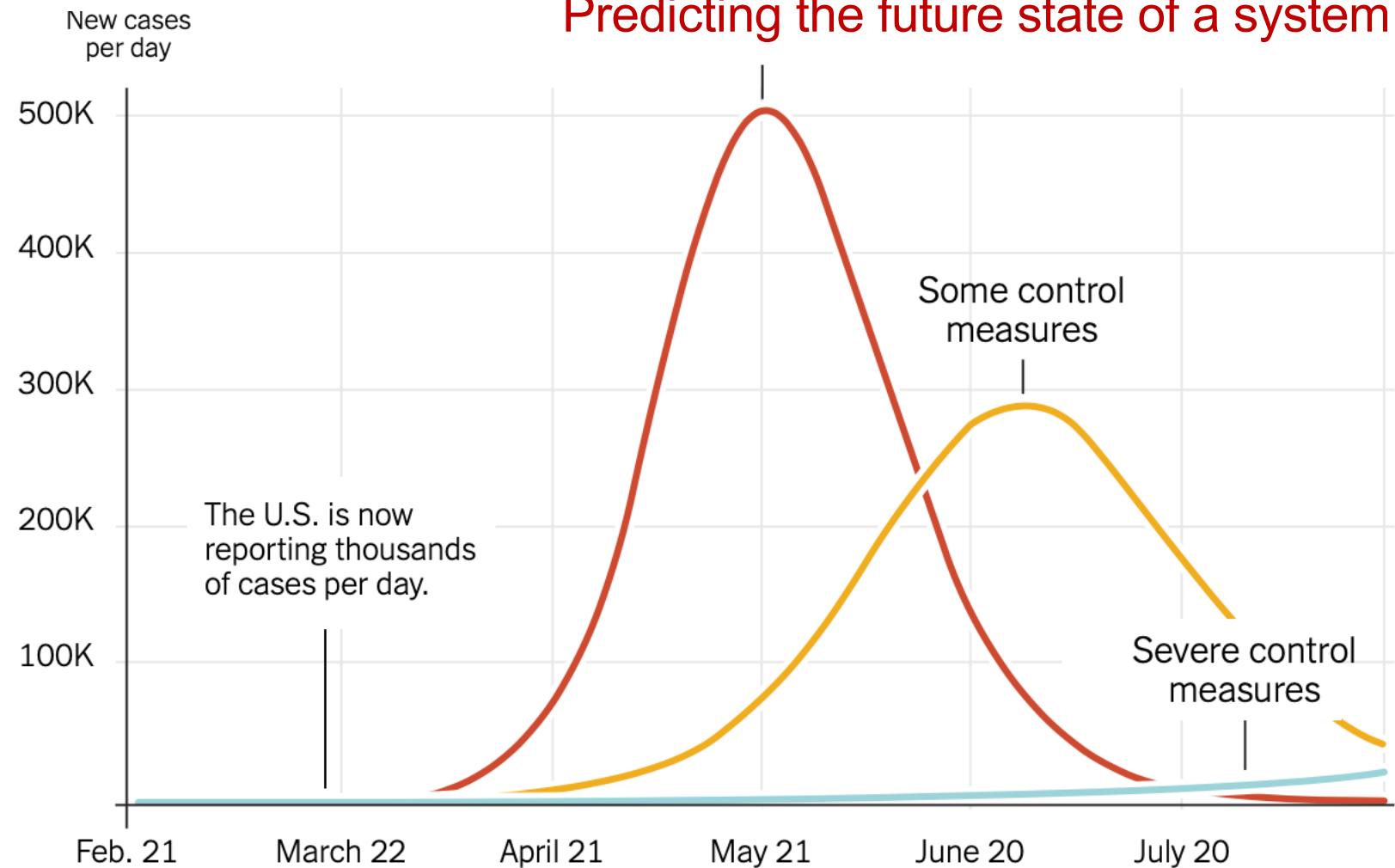
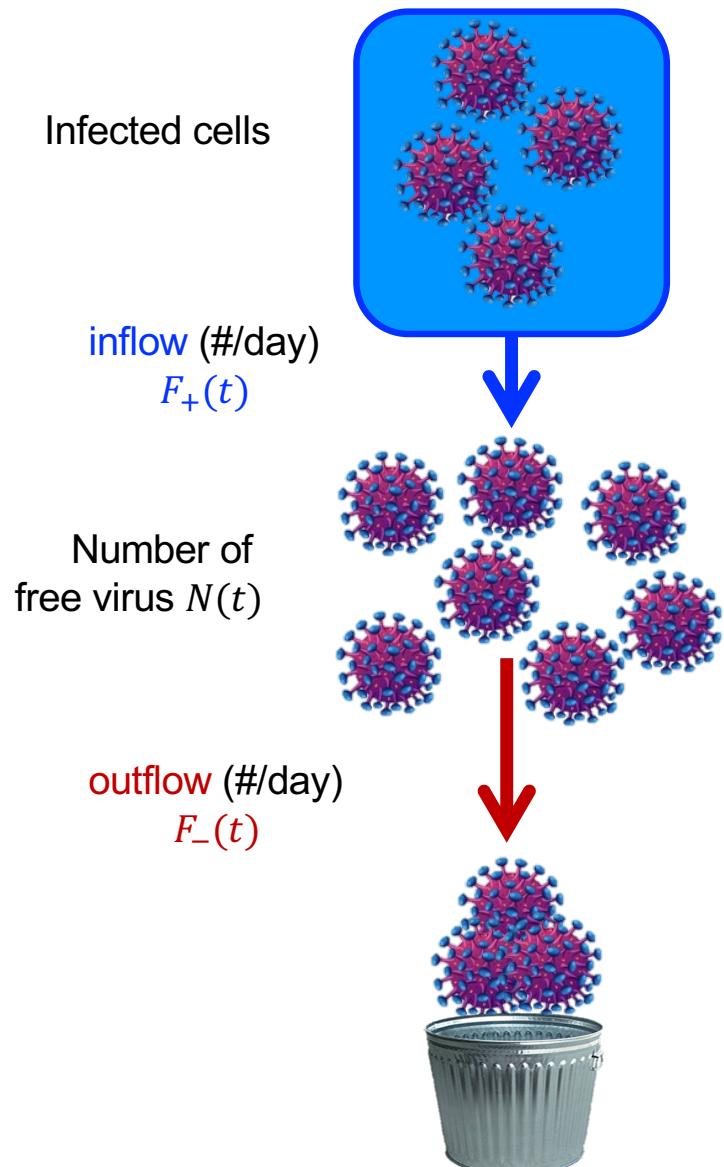


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## Predicting the future state of a system

