

MTH140 Lab 5

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Structure of Today's Lab

- Please provide feedback on our labs:
<https://tinyurl.com/MTH140Section17>
- Your feedback will count for attendance.
- As usual, 1hr 20 minutes Collaborative Problem-Solving
- Quiz 2 (20-minute) will take place in last 30 minutes of lab
- Slides to labs 3-5 in **Lab Teaching Sessions** page on D2L.

Learning Objectives

This lab will help you achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Find the equation (slope and y-intercept) of a tangent line of a function (Q1)
- Find the derivative function using the definition of derivative (Q2)
- Use the graph of a function to sketch its derivative function (Q3)
- Find the derivative using differentiation rules (Q4)
- Use a given graph to calculate its derivative at various points (Q5)
- Calculate the velocity, acceleration, and time intervals where the function slows down or speeds up (Q6, Q7, Q8)

Recommended Textbook Sections

Please read the following sections from the textbook:

- 3.1 Defining the Derivative
- 3.2 The Derivative of a Function
- 3.3 Differentiation Rules
- 3.4 Derivatives as Rates of Change

These sections will provide you with valuable background information and concepts required to solve this week's problem set.

Announcements

Midterm Test Information: 120 minutes: Friday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 pm,
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Exercise 1a(i): Find Slope of Tangent Line to a Curve

Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve $f(x) = \frac{x}{5} + 6$ at $x = -1$ using the limit formula. **Solution:** We can find the slope of the tangent line by computing the derivative of $f(x)$ and then evaluating it at $x = -1$. One way to compute the derivative is to use the derivative limit formula:

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

Exercise 1a(i): Find Slope of Tangent Line to Curve

$$\begin{aligned}f'(a) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-1+h) - f(-1)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{(-1+h)}{5} + 6 - \left(\frac{-1}{5} + 6\right)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-1+h+30) - (-1+30)}{5h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{5h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{5} \\&= \frac{1}{5}\end{aligned}$$

So, the slope of the tangent line at $x = -1$ is $m = f'(-1) = \frac{1}{5}$.

Exercise 1a(ii): Find Y-Intercept of Tangent Line to Curve

Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $f(x) = \frac{x}{5} + 6$ at $x = -1$. **Solution:** We've already found that the slope of the tangent line at $x = -1$ is $m = \frac{1}{5}$. To find the equation of the tangent line, we can use the point-slope form of a line to get the **y-intercept**:

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

where (x_1, y_1) is a point on the line. In this case, (x_1, y_1) is $(-1, f(-1))$.

$$y - f(-1) = \frac{1}{5}(x - (-1))$$

Now, substitute $f(-1)$ and simplify to get the equation of the tangent line.

Exercise 1a(ii): Find Y-Intercept of Tangent Line to Curve

$$y - f(-1) = \frac{1}{5}(x + 1)$$

Now, let's simplify further:

$$y - \left(\frac{-1}{5} + 6\right) = \frac{1}{5}(x + 1)$$

$$y + \frac{1}{5} - 6 = \frac{1}{5}(x + 1)$$

$$y - \frac{29}{5} = \frac{1}{5}(x + 1)$$

This is the equation of the tangent line to $f(x)$ at $x = -1$, unsimplified. Simplifying, we get $y = \frac{1}{5}x + 6$, with $b = 6$.

Problem 1b(i): Find Slope of Tangent Line to Curve

Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve $f(x) = 1 - x - x^2$ at $x = 0$ using the limit formula. **Solution:** We can find the slope of the tangent line by computing the derivative of $f(x)$ and then evaluating it at $x = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\f'(a) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (0+h) - (0+h)^2 - 1}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - h - h^2 - 1}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h - h^2}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (-1 - h) \\&= -1\end{aligned}$$

Problem 1b(i): Find Slope of Tangent Line to Curve

Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $f(x) = 1 - x - x^2$ at $x = 0$. **Solution:** We've already found that the slope of the tangent line at $x = 0$ is $m = -1$. To find the equation of the tangent line, we can use the point-slope form of a line:

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

where (x_1, y_1) is a point on the line. In this case, (x_1, y_1) is $(0, f(0))$.

$$y - f(0) = -1(x - 0)$$

Now, substitute $f(0)$ and simplify to get the equation of the tangent line.

Problem 1b(i): Find Slope of Tangent Line to Curve

Some more computation to get the final equation.

$$y - f(0) = -1(x - 0)$$

$$y - (1 - 0 - 0^2) = -1(x)$$

$$y - 1 = -x$$

$$y = -x + 1$$

This is the equation of the tangent line to $f(x)$ at $x = 0$, with y-intercept $b = 1$.

