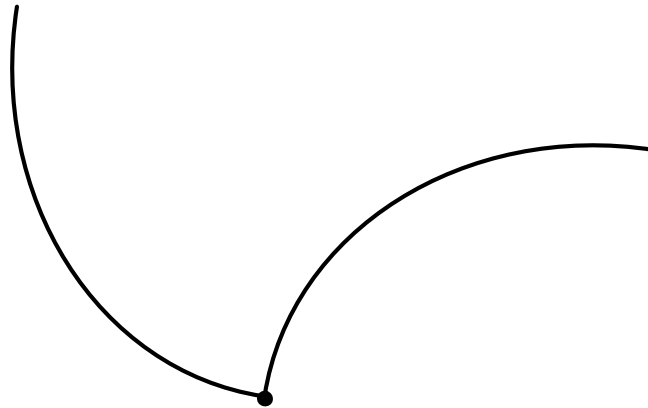


Indeed we have:

(*) If $f'(a)$ *exists*, then f is *continuous* at ' $x = a$ '.

Derivative – Non-existence of $f'(a)$

■ Corner

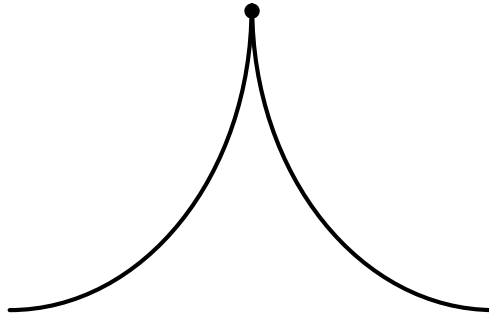


