

$$\frac{df}{dx}(2), \Delta x \rightarrow 0.$$

The derivative is formed by "nudging" Δx and subsequently df .

Can be expressed,

$$\frac{f(2+\Delta x) - f(2)}{\Delta x}, \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

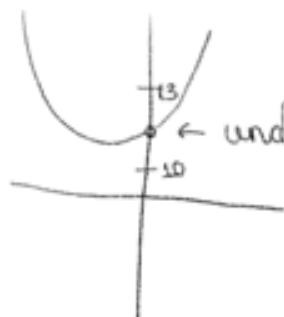
There is a difference between a infinitesimals and the behaviour as differences approach finitely small values.

More formally,

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

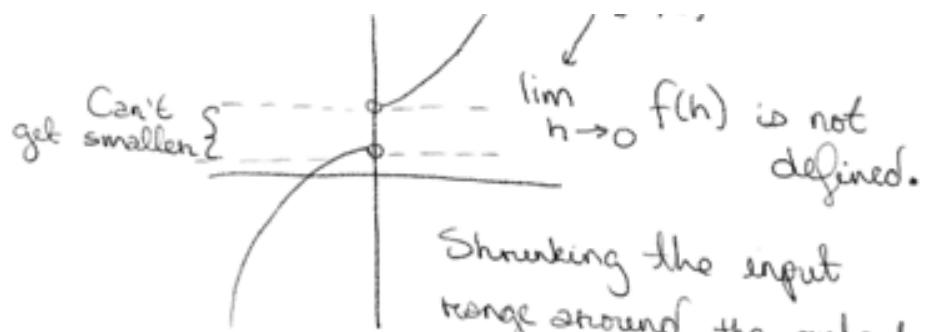
Common to use Δx or h for Δx .

Derivatives concern the finite small differences approaching zero.

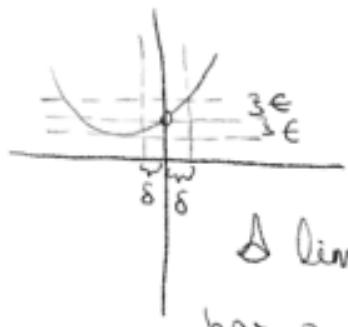


$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} = 12$$

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Epsilon-Delta



Shrinking the input range around the output range and evaluating convergence is similar to the Epsilon-delta definition of limits.

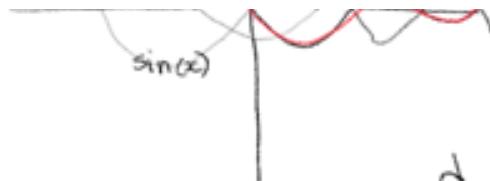
Real Analysis.

δ limit which exists, has a range of inputs around the limiting point of some distance (δ), so that any such input corresponds to an output within the range of epsilon. Critically — for any epsilon (ϵ).

Given the function $f(x) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{x^2 - 1}$.

This function is undefined at 1 and -1.





The rate of change
(i.e. the derivative) is

$$\frac{\cos(\pi x) \cdot \pi}{2x}$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 - 1) = 2x$$

At the undefined value of 1 or -1, the derivative —
“that is the rate of change”, is

The idea is $\frac{\cos(\pi(1)) \cdot \pi}{2(1)} \Rightarrow \frac{(-1) \cdot \pi}{2}$

that if the limit is $\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}$.

defined then so too is the derivative.

If the derivative is found then the limit can be computed for undefined values by computing a prediction for that limit using arbitrarily near locations to compute rates of change.

Generalization – L'Hopital's Rule

Even though $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ is sometimes undefined ($\frac{0}{0}$).

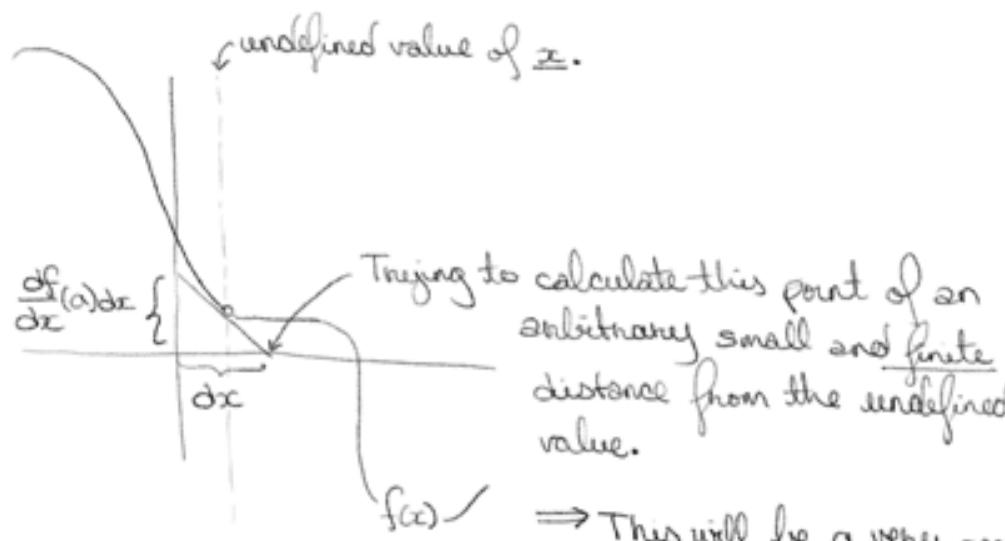
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their derivatives are well defined — and so to are the limits.

That is, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ is well defined.

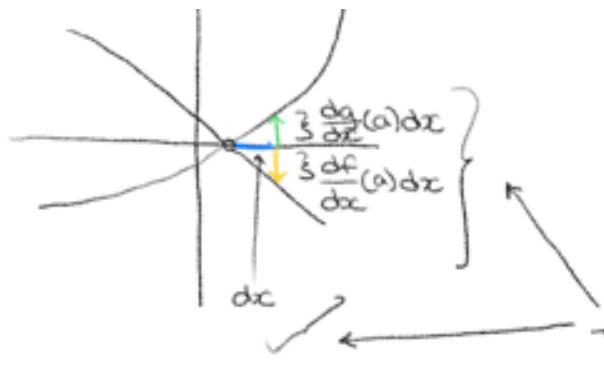
One can use that derivative in conjunction with arbitrarily close approaches (dx) to the target "a", to approximate the undefined value.



Through the application of the derivative to a dx (from zero) that derivative in conjunction with the other derivatives of the other involved functions,

⇒ This will be a very accurate approximation of the limit which can be substituted for the undefined value.





L'Hopital's

Rule



(*BUT ACTUALLY BERNOULLI)

This and this become
arbitrarily small.