Rate of change of  $N(t)$   
will be given by

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = F_+(t) - F_-(t)$$

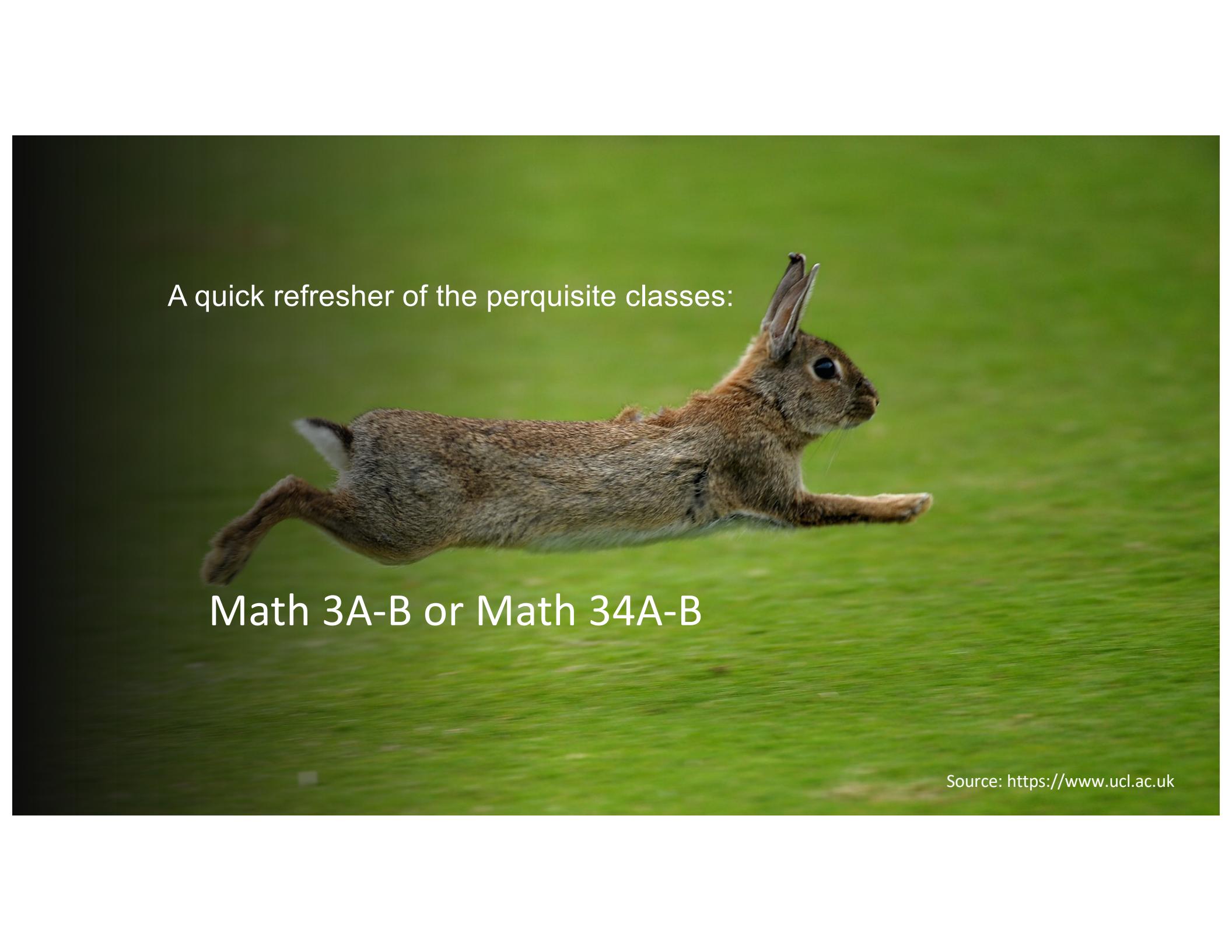
→  $N(T)$

Prediction of the number of virus  
at a time  $T$

$$\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y}$$

$$\int_0^T f(s)\;ds$$

$$\frac{df}{dt}$$

A photograph of a brown rabbit in mid-stride, running from left to right across a green grassy field. The background is blurred, suggesting motion. The rabbit's fur is a mix of brown and grey, and its ears are upright.

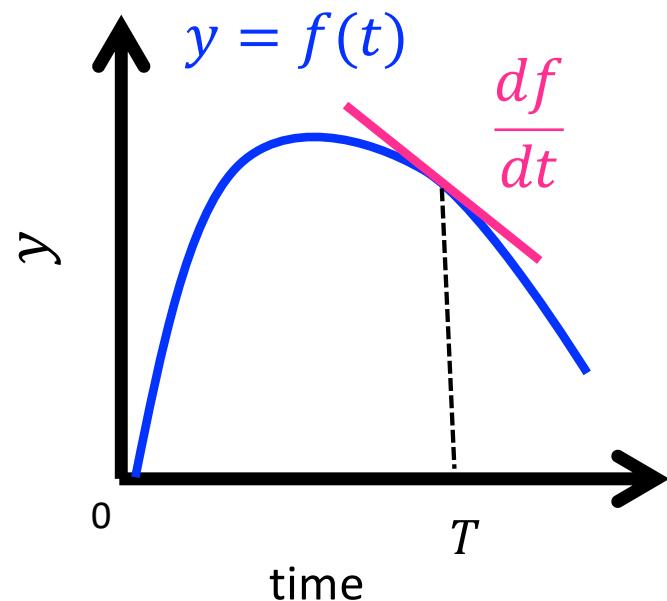
A quick refresher of the perquisite classes:

Math 3A-B or Math 34A-B

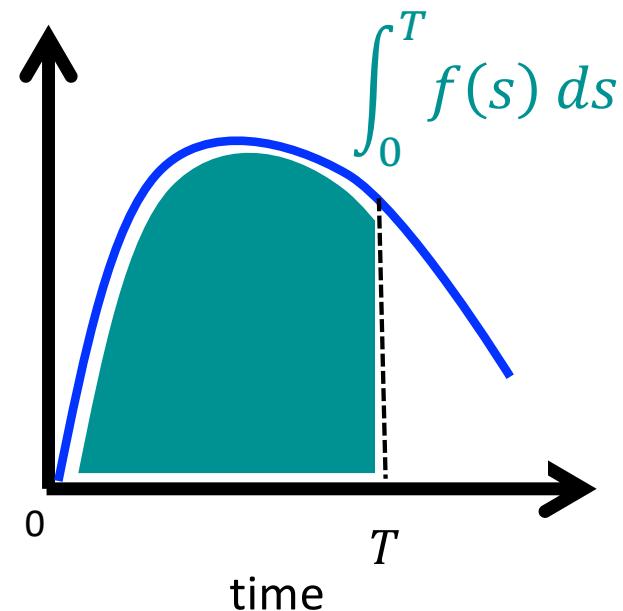
Source: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk>

$$\text{derivative } \frac{df}{dt} \Leftrightarrow \text{integral } \int f(s) ds \text{ [!]}$$

**Derivative**: “slope of tangent to the **curve**”



**Integral**: “area under the **curve**”



# Intuitive understanding of $\frac{df}{dt}$ versus $\int ds$



The coach's instructions: “Mickey, this is a 10-mile race, not a sprint race. Okay? Go steady. Set yourself a pace and maintain it until the end of the race.”

Mickey, the rising star of the team

Results:

10 miles

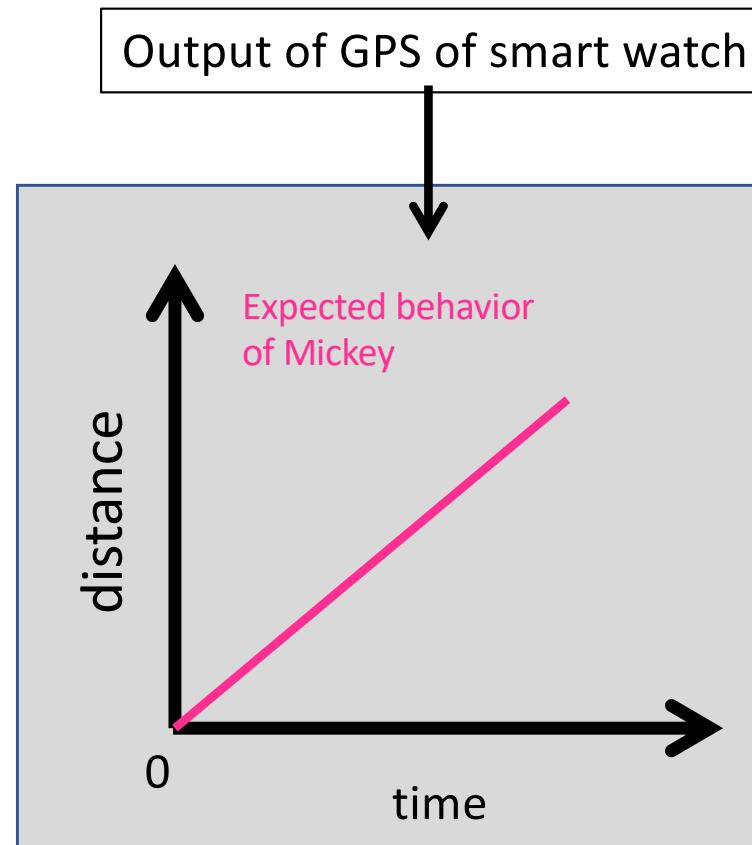
80 min

position: 213/215

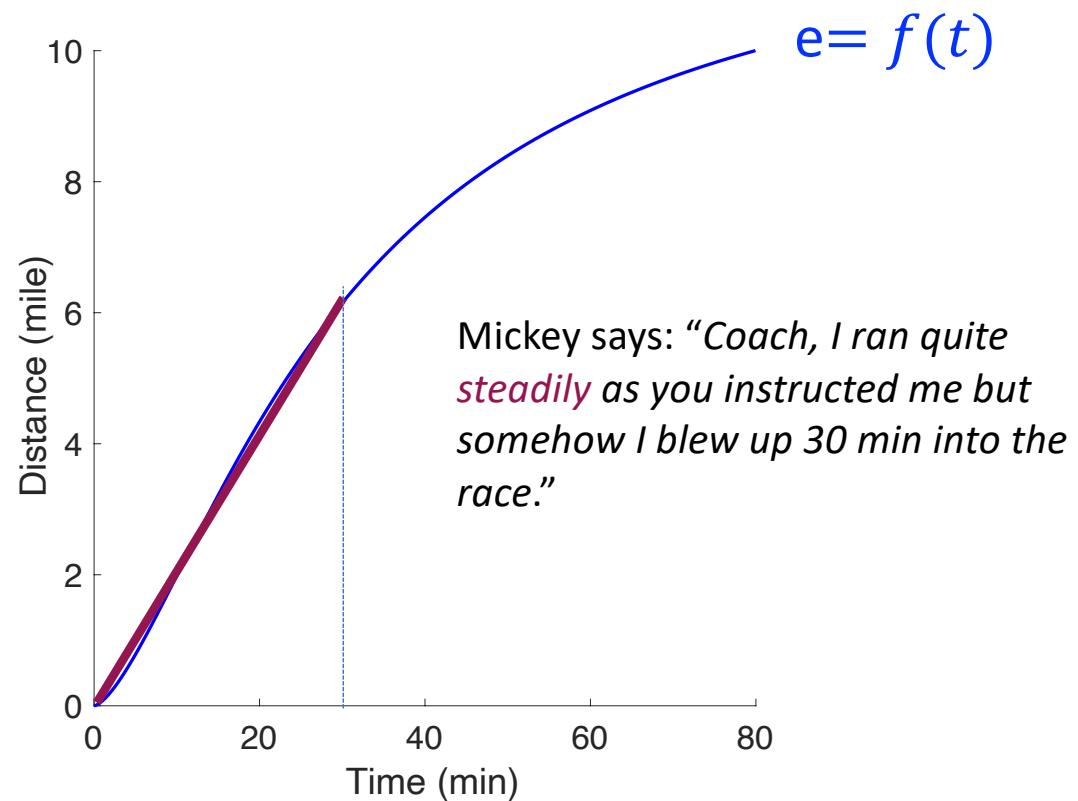
# The coach's analysis of the race



Source: mentaltoughnesstrainer.com



## Graph: distance as a function of time

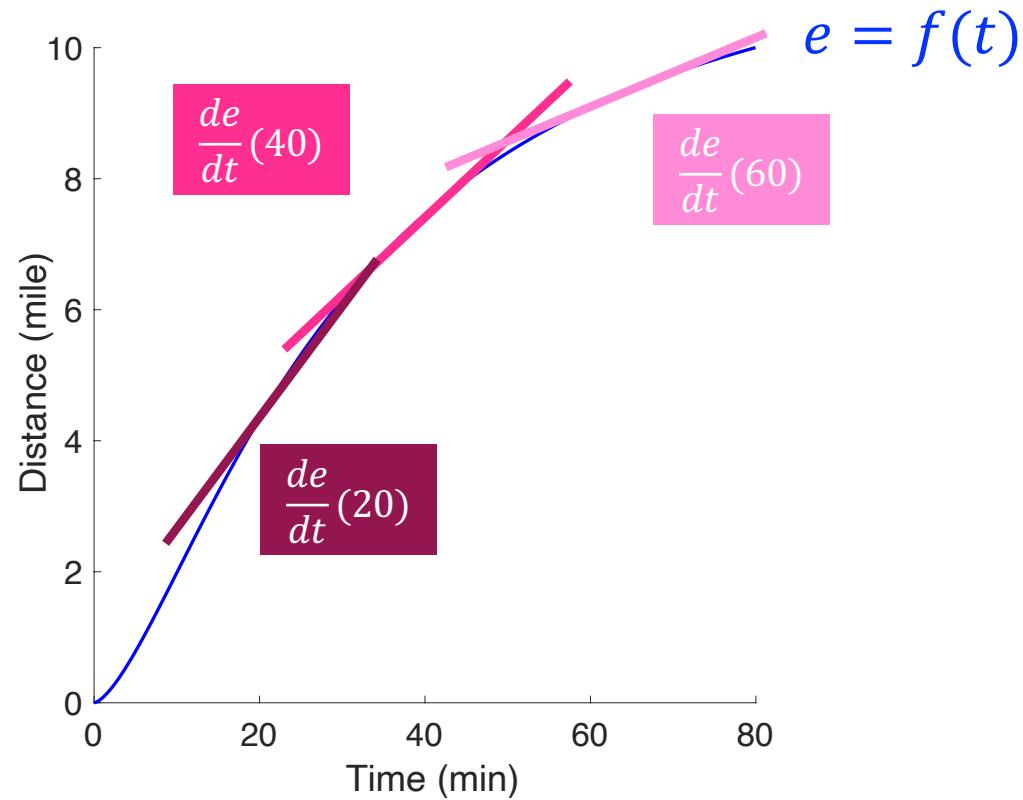


# Was the pace indeed constant?

speed/pace

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slope of the tangent at a given point