Remark: The *converse* of (*) is *not* necessarily true.

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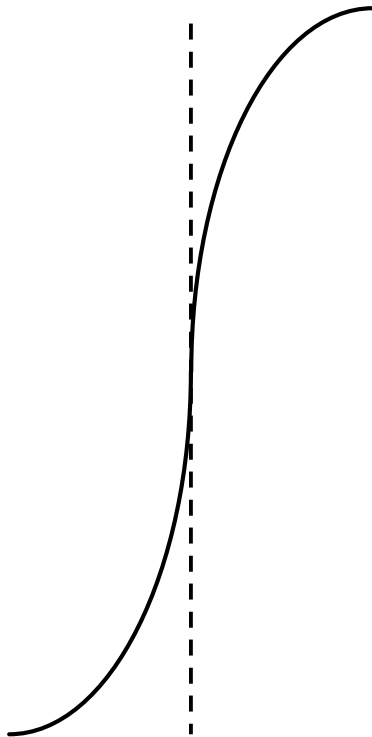
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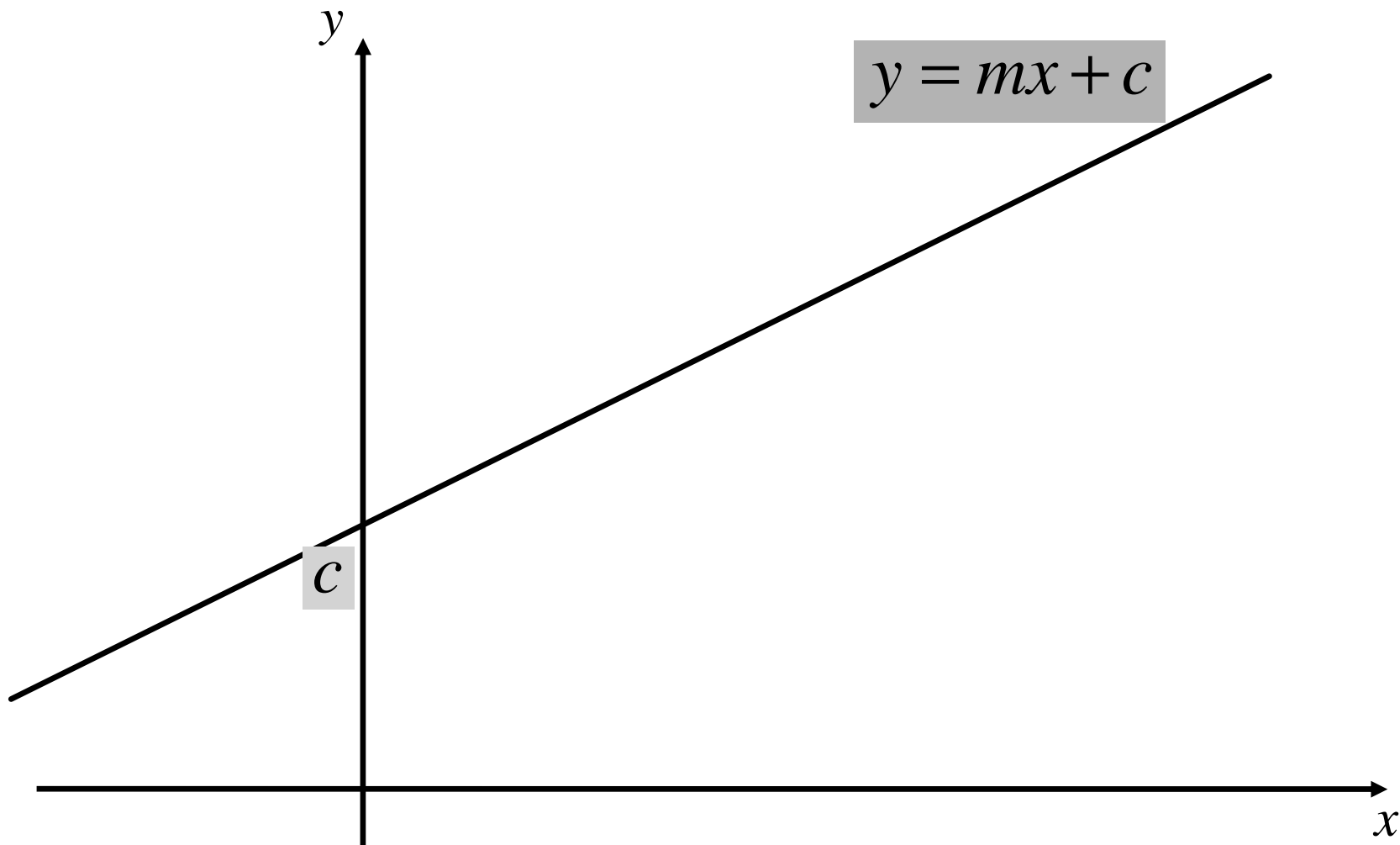
- Cusp