Exercise 2: Definition of Derivative

Find the derivative $f'(x)$ of the function $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$ using the definition of the derivative. **Solution:** To find $f'(x)$ using the definition of the derivative, we'll start with the definition:

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

First, let's compute $f(x)$ and $f(x+h)$:

$$f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f(x+h) = x + h + \frac{1}{x+h}$$

Exercise 2: Definition of Derivative (Continued)

Now, we can substitute this and $f(x)$ into the derivative definition and simplify.

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

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

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

Exercise 2: Definition of Derivative (Continued)

Now, we can simplify further and factor out common terms.

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

Simplify.

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

Pull out the first h term into its own fraction (applying sum limit law).

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

Next, let's find a common denominator in the numerator.

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

Exercise 2: Definition of Derivative (Continued)

Now, we can simplify the numerator further.

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

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

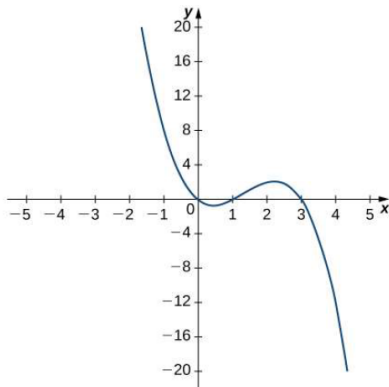
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 1 - \frac{1}{x(x+h)}$$

$$f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2}$$

Notice that hx and $(x+h)$ cancel out in the numerator and denominator. So, the derivative $f'(x)$ of the function $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$ is $f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2}$.

Exercise 3: Sketch Derivative

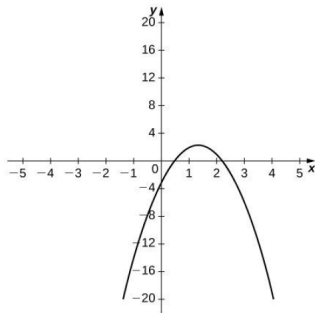
3. [(v1) 3.2 Problem 64] For the following exercise, use the graph of $y = f(x)$ to sketch the graph of its derivative $f'(x)$.



Exercise 3: Sketch Derivative

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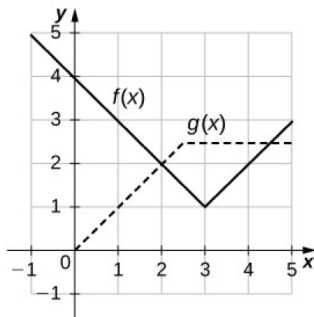
Additional Notes: The original function has the form of a cubic polynomial, hence we expect the derivative to be in the form of a quadratic. Make sure the inflection points and max/min points line up.

Exercise 5: Use Graph to find Derivative

5. [(v1) 3.3 Problem 130, 132] For the following exercises, use the figure below to find the derivatives $h'(1)$, $h'(3)$, and $h'(4)$ if they exist.

(a) $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

(b) $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$



Exercise 5: Use Graph to find Derivative

Solution:

Solution:

(a) Using the linearity of differentials: $h'(x) = (f(x) + g(x))' = f'(x) + g'(x)$

(i) Observing the graph, at 1, the slope of $f(x)$ is -1 , and the slope of $g(x)$ is 1 . These are then the derivatives of the functions at 1.

$$\text{Then, } h'(1) = f'(1) + g'(1) = -1 + 1 = 0$$

(ii) By observation, $g'(3)$ DNE, thus $h'(3) = f'(3) + g'(3)$ DNE.

(iii) $f'(4) = 1$, $g'(4) = 0$, Thus $h'(4) = 1$

(b) By the quotient rule: $h'(x) = \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$

(i) We have $f(1) = 3$, $g(1) = 1$.

$$h'(1) = \frac{f'(1)g(1) - f(1)g'(1)}{(g(1))^2} = \frac{(-1)(1) - (3)(1)}{(1)^2} = -5$$

(ii) As with (a) (ii), DNE since $g'(3)$ DNE

(iii) $f(4) = 2$, $g(4) = 2.5$

$$h'(4) = \frac{(1)(2.5) - (2)(0)}{(2.5)^2} = \frac{1}{2.5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

Exercise 6: Application - Velocity & Acceleration

Question: We are given a function that represents position s of an object at time t : $s(t) = \frac{t}{1+t^2}$. Find the *velocity* and *acceleration*, and determine *time intervals* where function slows down or speeds up.

Exercise 6: Application - Velocity & Acceleration

Solution: Step 1: Find the Velocity Function We know that velocity $v(t)$ equals the derivative of position $s(t)$ with respect to time t .

$$v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{t}{1+t^2} \right)$$

Differentiating, we get:

$$v(t) = \frac{1-t^2}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

Exercise 6: Application - Velocity & Acceleration

Step 2: Find the Acceleration Function Acceleration $a(t)$ equals the derivative of velocity $v(t)$ with respect to time t .

