

# Week 10

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# Limits

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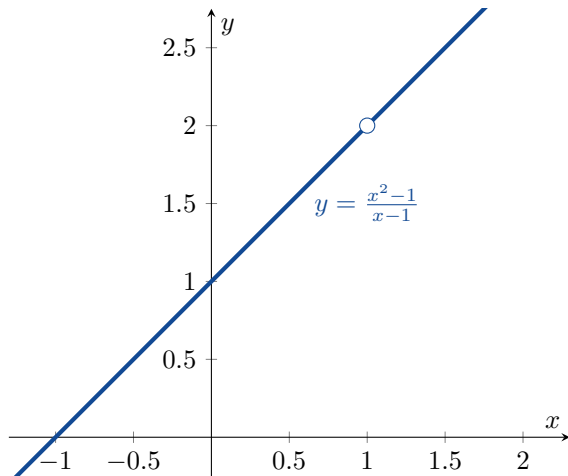


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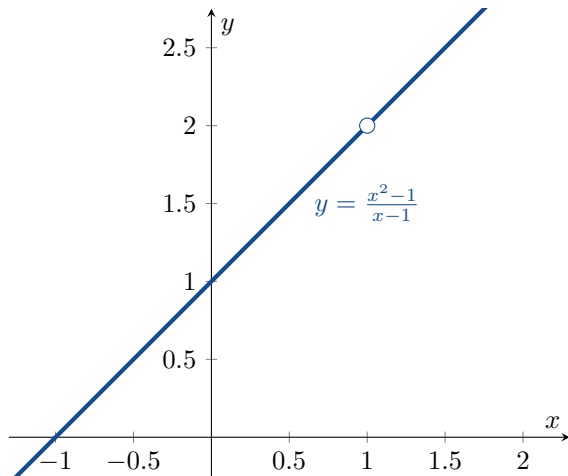
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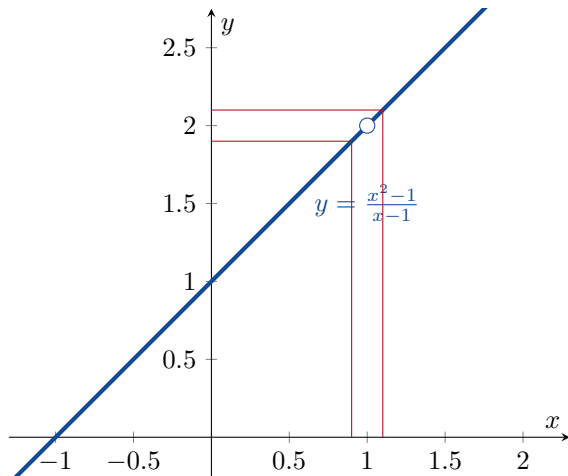


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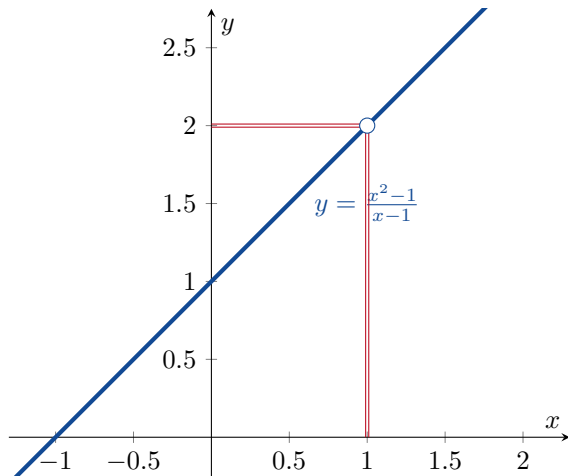
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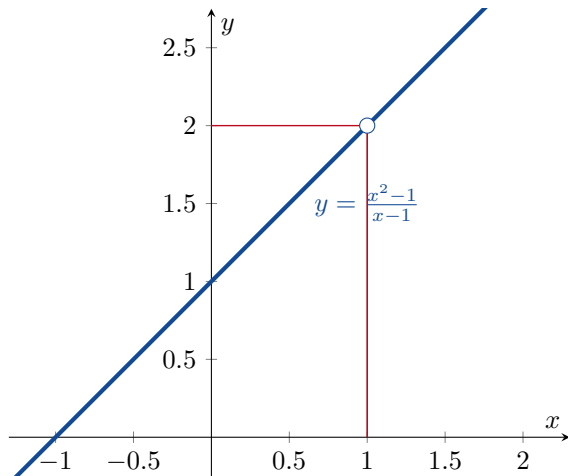
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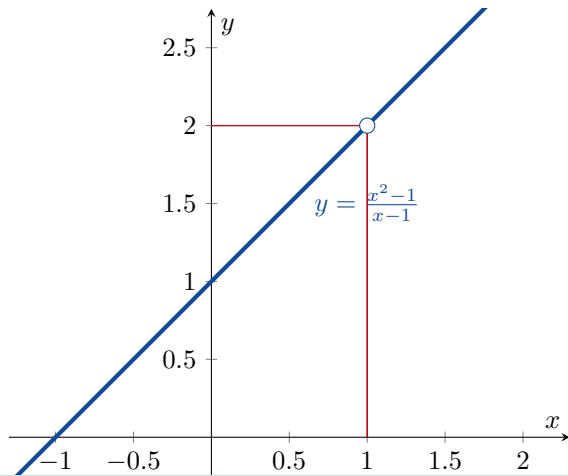
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Mathematically, we write this as

