

Bell Work

Evaluate the following limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - x - 12}{x - 4}$$


From Last Time...

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Day 19



12.2 Techniques for Evaluating Limits

Objective: Evaluate one-sided limits

12.3 The Tangent Line Problem

Objective: Find Derivatives of functions and find slopes of graphs.

Remember... Definition of Limit

If $f(x)$ becomes arbitrarily close to a unique number L as x *approaches c from either side*,
the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches c is L .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

12.2 Techniques for Evaluating Limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L_1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L_2$$

Example 1:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|5x|}{x}$$

x		3	2	1	0.5	0.25
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f(x)	
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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|5x|}{x}$$

x		-3	-2	-1	-0.5	-0.25
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f(x)	
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Example 1:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|5x|}{x}$$

x		3	2	1	0.5	0.25
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f(x)		5	5	5	5	5

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|5x|}{x} = 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|5x|}{x}$$

x		-3	-2	-1	-0.5	-0.25
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f(x)		-5	-5	-5	-5	-5

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|5x|}{x} = -5$$

12.3 The Tangent Line Problem

Definition of Derivative

The derivative of f at x is given by

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \text{provided this limit exists.}$$

Example:

Find the derivative and use it to identify the slope of the tangent through the given point.

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 6x \quad (2, 0)$$

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$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[3(x + h)^2 - 6(x + h)] - (3x^2 - 6x)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} = \frac{3x^2 + 6xh + 3h^2 - 6x - 6h - 3x^2 + 6x}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} = \frac{6xh + 3h^2 - 6h}{h} = \frac{h(6x + 3h - 6)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 6x + 3h - 6 = \mathbf{6x - 6}$$

Solution

Since the derivative is $6x-6$...

Therefore the slope of the tangent through $(2,0)$ is at

$$f'(2) = 6(2) - 6 \dots$$

$$f'(2) = 6$$

Graph to see.

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