

### 3.1 calculus (On differentiation)

I Given different functions, we need to use the formula

$$m_{\text{sec}} = \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \quad \text{or}$$

$m_{\text{sec}} = \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$  to find the slope of our secant line

1.  $f(x) = 4x + 7$ ,  $x_1 = 2$  and  $x_2 = 5$

Since we are given two points our formula changes to

$$m_{\text{sec}} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

for our function we have that

$$m_{\text{sec}} = \frac{f(5) - f(2)}{5 - 2} = \frac{27 - 15}{3} = 4$$

Continue on other exercises using this approach! Say Do 2-10 in the same way.

II. For next exercises we need to find the tangent's slope

using  $m_{\text{tan}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$

and find the equation of our tangent.

11.  $f(x) = 3 - 4x$ ,  $a = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad m_{\text{tan}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(3 - 4x) - (3 - 8)}{x - 2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3 - 4x + 5}{x - 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{8 - 4x}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{4(2 - x)}{x - 2}$$

take the negative sign to get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-4(x - 2)}{x - 2} = -4$$

b. The tangent has the form

$$y = mx + n, \quad \text{with } m = m_{\text{tan}} = -4$$

But we need a line with slope  $m = -4$ , passing through the point  $(a, f(a))$  as we saw.

Now  $(a, f(a)) = (2, f(2)) = (2, -5)$

Thus  $y = mx + n$

$$y = -4x + n;$$

Through  $(2, -5)$  we get

$$-5 = -4(2) + n$$

$$-5 + 8 = n \Rightarrow n = 3$$

Finally our tangent is

$$T \equiv y = -4x + 3.$$

⚠ continue with different examples but remember that you should use different techniques for evaluating limits such as

"FACTORIZE AND SIMPLIFY"

"USE CONJUGATE"

"SIMPLIFY COMPLEX FRACTION"

for instance on 16. we have

$$m_{\text{tan}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+8} - 3}{x - 1}$$

We should use conjugate of  $\sqrt{x+8} - 3$  which is  $\sqrt{x+8} + 3$ .

So continue from 12 - 20

III. In the exercise we need the derivative of  $f(x)$  at a point. say given  $f(x)$ , we need  $f'(a)$ .

21.  $f(x) = 5x + 4, \quad a = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(-1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{f(x) - f(-1)}{x - (-1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{5x + 4 - (-2)}{x + 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{5x + 5}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{5(x+1)}{x+1} = 5 \end{aligned}$$

Continue in this way and evaluate different derivatives at different given points.

### Remark

On exercise II, somewhere you can find that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = 0. \text{ In this case, your tangent line is a horizontal line of equation } y = n \text{ or } y = f(a).$$

You should also find that

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

This means that you have a vertical tangent at a say the tangent has equation  $x = a$ .

On Exercise III if  $f'(a) = 0$  then the derivative vanishes at  $a$ . As a consequence we have a horizontal tangent there at  $x = a$ .

On the other hand if  $f'(a) \text{ DNE}$ , then the derivative at that point DNE. (We shall see what is it in this case).

IV. In this exercise we only need to use different values found in the table and write the formula of our

$$m_{\text{sec}} = \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

say: if  $x = 1.1$ ,

$$f(x) = f(1.1)$$

and from  $P(1, 8)$  you take  $a = 1$ . So fill different columns ok.

$x$	Slope =
1.1	(i) $\frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1}$
1.01	(ii) $\frac{f(1.01) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1}$
:	
1.000001	(iii) $\frac{f(1.000001) - f(1)}{1.000001 - 1}$

Use  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 4$ , and fill the table  $f(1) = 8$  and fill

continue with other exercises on this part

IV. Given  $y = s(t)$  (a function of  $t$ ),  $t$  in seconds.

answer a) b) and c) for given  $y = s(t)$ .

35.  $s(t) = \frac{1}{3}t + 5$

Recall that

a.  $V_{ave} = \frac{s(t) - s(a)}{t - a}$

Now we need from  $t = 2$  up to  $t = 2 + h$ . That is

$V_{ave} = \frac{s(2+h) - s(2)}{2+h-2}$

We need

$V_{ave} = \frac{s(t) - s(a)}{t - a}$  OR

$V_{ave} = \frac{s(a+h) - s(a)}{h}$

Since They are the same

Thus

a)  $V_{ave} = \frac{[\frac{1}{3}(2+h) + 5] - [\frac{1}{3} \cdot 2 + 5]}{2+h-2}$

$= \frac{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{h}{3} + 5 - \frac{2}{3} - 5}{h}$

$= \frac{h/3}{h} = \frac{h}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{h} = \frac{1}{3}$

b.  $V_{ave}$  for given  $h$ .