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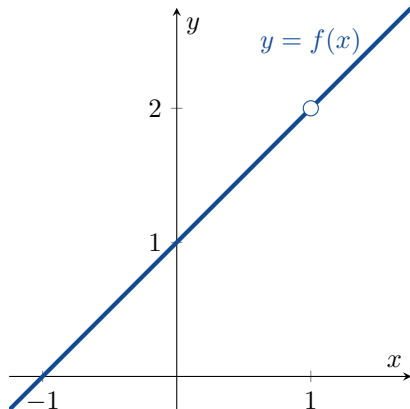
and read it as “the limit, as  $x$  tends to 1, of  $f(x)$  is equal to 2”.

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### Example

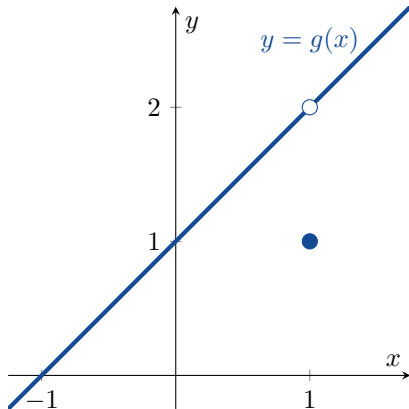
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$$



Note that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 2$ ,  
but  $f$  is not defined at  $x = 1$ .

## Example

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-1}{x-1} & x \neq 1 \\ 1 & x = 1 \end{cases}$$



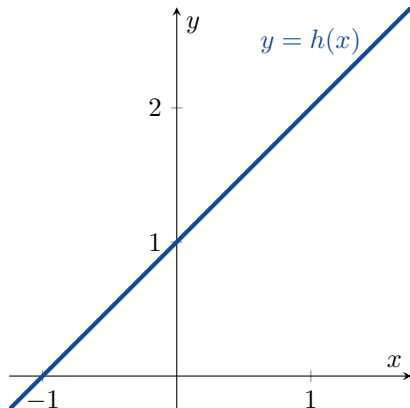
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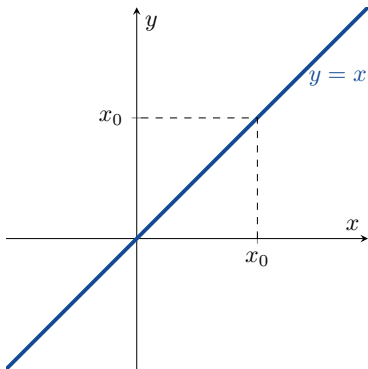
### Example

$$h(x) = x + 1$$



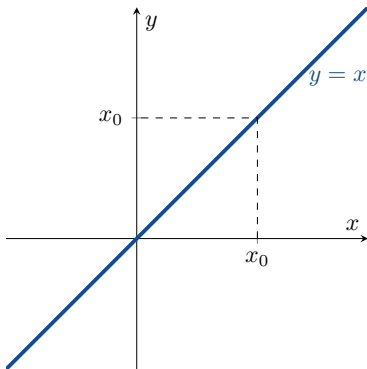
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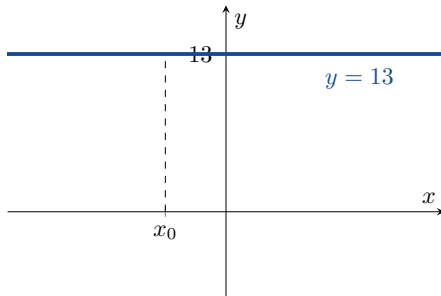