Derivative – Non-existence of $f'(a)$

- Vertical tangent

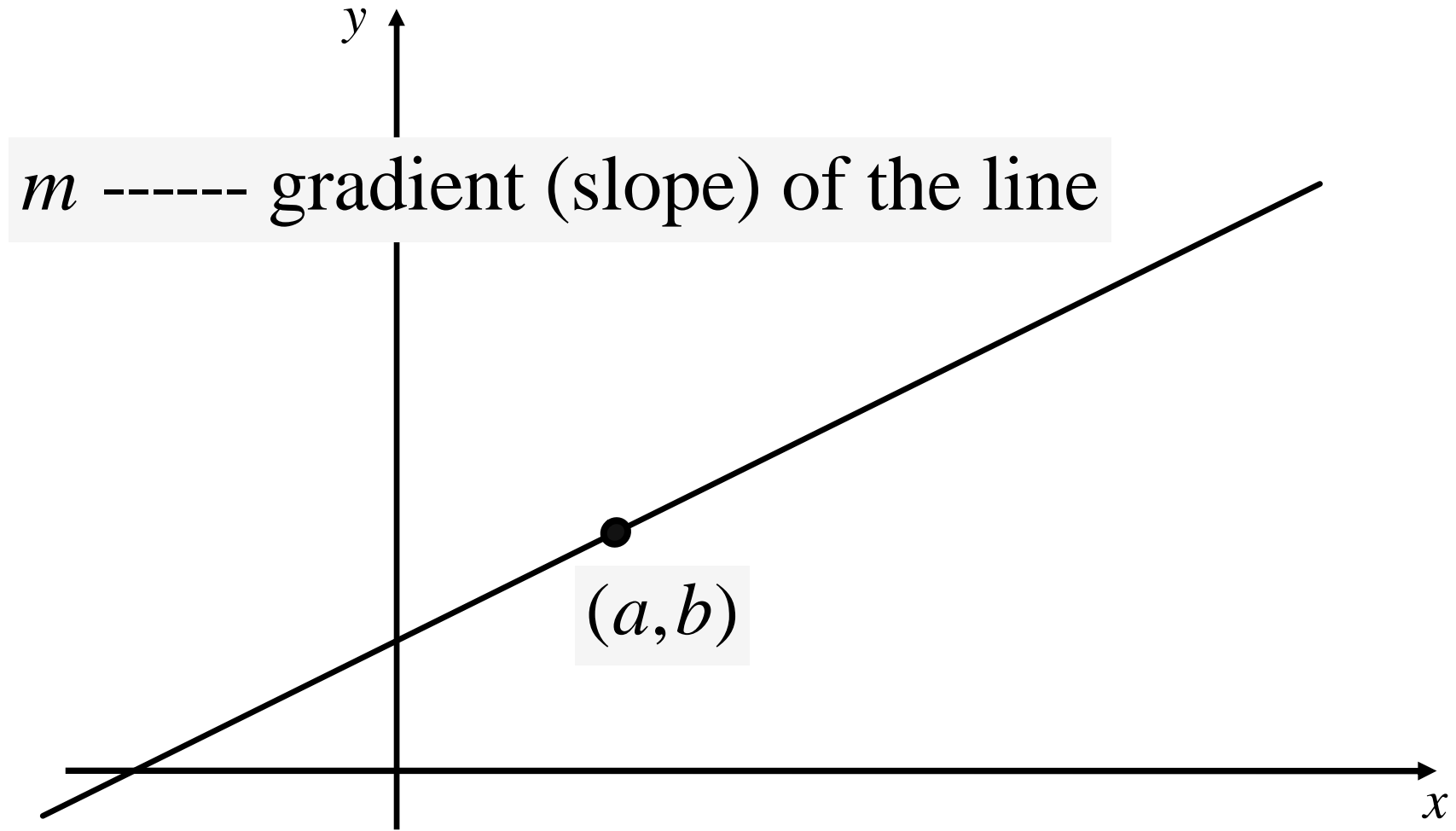




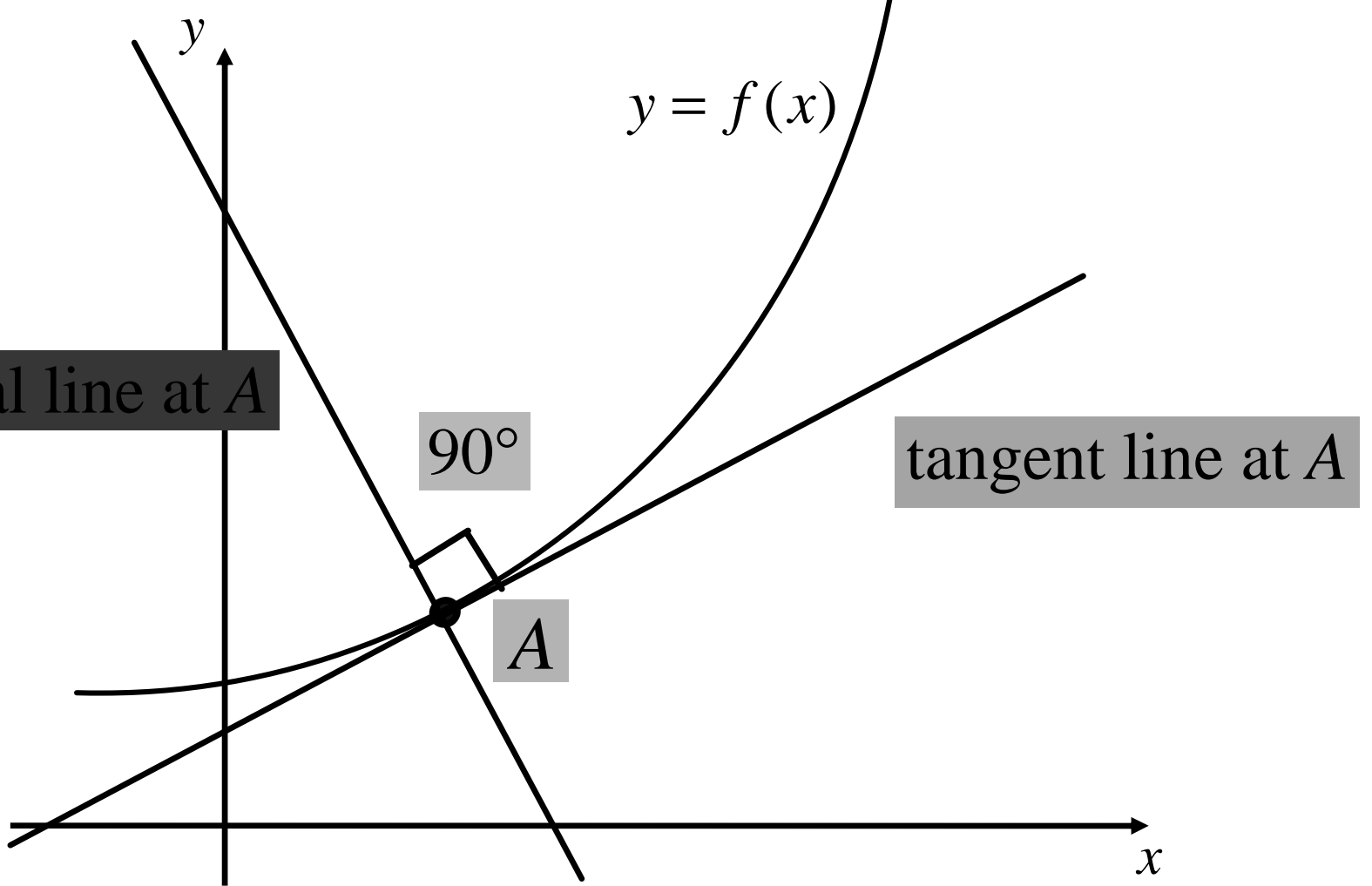
m ----- gradient (slope) of the line

c ----- y – intercept

Point – Slope form