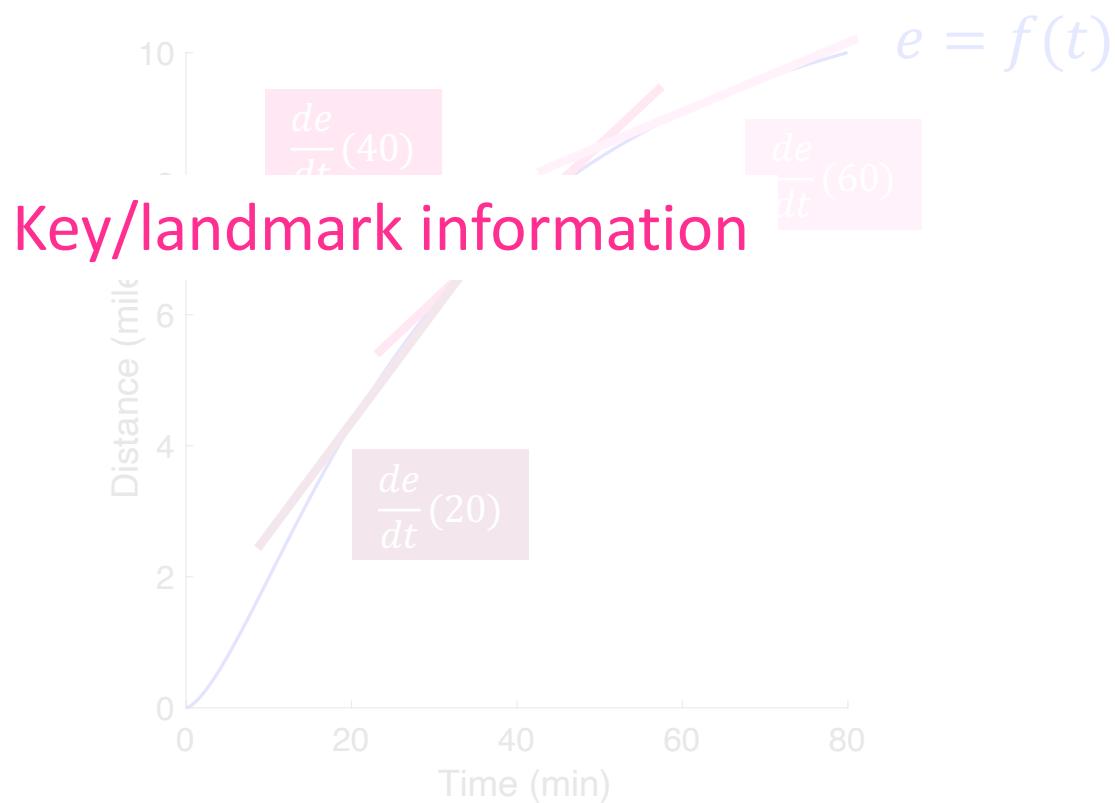


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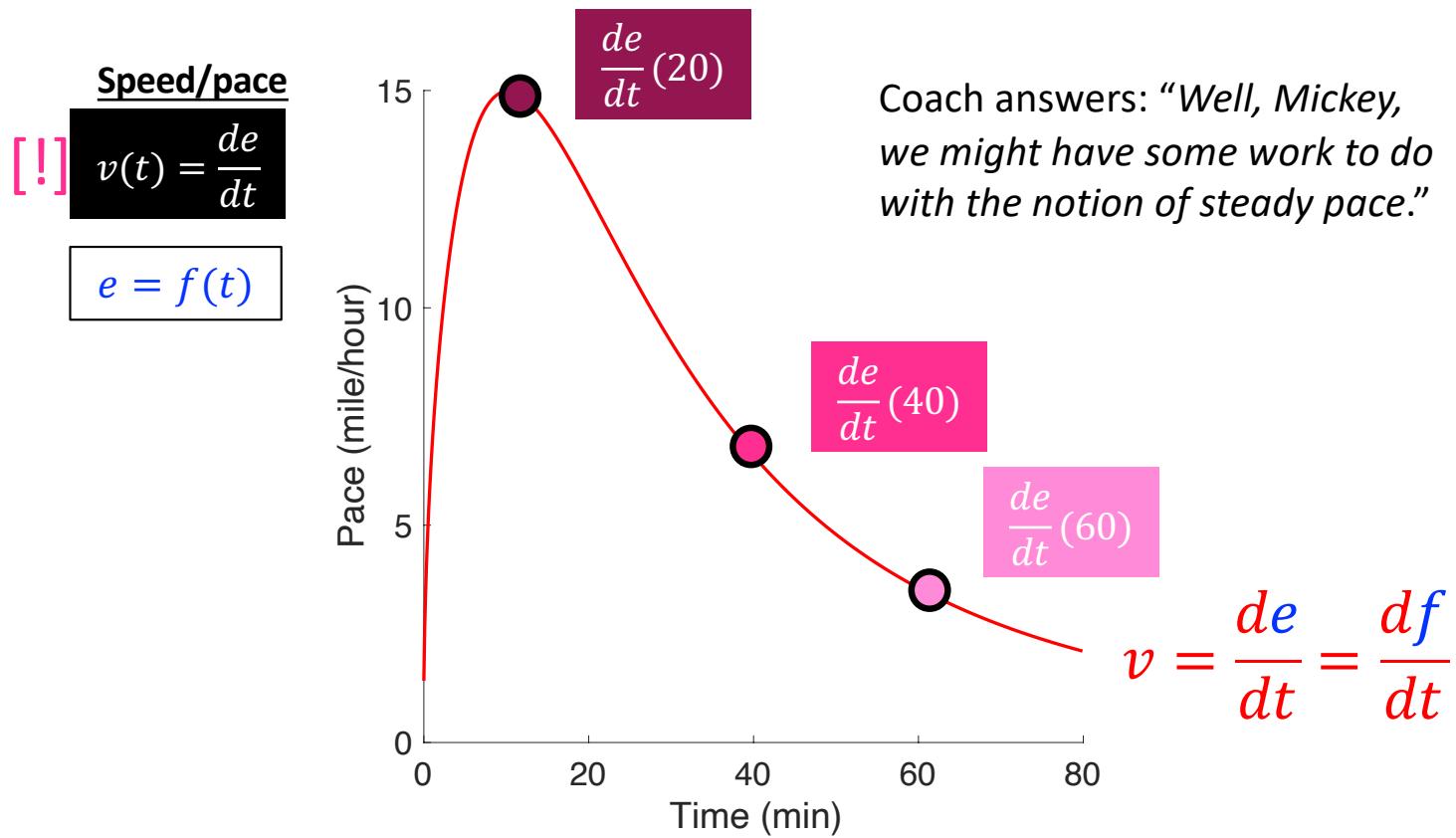
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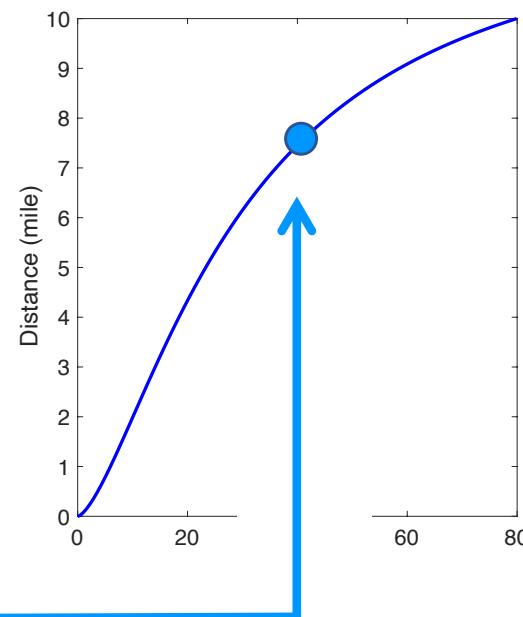
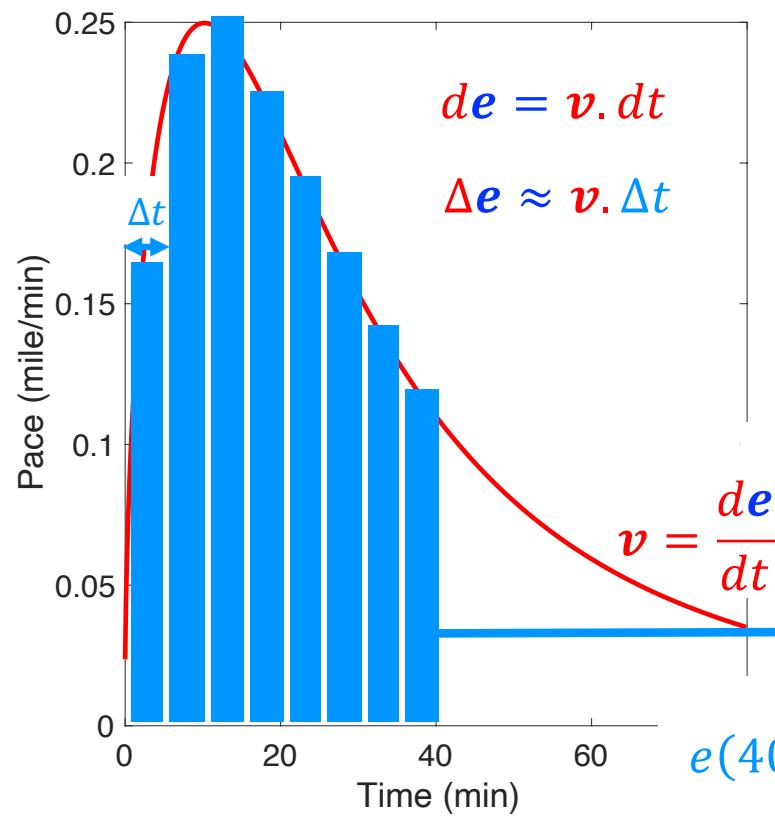
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## Graph: speed (derivative) as a function of time