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1 - t^2}{(1 + t^2)^2} \right)$$

Differentiating, we get:

$$a(t) = \frac{-2t(1 + t^2)(3 - t^2)}{(1 + t^2)^4}$$

Now, we have the velocity and acceleration functions:

$$v(t) = \frac{1 - t^2}{(1 + t^2)^2}$$

$$a(t) = \frac{-2t(1 + t^2)(3 - t^2)}{(1 + t^2)^4}$$

Exercise 6: Application - Velocity & Acceleration

Step 3: Determine Speeding Up and Slowing Down Intervals To find where the object is speeding up or slowing down, we need to consider the sign of acceleration.

- If $a(t) > 0$, the object is **speeding up**.
- If $a(t) < 0$, the object is **slowing down**.

Exercise 6: Application - Velocity & Acceleration

Slowing Down Interval: Notice that the denominator of $a(t)$ is necessarily positive, so we focus on the numerator. For $-2t(1 + t^2)(3 - t^2) > 0$, we have $t < -\sqrt{3}$ or $t > \sqrt{3}$. The object is slowing down for $t < -\sqrt{3}$ and $t > \sqrt{3}$.

Speeding Up Interval: For $-2t(1 + t^2)(3 - t^2) < 0$, we have $-\sqrt{3} < t < \sqrt{3}$. The object is speeding up for $-\sqrt{3} < t < \sqrt{3}$.

Exercise 6: Application - Velocity & Acceleration

Summary In summary, we found:

- Velocity function: $v(t) = \frac{1-t^2}{(1+t^2)^2}$
- Acceleration function: $a(t) = \frac{-2t(1+t^2)(3-t^2)}{(1+t^2)^4}$
- The object is **slowing down** for $t < -\sqrt{3}$ and $t > \sqrt{3}$.
- The object is **speeding up** for $-\sqrt{3} < t < \sqrt{3}$.

Exercise 7: Application

7. [(v1) 3.4 Problem 154] A ball is thrown downward with a speed of 8 ft/s from the top of a 64-foot-tall building. After t seconds, its height above the ground is given by
- $$s(t) = -16t^2 - 8t + 64.$$
- (a) Determine how long it takes for the ball to hit the ground.
 - (b) Determine the velocity of the ball when it hits the ground.

Exercise 7: Application

Solution:

Solution:

(a) Find first POSITIVE zero.

$$s(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -16t_{\text{ground}}^2 - 8t_{\text{ground}} + 64 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{\text{ground}} = \frac{-(-8) \pm \sqrt{(-8)^2 - 4(-16)(64)}}{2*(-16)} = -\frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{65}}{4} \quad (\text{Quadratic Formula})$$

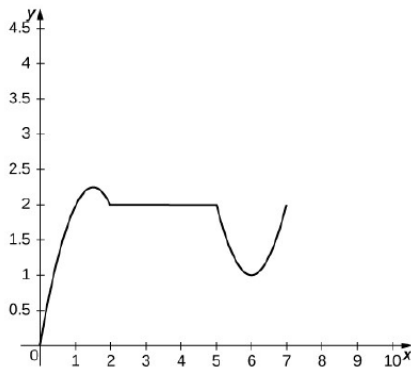
$$\text{Take the positive root: } t_{\text{ground}} = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{65}}{4} = \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{65} - 1) \text{ s}$$

(b) Find $v(t_{\text{ground}})$.

$$v(t) = s'(t) = -32t - 8$$

Exercise 8: Application

8. [(v1) 3.4 Problem 159] **Optional - If time permits** The following graph shows the position $y = s(t)$ of an object moving along a straight line.



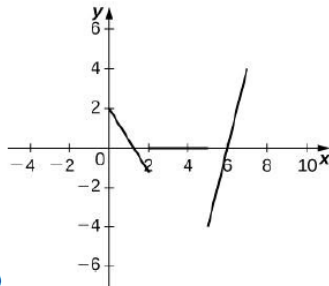
- (a) Use the graph of the position function to determine the time intervals when the velocity is positive, negative, or zero.
- (b) Sketch the graph of the velocity function.
- (c) Use the graph of the velocity function to determine the time intervals when the

Exercise 8: Application

Solution:

(a) Velocity is positive on $(0, 1.5) \cup (6, 7)$, negative on $(1.5, 2) \cup (5, 6)$, zero on $(2, 5)$.

Note: the singlet intervals $[1.5, 1.5]$ and $[6, 6]$ are also technically zero, and the velocity is undefined at $x=2, 5$.



(b)

(c) Using the graph from (b), acceleration is positive on $(5, 7)$, negative on $(0, 2)$, zero on $(2, 5)$