Since  $V_{ave} = \frac{1}{3}$  (constant)

and doesn't depend on  $h$  (3)  
it remains constant for different  $h$ .

c. Since  $V_{ave} = \frac{1}{3}$  (constant) and

$V_{instant} = \frac{V(a+h) - V(a)}{dh}$

we have

$V_{inst} = \frac{V(a+h) - V(a)}{h} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3}}{h} = 0.$

Thus  $V_{inst}$  is zero everywhere.

36.  $s(t) = t^2 - 2t.$

a.  $V_{ave} = \frac{s(a+h) - s(a)}{h}$

or  $a+h = 2+h, a = 2$

$\Rightarrow V_{ave} = \frac{s(2+h) - s(2)}{2+h-2}$

$= \frac{[(2+h)^2 - 2(2+h)] - [2^2 - 4]}{h}$

$= \frac{4+4h+h^2-4-2h}{h}$

$= \frac{h^2+2h}{h} = \frac{h(h+2)}{h} = h+2$

b.  $V_{ave}$  for different  $h$ .

$h = 0.1$

$V_{ave} = 0.1 + 2 = 2.1$

$h = 0.01, V_{ave} = 0.01 + 2 = 2.01$

$h = 0.001, V_{ave} = 0.001 + 2 = 2.001$

c.  $V_{instant} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(a+h) - s(a)}{h}$   
 $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2+h) = 2.$



Continue on the same way.  
 VI. Use definition of derivative  
 (the limit) at a) to show that  
 the derivative DNE.

41.  $f(x) = x^{1/3}$  and  $x = 0$

Now,  $f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h}$   
 $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(0+h)^{1/3} - 0}{h}$

Since  $x = a = 0$  we have

$f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(0+h)^{1/3} - 0}{h}$   
 $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^{-2/3} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^{2/3}}$

Observe that  
 $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{h^{2/3}} = +\infty$   
 $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h^{2/3}} = +\infty$   
 $\Rightarrow$  infinite

42. The same as here above  
 $x = a = 0$ ,  $f(x) = x^{2/3}$

$f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h}$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(0+h)^{2/3} - (0)^{2/3}}{h}$   
 $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^{2/3}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^{-1/3}$   
 $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^{1/3}}$

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{h^{1/3}} = -\infty$   
 $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h^{1/3}} = +\infty$   
 $\Rightarrow$  DNE.

43.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x < 1 \\ x, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$ ,  $a = x = 1$

We need that  $f'(1)$  to exist  
 OR simply

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

OR  
 $f'(1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$

Since they are the same  
 as the first one:

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

But from the definition of  
 our function we have that

$f(1) = 1$  since  
 $f(x) = x$  for  $x \geq 1$  ( $[1, +\infty)$ )

Now, we will have two limits

Say,  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1}$   
 $\left. \begin{matrix} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} \text{Since we} \\ \text{have 2} \\ \text{different} \\ \text{intervals} \end{matrix}$

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

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \text{DNE}$

44.  $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$ ,  $x = a = 0$

We proceed as in 43 by recalling that

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

Now  $\frac{|x|}{x} = \begin{cases} -\frac{x}{x}, & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{x}, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

$= \begin{cases} -1, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

We even conclude that

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = -1$  and  $\Rightarrow \text{DNE}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 1$

45. Given  $s(t) = 8t^2 - \frac{1}{16}t^3$

a)  $V_{\text{ave}} = \frac{s(t) - s(a)}{t - a}$

But we have an interval

$[a, b]$  with given  $s(t)$

$[t_1, t_2]$

Now  $V_{\text{ave}} = \frac{s(t_2) - s(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1}$

Up different intervals

b.

$V_{\text{inst}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{s(t) - s(a)}{t - a}$

But as you can see from a we will have a table showing what is going on as  $t \rightarrow 4$

or 4

4.1	So we evaluated our limit using a table
4.01	
4.001	
4.0001	

46. The same as 45 but we changed only values

The remaining exercises require that we have a program to plot different situations.

- In RER book 54, Have a look at Task 9.7 page 185

and Task 9.6, page 184

Task 9.4 page 178 and

Task 9.2 page 174. Ask

questions so that we can fix and establish a link between what we've done and different settings in the

material. You shall find some challenging exercises that require some reasoning, but we saw different things in common. So Ask questions to get help.