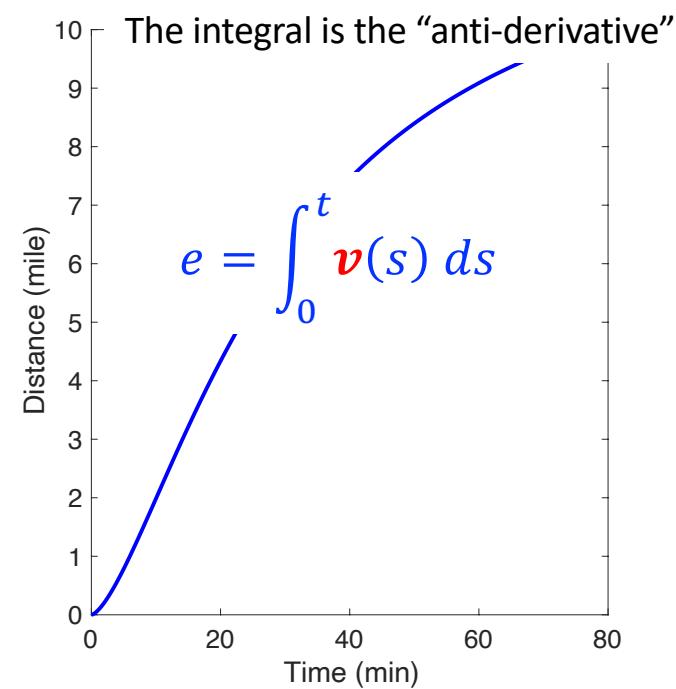
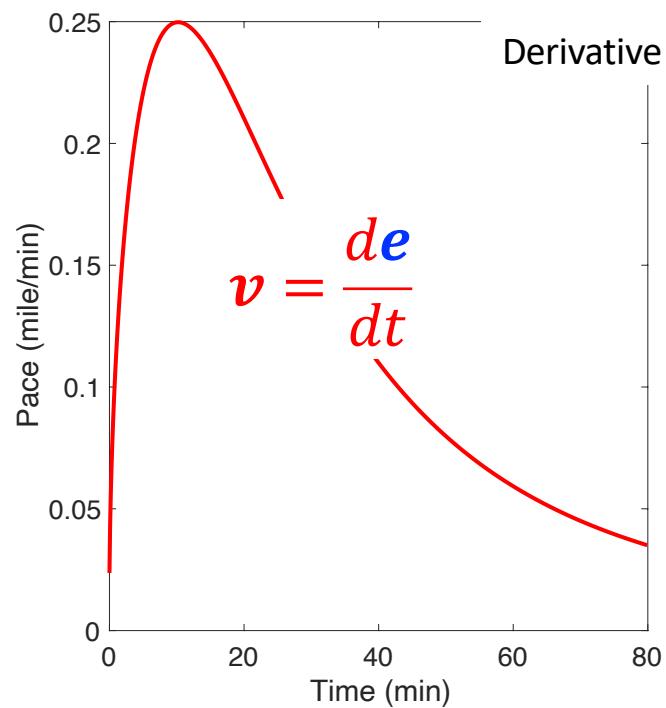


From a derivative  $\frac{de}{dt}$  to its primitive  $e(t)$



$$e(40) \approx \sum \Delta e = \sum v(t) \Delta t$$

derivative  $\frac{df}{dt} \Leftrightarrow$  integral  $\int f(s)ds$  [!]



# More about derivatives

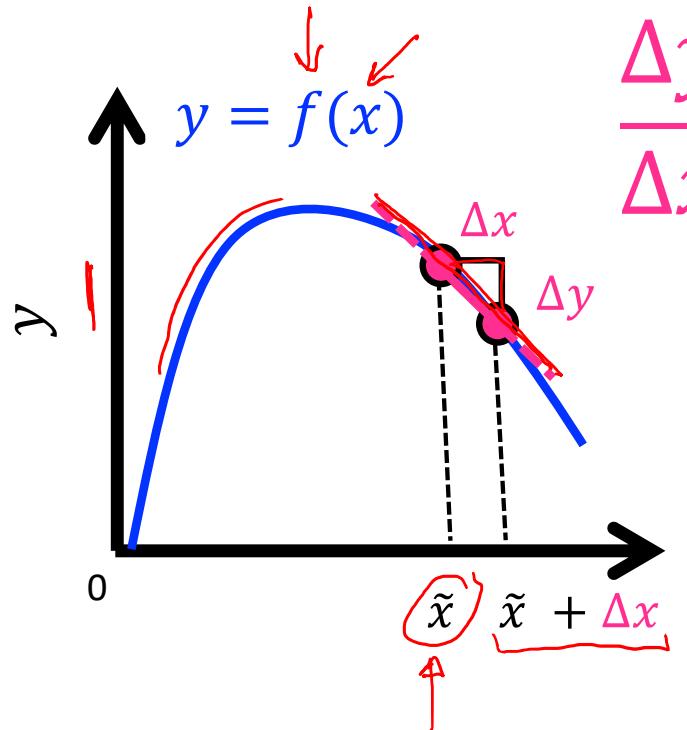


**Leonard Euler**  
(1707-1783)



# More about derivatives

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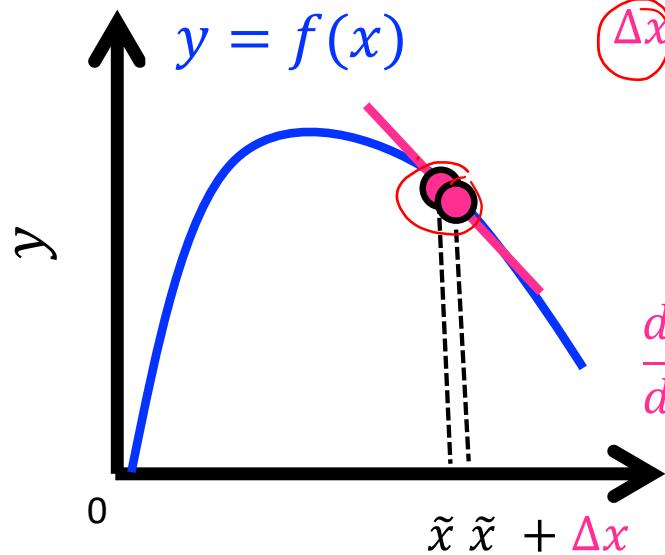
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## From a function to its derivative

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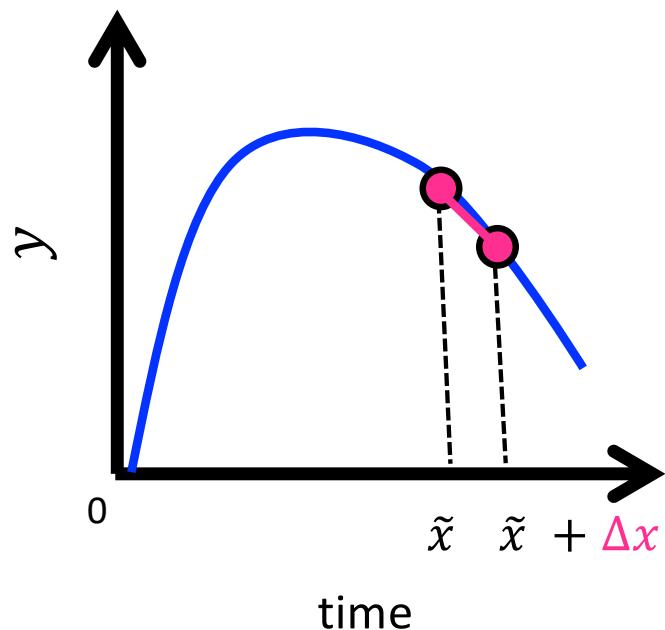


The derivative of  $f(x)$  at point  $\tilde{x}$  is the slope of the tangent to the curve:

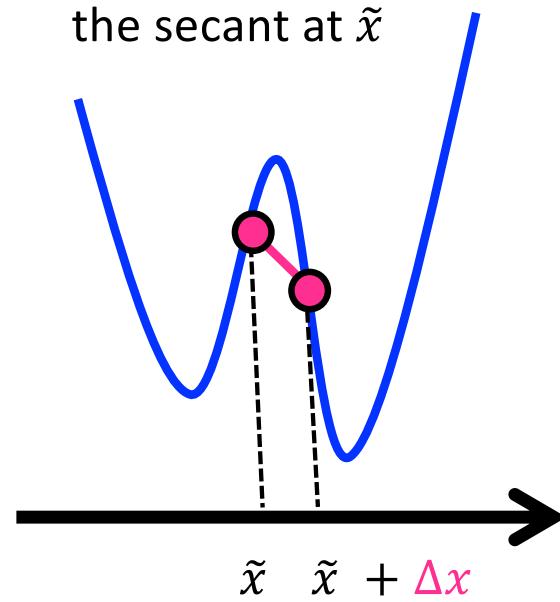
$$\frac{df}{dx}(\tilde{x}) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\tilde{x} + \Delta x) - f(\tilde{x})}{\Delta x} [!]$$

