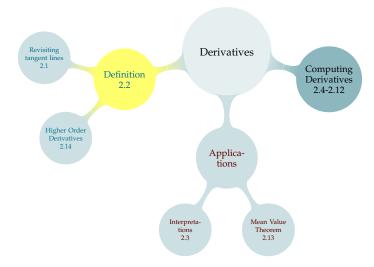
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DERIVATIVE AT A POINT

Definition 2.2.1

Given a function f(x) and a point a, the slope of the tangent line to f(x) at a is the derivative of f at a, written f'(a).

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

f'(a) is also the instantaneous rate of change of f at a.

Derivative

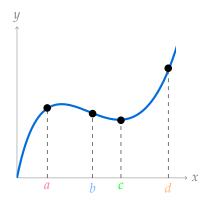
$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

If f'(a) > 0, then f is increasing at a. Its graph "points up."

If f'(a) < 0, then f is decreasing at a. Its graph "points down."

If f'(a) = 0, then f looks constant or flat at a.

PRACTICE: INCREASING AND DECREASING

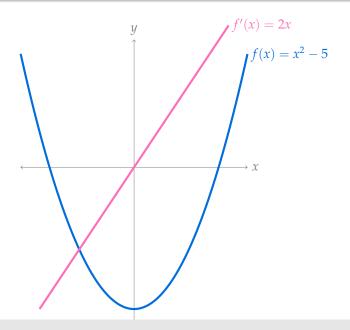


Where is f'(x) < 0? Where is f'(x) > 0?

Where is $f'(x) \approx 0$?

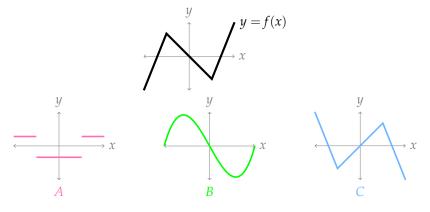
Use the definition of the derivative to find the slope of the tangent line to $f(x) = x^2 - 5$ at the point x = 3.

Let's keep the function $f(x) = x^2 - 5$. We just showed f'(3) = 6. We can also find its derivative at an arbitrary point x:



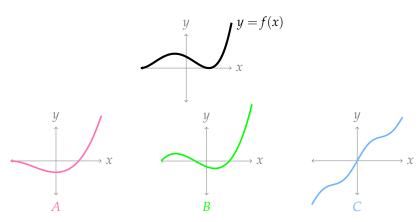
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In black is the curve y = f(x). Which of the coloured curves corresponds to y = f'(x)?



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Derivative as a Function – Definition 2.2.6

Let f(x) be a function.

The derivative of f(x) with respect to x is given by

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

provided the limit exists. Notice that *x* will be a part of your final expression: this is a function.

If f'(x) exists for all x in an interval (a, b), we say that f is differentiable on (a, b).

Notation 2.2.8

The "prime" notation f'(x) and f'(a) is sometimes called Newtonian notation. We will also use Leibnitz notation:

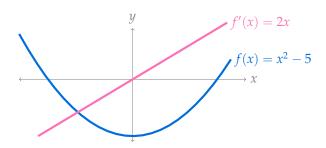
$$\frac{df}{dx}$$
 $\frac{df}{dx}(a)$ $\frac{d}{dx}f(x)$ $\frac{d}{dx}f(x)\Big|_{x=a}$

Newtonian Notation:

$$f(x) = x^2 + 5$$
 $f'(x) = 2x$ $f'(3) = 6$

Leibnitz Notation:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}x} = \qquad \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}x}(3) = \qquad \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}f(x) = \qquad \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}f(x)\Big|_{x=3} =$$



Alternate Definition – Definition 2.2.1

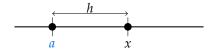
Calculating

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

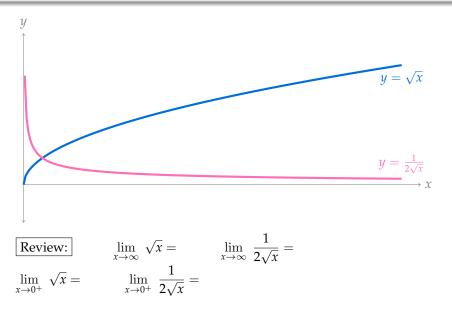
is the same as calculating

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

Notice in these scenarios, h = x - a.



Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$. Using the definition of a derivative, calculate f'(x).





Using the definition of the derivative, calculate

Using the definition of the derivative, calculate $\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \frac{2x}{x+1} \right\}$.

Using the definition of the derivative, calculate $\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + x}} \right\}$.

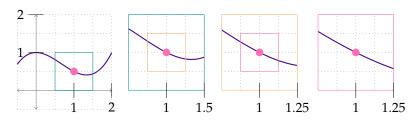
Memorize

The derivative of a function f at a point a is given by the following limit, if it exists:

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

ZOOMING IN

For a smooth function, if we zoom in at a point, we see a line:

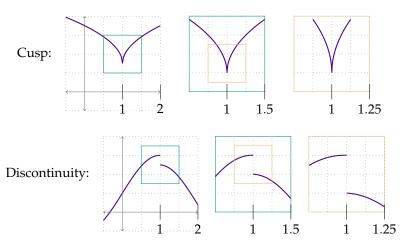


In this example, the slope of our zoomed-in line looks to be about:

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \approx -\frac{1}{2}$$

ZOOMING IN ON FUNCTIONS THAT AREN'T SMOOTH

For a function with a cusp or a discontinuity, even though we zoom in very closely, we don't see simply a single straight line.



Alternate Definition – Definition 2.2.1

Calculating

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

is the same as calculating

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

Notice in these scenarios, h = x - a.

The derivative of f(x) does not exist at x = a if

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

does not exist.

Note this is the slope of the tangent line to y = f(x) at x = a, $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$.

WHEN DERIVATIVES DON'T EXIST

What happens if we try to calculate a derivative where none exists?

Find the derivative of $f(x) = x^{1/3}$ at x = 0.

Theorem 2.2.14

If the function f(x) is differentiable at x = a, then f(x) is also continuous at x = a.

Proof:

Let f(x) be a function and let a be a constant in its domain. Draw a picture of each scenario, or say that it is impossible.

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f(x) continuous at $x = a$	f(x) continuous at $x = a$
f(x) differentiable at $x = a$	f(x) differentiable at $x = a$
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Included Work



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