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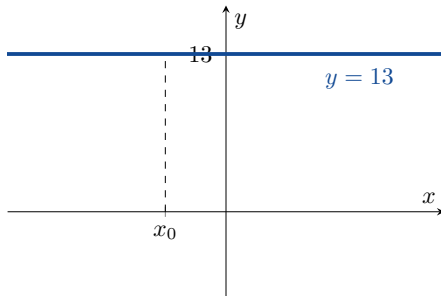
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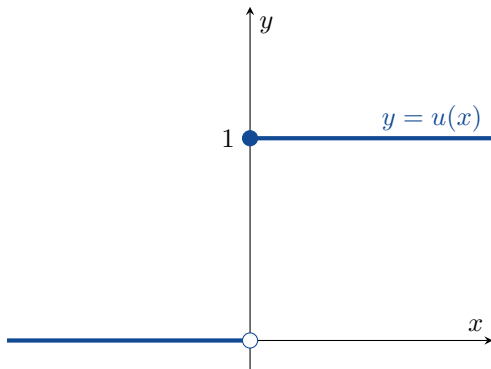
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### Example (Sometimes Limits Do Not Exist)

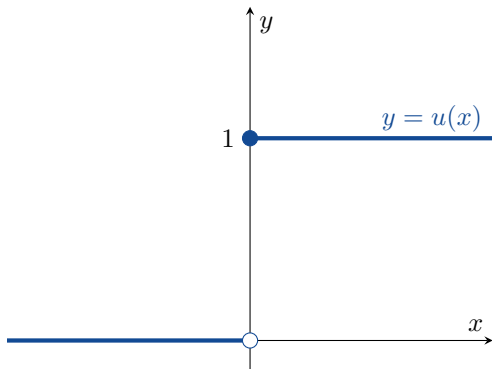
Consider the functions

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad v(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ \sin \frac{1}{x} & x > 0. \end{cases}$$

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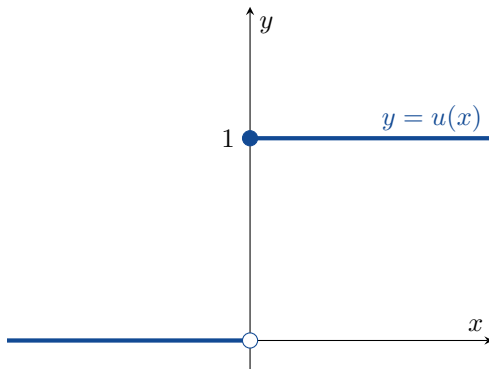


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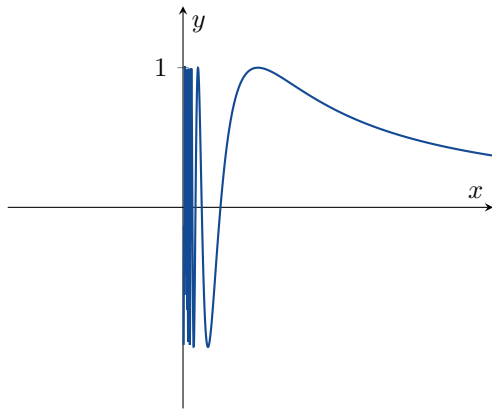


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Because 0 is not close to 1, the limit as  $x \rightarrow 0$  can not exist.

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Moreover  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} v(x)$  does not exist because  $v(x)$  oscillates up and down too quickly if  $x > 0$  and  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

### Theorem (The Limit Laws)

*Suppose that*

- $L, M, c, k \in \mathbb{R};$
- $f$  and  $g$  are functions;
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**1** *Sum Rule:*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M;$$



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*Then*

- 2 *Difference Rule:*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - g(x)) = L - M;$$

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- 3** *Constant Multiple Rule:*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (kf(x)) = kL;$$

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- **4** *Product Rule:*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x)g(x)) = LM;$$

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- 5 *Quotient Rule: if  $M \neq 0$ , then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{L}{M};$$

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- 6 *Power Rule: if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x))^n = L^n;$$

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*Then*

- 7** *Root Rule: if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\sqrt[n]{L}$  exists, then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{L} = L^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

### Example

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 + 4x^2 - 3)$ .