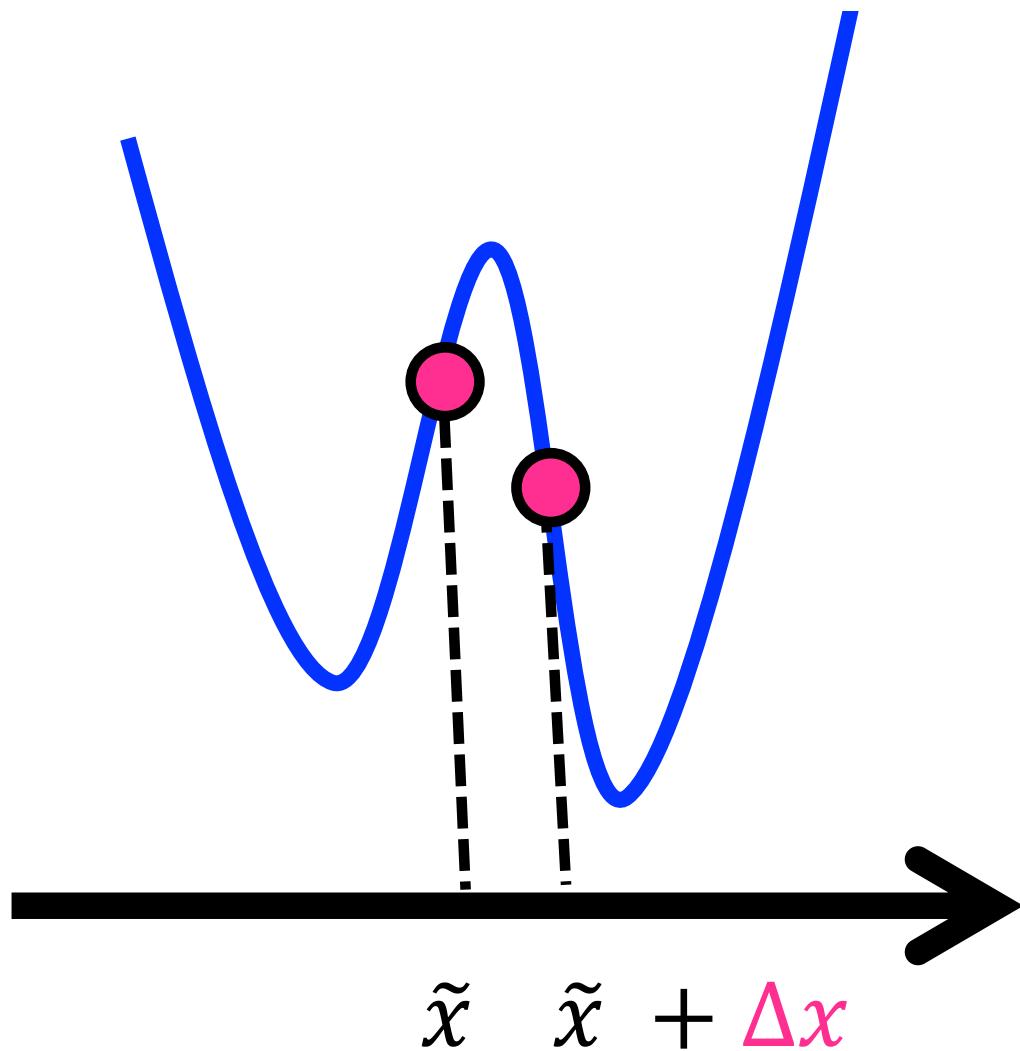
Limit  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  is needed to avoid accidents

Here the **slope** is  
**well**-estimated by  
the secant at  $\tilde{x}$



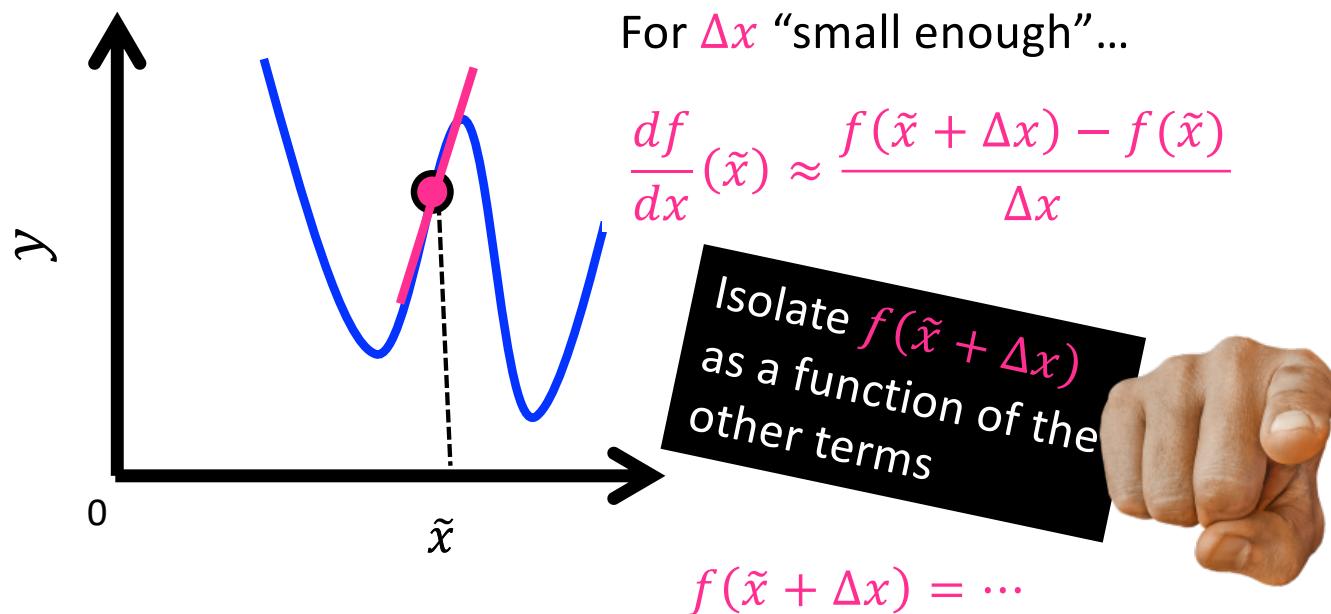
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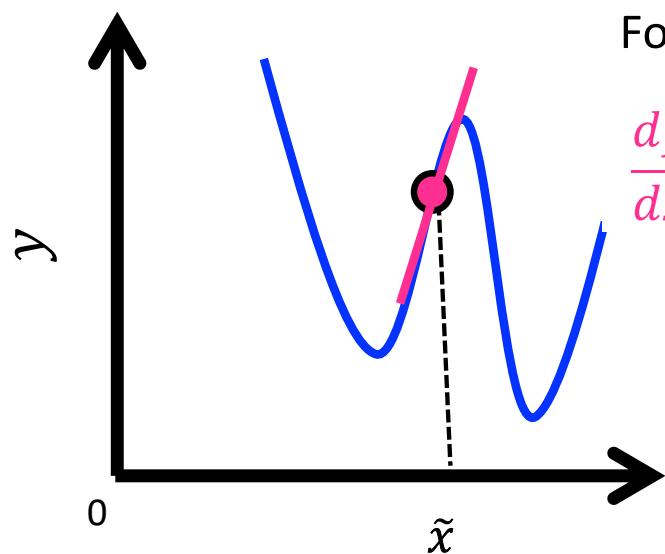
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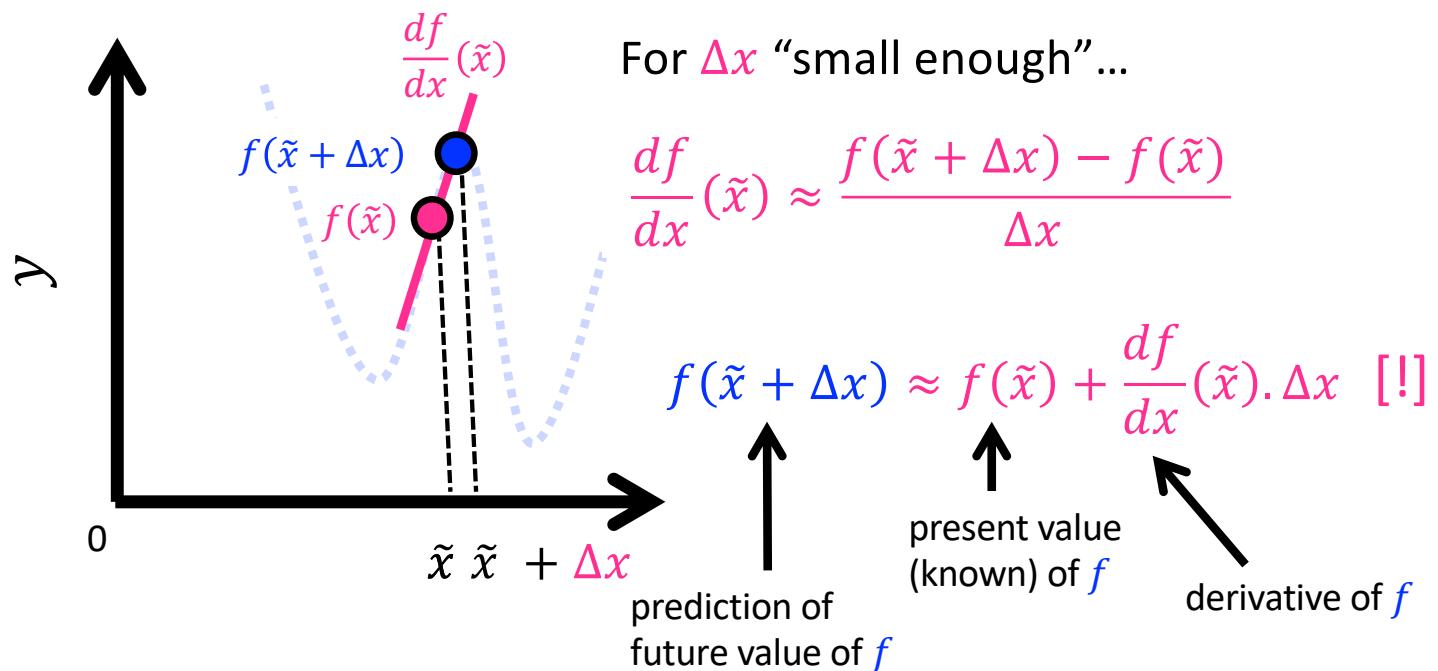
For  $\Delta x$  “small enough”...