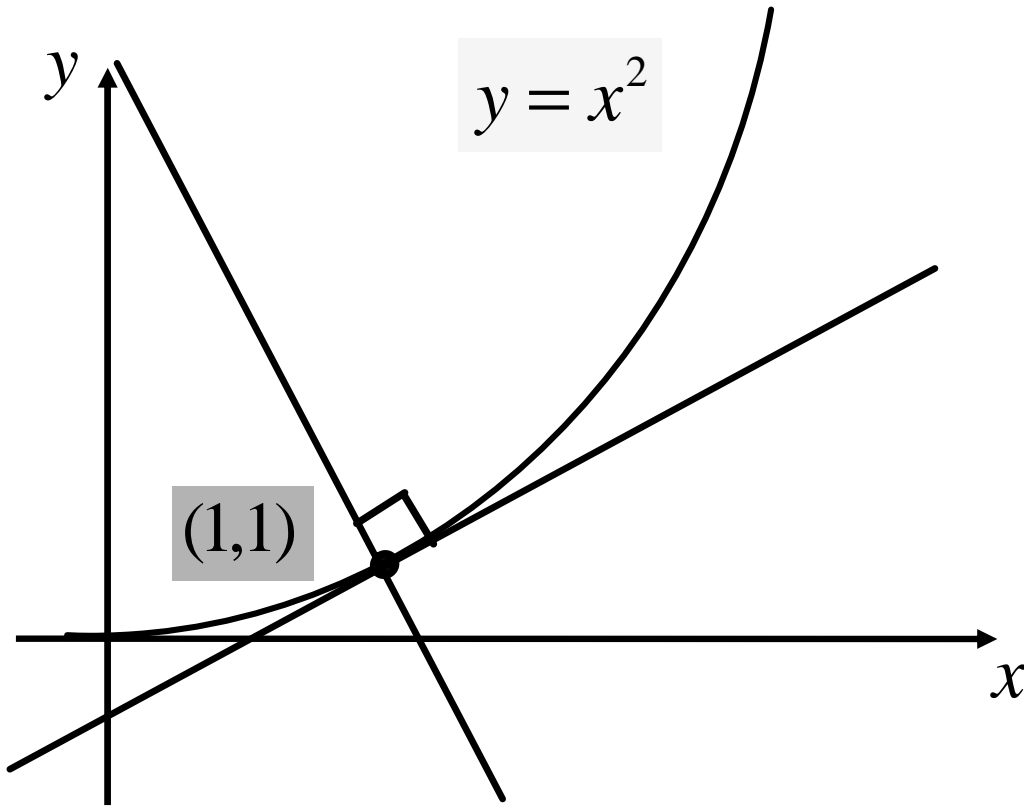
$$y - b = m(x - a)$$



Result :

$$(\text{gradient of tangent line}) \times (\text{gradient of normal line}) = -1$$

Find equation of lines which are tangent and normal to the curve $y = x^2$ at $x = 1$ respectively.



