

Diff TraX

Differential Calculus

- Lines and curves have slopes
- You can use those slopes to find solves in real problems
- There are a set of rules you need to follow to define those slopes
- There is some underlying theory that helps to underpin how to do this

$$y = mx$$

Straight line and slopes

$$y = mx + c$$

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slope

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

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

Find the derivatives of the function $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 12$ by first principles

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

$$f(x+h) = (x+h)^2 - 3(x+h) + 12$$

$$= x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - 3x - 3h + 12$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - 3x - 3h + 12 - x^2 + 3x - 12}{h}$$

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

Tangent versus Derivative

Derivative is a way to show rate of change, the amount by which a function is changing at a given point.

→ When we find the derivative of a function we say that we "differentiate" the function and that the function is "differentiable".

$$y = 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^0 = 0 \times 4x^{0-1} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$$

Differentiating polynomial:

$$ax^n$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = anx^{n-1}$$

Tangent line of a function $f(x)$ at a point $(a, f(a))$ is

$$y = f'(a)(x-a) + f(a)$$

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

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

$$y = f'(a)(x-a) + f(a)$$

$$f(x) = 4x^6 - 6x^5 + 7x^4 + 8x^3 + 10x^2 - 7x + 1$$

$$f'(x) = 24x^5 - 30x^4 + 28x^3 + 24x^2 + 20x - 7$$

$$y = f'(3)(x-3) + f(3)$$

$$y = 4427(x-3) + 2129$$

Tangent

Tangents and Normal of a graph:

two lines are ~~normal~~ perpendicular
exactly when the product of the slopes $m_1 m_2 = -1$

if the point of the graph is $(a, f(a))$, and the derivative $f'(a)$ is not equal to zero at this point then the equation of the line normal to the graph at this point is

$$y = -\frac{(x-a)}{f'(a)} + f(a)$$

Now $f(x) = 12x - 2$

$f'(x) = 12$

equation of line perpendicular to $f(x)$ at $x = -4$?

$$y = -\frac{(x+4)}{f'(-4)} + f(-4)$$

$$= -\frac{x+4}{12} - 50$$

Now, $f(x) = x$

Features of function:

Determine if a function is increasing or decreasing

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x$$

$$\text{let } f'(x) = 0$$

$$3x(x-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } x=2$$

so, $f(x)$ is increasing when $x < 0$, decreasing when $0 < x < 2$ and it is ~~creasing~~ increasing again when $x > 2$

Now,

$$f(x) = -3x^6 - x$$

Stationary points:

$$\frac{df}{dx} = 0$$

\rightarrow find $x \rightarrow$ plug it + to $f(x)$

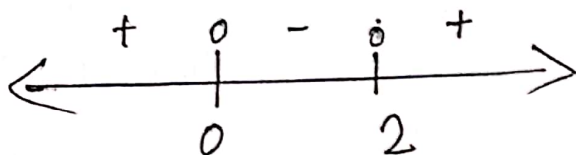
$$f(x) = f(0) = 4$$

$$f(2) = 0$$

Categorising Stationary points:

- Local maxima
- Local minima

Check using sign diagram:



$$f'(-1) = +ve$$

$$f'(1) = -ve$$

$$f'(3) = +ve$$

Now

$$f(x) = 5x - 7 + 8x^2$$

$$f'(x) = 5 + \frac{8}{x^2}$$

$$\text{Now, if } f'(x) = 0$$

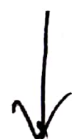
$$\frac{5x^2 - 8}{x^2} = 0$$

$$x = 0, x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{8}{5}}$$

~~f(x)~~

$$f(0) = -7$$

$$f\left(\sqrt{\frac{8}{5}}\right) = -7 + 4\sqrt{10}$$



for this point we get maxima

Concavity

Concave up \rightarrow look like a cup

Concave down \rightarrow look like a cap

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x$$





$$f''(x) = 6x - 6$$

if $f''(x) > 0$ on a region then the graph of $f(x)$ is concave up on that region

if $f''(x) < 0$ on a region then the graph of $f(x)$ is concave down on that region

However, if the value of $f''(x)$ is zero at a number c and the sign $f''(x)$ changes from positive to negative at c then the function $f(x)$ has a point of inflection at $(c, f(c))$

Point of inflection: A point where the graph is concave up on one side and concave down on the other.

	increasing	decreasing
Concave up		
Concave down		

Now

$$f(x) = 4x^4 - 4x^3 + 2x^2 - 9x + 14$$

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$$f'(x) = 16x^3 - 12x^2 + 4x - 9$$

$$f''(x) = 48x^2 - 24x + 4$$

To sum up everything

• First derivative test for increasing/decreasing

$f'(x) > 0$ on interval $\rightarrow f(x)$ increasing on interval

$f'(x) < 0$ on interval $\rightarrow f(x)$ decreasing on interval

• Second derivative test for concavity

$f''(x) > 0$ on interval $\rightarrow f(x)$ concave up on interval

$f''(x) < 0$ on interval $\rightarrow f(x)$ concave down on interval

• First derivative test for stationary points

$f'(x) = 0$ at $x = a \rightarrow f(x)$ has stationary point at $x = a$

• Sign diagram for first derivative at stationary points

$\begin{array}{c} + \quad - \\ | \\ a \end{array} \quad f'(x) \quad \left| \quad f(x) \text{ has local maximum at } x = a$

$\begin{array}{c} - \quad + \\ | \\ a \end{array} \quad f'(x) \quad \left| \quad f(x) \text{ has local minimum at } x = a$

• Second derivative test for local maximum/minimum

$f''(a) > 0$, $x = a$ stationary point $\rightarrow f(x)$ has local min at $x = a$

$f''(a) < 0$, $x = a$ stationary point $\rightarrow f(x)$ has local max at $x = a$

• Sign diagram for second derivative at an inflection point

$\begin{array}{c} - \quad + \\ | \\ a \end{array} \quad f'(x) \quad \left| \quad f(x) \text{ has a point at } x = a$

$\begin{array}{c} + \quad - \\ | \\ a \end{array} \quad f''(x) \quad \left| \quad f(x) \text{ has a point at } x = a$

Graphing whole function:

$$f(x) = x^4 - 24x^2$$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 48x$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 48$$

x-intercepts:

if $f(x) = 0$

$$x^4 - 24x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(x^2 - 24) = 0$$

$$x = 0; x = \pm 2\sqrt{6}$$

turning points

if $f'(x) = 0$

$$4x^3 - 48x$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x(x^2 - 12) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \quad x = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

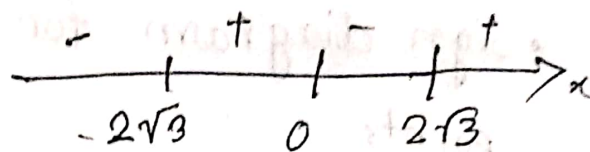
inflection points:

if $f''(x) = 0$

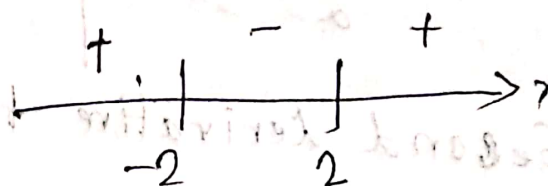
$$12x^2 - 48$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 2$$

Sign diagram for $f'(x)$



Sign diagram for $f''(x)$



Sketch