$$\frac{df}{dx}(\tilde{x}) \approx \frac{f(\tilde{x} + \Delta x) - f(\tilde{x})}{\Delta x}$$

$$f(\tilde{x} + \Delta x) = \dots$$

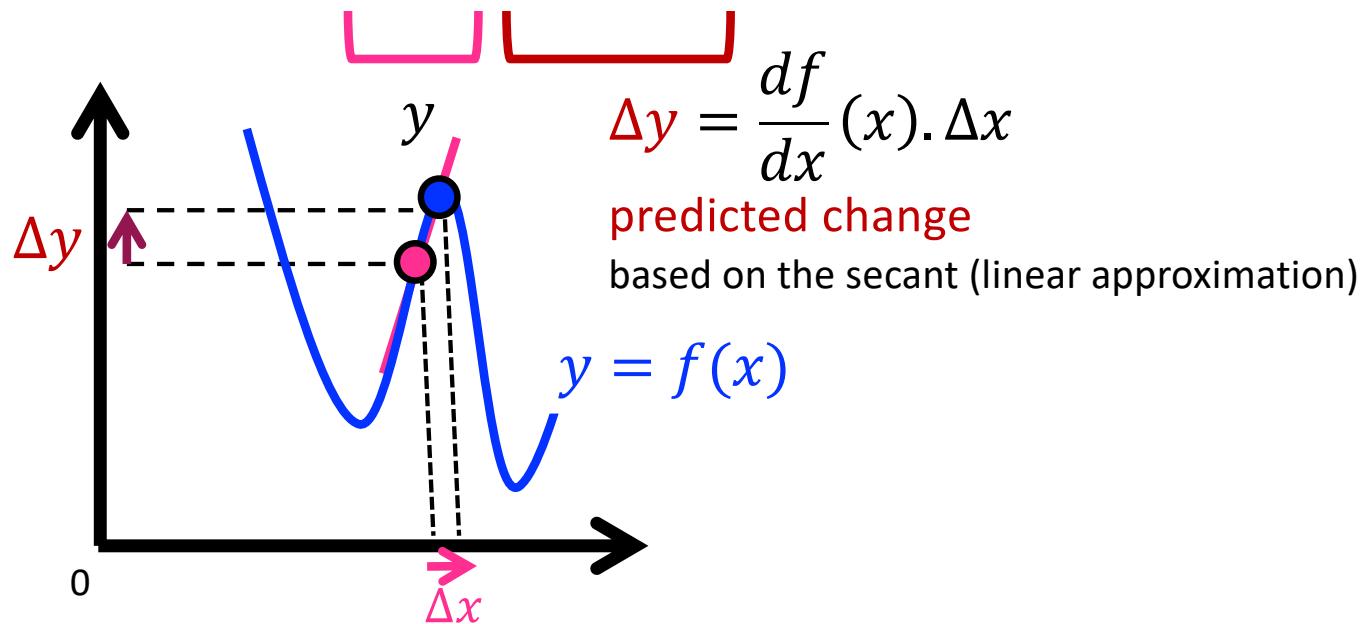
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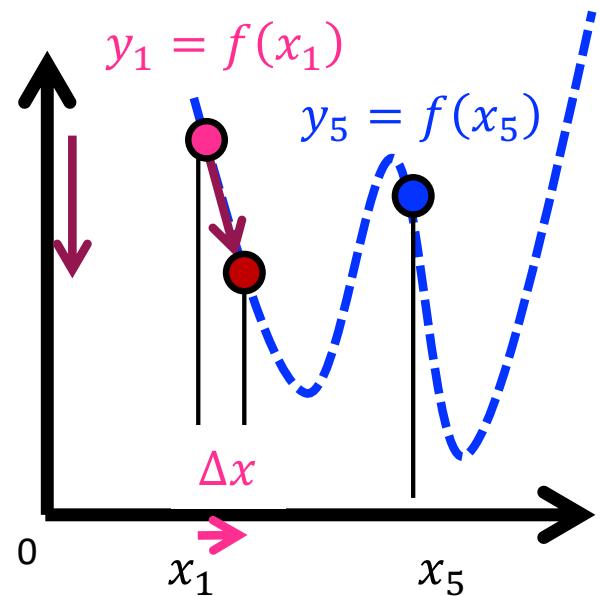
## From a derivative to its “primitive”