$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

$$x = 1, \frac{dy}{dx} = 2$$

$$\text{gradient of tangent} = 2$$

$$\text{gradient of normal} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Equation of tangent: } y - 1 = 2(x - 1)$$

$$\text{Equation of normal: } y - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$$

Derivative – Rules of Differentiation

Product Rule

$$(fg)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x)g(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} g(x) + f(x) \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (uv) = \frac{du}{dx} v + u \frac{dv}{dx}$$

Derivative – Rules of Differentiation

Quotient Rule

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

Quotient Rule

- Show that $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \tan x &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \\&= \frac{\cos x \cdot \cos x - \sin x(-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x} \\&= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \\&= \sec^2 x\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$u = \sin x$$

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

$$v = \cos x$$

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

$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

Derivative – Rules of Differentiation

Chain Rule

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

The Chain Rule - Example

- Find $\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x^3)$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x^3)$$

$$= \cos(x^3) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} x^3$$

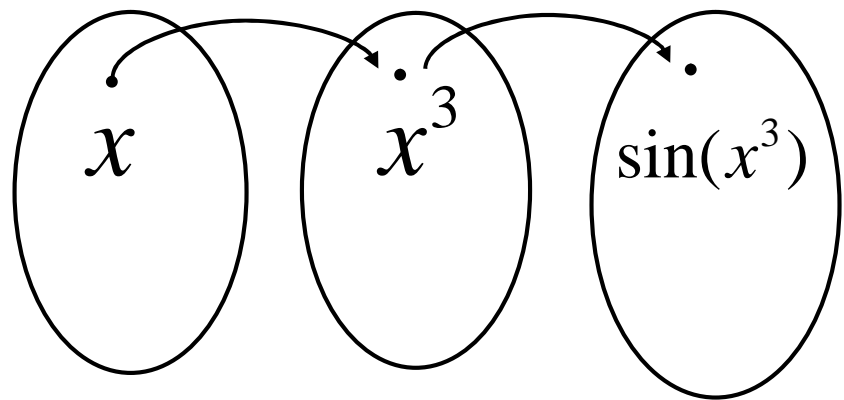
$$= 3x^2 \cos(x^3)$$

Fix a value for x

Let $x = \mathbf{p}$

Step 1. \mathbf{p}^3

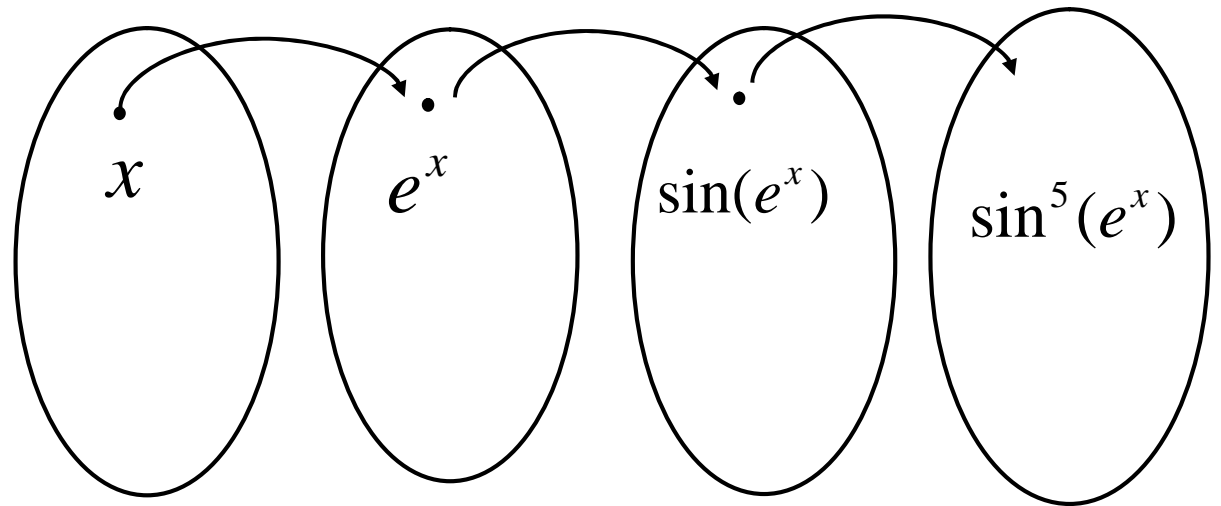
Step 2. $\sin(\mathbf{p}^3)$



The Chain Rule - Example

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Find $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^5(e^x)$.



The Chain Rule - Example

- Let $y = (x^5 + \cos(3x^2))^9$. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} (x^5 + \cos(3x^2))^9 \\ &= 9(x^5 + \cos(3x^2))^8 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^5 + \cos(3x^2)) \\ &= 9(x^5 + \cos(3x^2))^8 (5x^4 - \sin(3x^2) \cdot 6x) \\ &= 9x(x^5 + \cos(3x^2))^8 (5x^3 - 6\sin(3x^2))\end{aligned}$$

