

16. **Local Nonlinearity Problem:** Figure 3-2e shows the graph of

$$f(x) = x^2 + 0.1(x - 1)^{2/3}$$

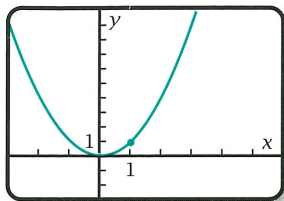


Figure 3-2e

- Show that the point (1, 1) is on the graph of  $f$ . Does the graph seem to possess local linearity at that point? (See Problem 15.)
- Zoom in on the point (1, 1) several times. Sketch what you see.
- Explain why the graph of  $f$  does not have local linearity at  $x = 1$ .
- Explain why  $f$  does not have a value for the derivative at  $x = 1$ .

17. Let  $f$  be the piecewise function

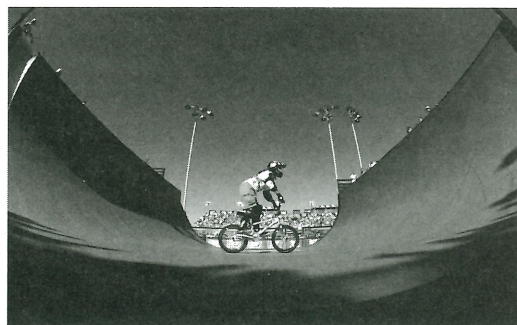
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x - 3}, & \text{if } x \neq 3 \\ 7, & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases}$$

- Plot the graph on your grapher, using a friendly window with  $x = 3$  as a grid point. Sketch the result, showing clearly what happens at  $x = 3$ .
- Write the difference quotient for  $f'(3)$  and plot it on your grapher. (See if you can find a time-efficient way to enter the equation!) Sketch the result.
- Make a short table of values of the difference quotient for values of  $x$  close to 3 on both sides of 3. Based on your work, explain why the function has no derivative at  $x = 3$ .

18. Let  $s(x) = 2 + |\sin(x - 1)|$ .

- Plot the graph of  $s$ . Sketch the result.
- Plot the difference quotient for  $s'(1)$ . Sketch the graph.

- c. Explain why  $s$  does not have a value for the derivative at  $x = 1$ .



A line through the points where each tire touches the half-pipe is a secant line.

19. **Tangent Lines as Limits of Secant Lines:** Figure 3-2f shows the graph of

$$f(x) = 0.25x^2 - 2.5x + 7.25$$

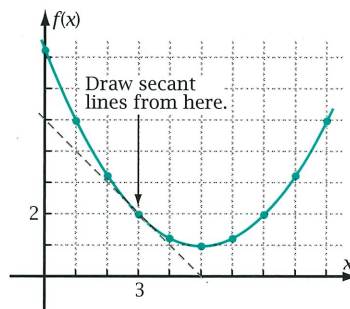


Figure 3-2f

- Show that the tangent line on the diagram at  $x = 3$  has slope equal to  $f'(3)$ .
- Recall that a secant line intersects a curve at a minimum of two points. On a copy of Figure 3-2f, draw secant lines starting at the point (3, 2) and going through the points on the graph where  $x = 9, 8, 7, 6, 5$ , and 4. Describe what happens to the secant lines as the  $x$ -distance between those points and the point (3, 2) decreases.
- Does the same thing happen with the secant lines from the point (3, 2) to the points on the graph where  $x = 0, 1$ , and 2?