$$f(x + \Delta x) \approx f(x) + \frac{df}{dx}(x) \cdot \Delta x$$



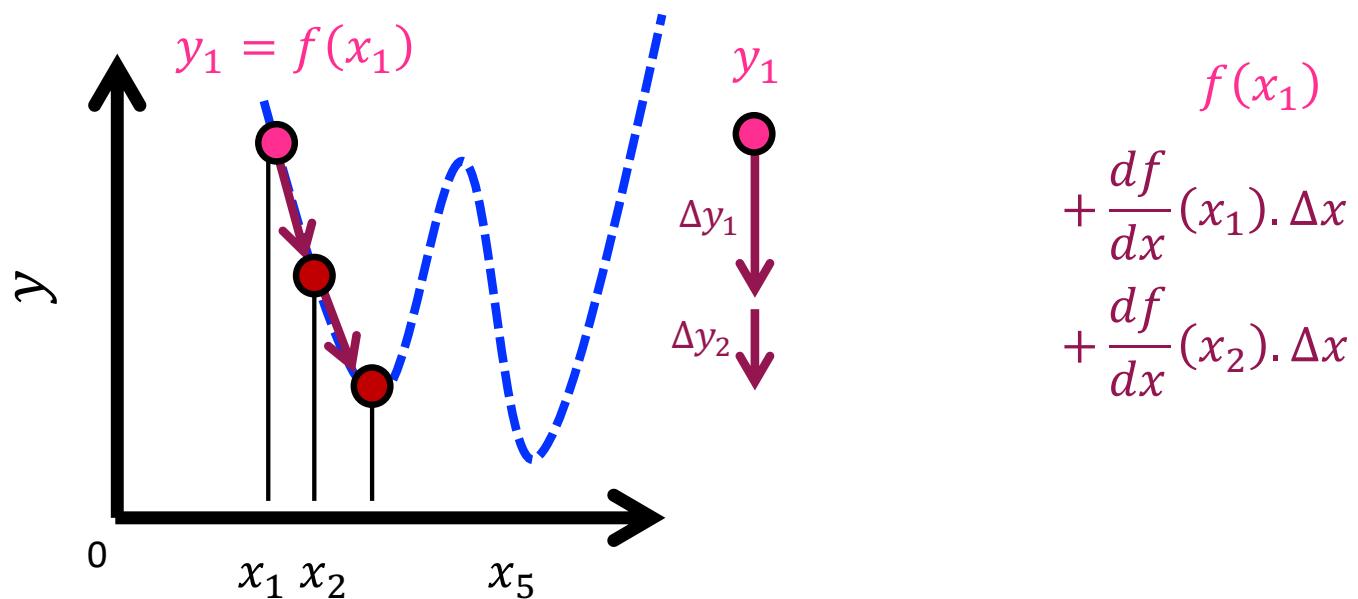
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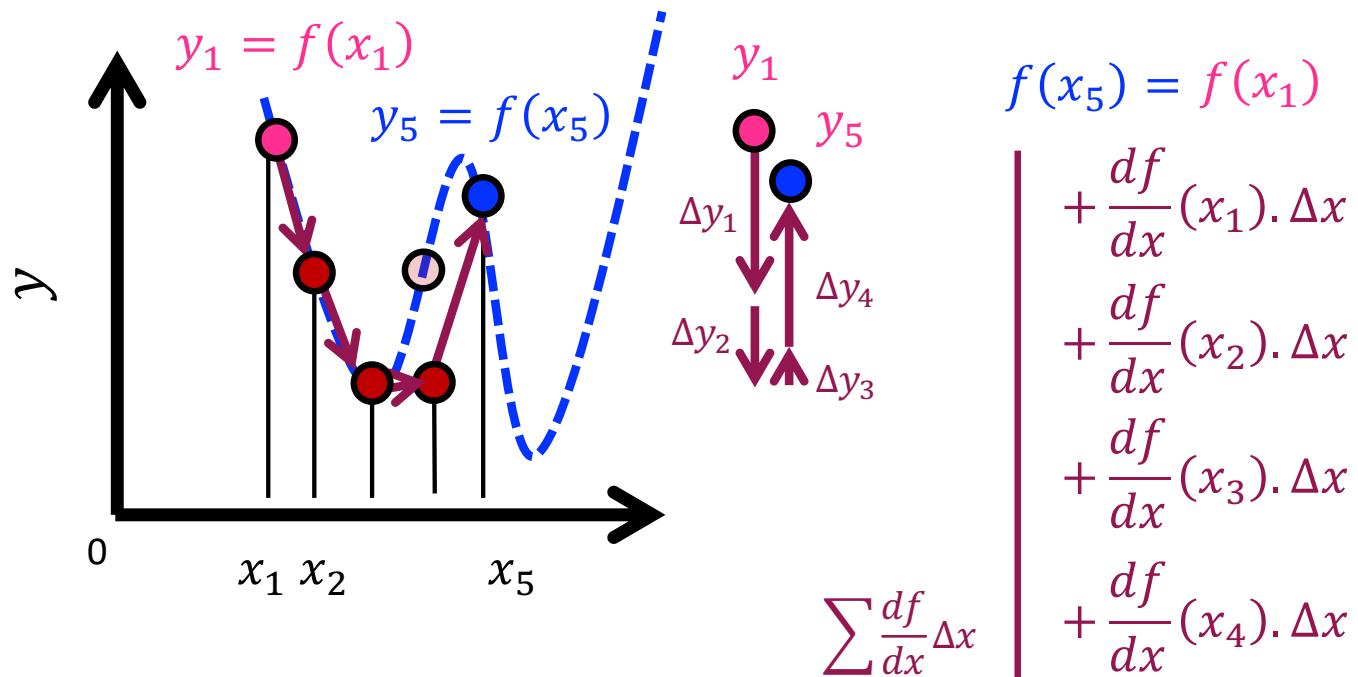
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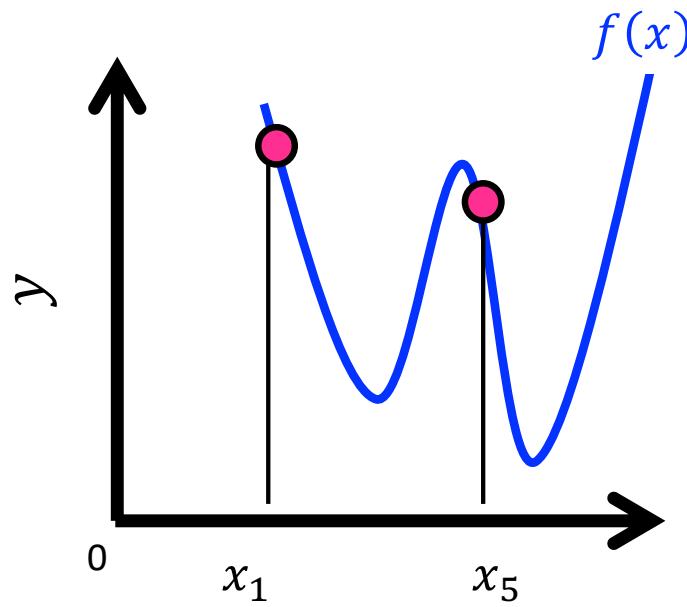


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## From a derivative to its “primitive”



$$f(x_5) \approx f(x_1) + \sum \frac{df}{dx} \Delta x$$

In the limit where  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ :

$$f(x_5) = f(x_1) + \int_{x_1}^{x_5} \frac{df}{dx} dx$$

$$f(x_5) - f(x_1) = \int_{x_1}^{x_5} \frac{df}{dx} dx$$

(fundamental theorem of calculus)

Think algorithmically

# Numerical integration strategy

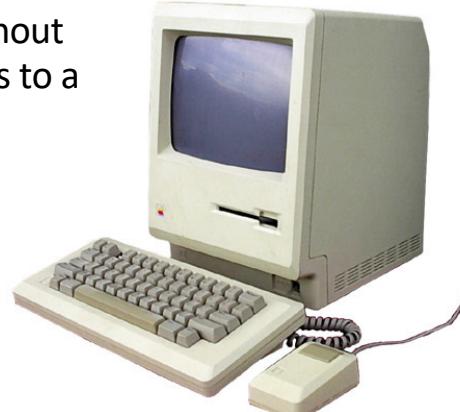
Goal: define  $f(x)$  between  $x_i$  and  $x_f$

Formula to be applied:  $f(x + \Delta x) \approx f(x) + g(x). \Delta x$



I did this without having access to a computer!

**Leonard Euler**  
(1707-1783)



Given:

$$\frac{df}{dx} = g(x)$$

lower boundary:  $x_i$

higher boundary:  $x_f$

initial condition:  $f(x_i)$

Integration step:  $\Delta x$

Number integration steps:  $N_{step}$

Think algorithmically

## [!] Numerical integration strategy

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1. Start from the initial condition:

$$x = x_i$$

2. Define the step size:  $\Delta x = \frac{(x_f - x_i)}{N_{step}}$

3. Apply approximation & record prediction:

$$f(x + \Delta x) = f(x) + g(x) \cdot \Delta x$$

4. Update  $x$ :  $x + \Delta x \rightarrow x$

5. Repeat steps 3 & 4  
for  $N_{step}$  times

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