*solution:*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 + 4x^2 - 3) = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3 \right) + \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 4x^2 \right) - \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3 \right)$$

(sum and difference rules)

$$= \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x \right)^3 + 4 \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x \right)^2 - \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3 \right)$$

(power and constant multiple rules)

$$= 2^3 + 4(2^2) - 3 = 21.$$

## Example

$$\text{Find } \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^4 + x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 5}.$$

*solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^4 + x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 5} &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x^4 + x^2 - 1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x^2 + 5)} \\ &\quad \text{(quotient rule)} \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} x^4 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} x^2 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} 1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} x^2 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} 5} \\ &\quad \text{(sum and difference rules)} \\ &= \frac{5^4 + 5^2 - 1}{5^2 + 5} \\ &\quad \text{(power rule)} \\ &= \frac{649}{30}. \end{aligned}$$



### Theorem (Limits of Polynomial Functions)

*If  $P(x) = a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$  is a polynomial function, then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c).$$

### Theorem (Limits of Rational Functions)

*If  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  are polynomial functions and if  $Q(c) \neq 0$ , then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{P(c)}{Q(c)}.$$

### Example

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 + 4x^2 - 3}{x^2 + 5} = \frac{(-1)^3 + 4(-1)^2 - 3}{(-1)^2 + 5} = \frac{0}{6} = 0.$$

## Eliminating Zero Denominators Algebraically

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

What can we do if  $Q(c) = 0$ ?

## Example

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^2 - x}$$

If we just put in  $x = 1$ , we would get “ $\frac{0}{0}$ ” and we never never want “ $\frac{0}{0}$ ”.

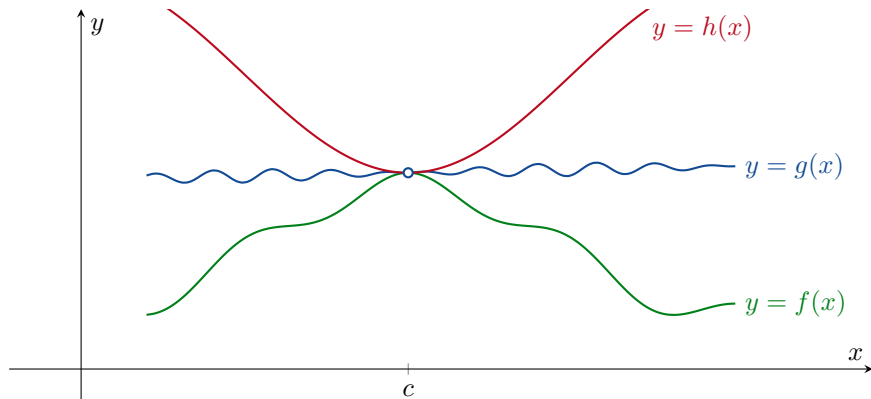
Instead, we try to factor  $x^2 + x - 2$  and  $x^2 - x$ . If  $x \neq 1$ , we have that

$$\frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^2 - x} = \frac{(x - 1)(x + 2)}{x(x - 1)} = \frac{x + 2}{x}.$$

So

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^2 - x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x + 2}{x} = \frac{1 + 2}{1} = 3.$$

## The Sandwich Theorem



### Theorem (The Sandwich Theorem)

*Suppose that*

- $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$  for all  $x$  “close” to  $c$  ( $x \neq c$ ); and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L$ .

*Then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$$

*also.*

### Example

The inequality

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{6} < \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x} < 1$$

holds for all  $x$  close to 0 ( $x \neq 0$ ). Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x}$ .

*solution:* Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 - \frac{x^2}{6} = 1 - \frac{0}{6} = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1$ , it follows by the Sandwich Theorem that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x} = 1$ .



### Theorem

*If*

- $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x$  close to  $c$  ( $x \neq c$ );
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists; and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$  exists,

*then*

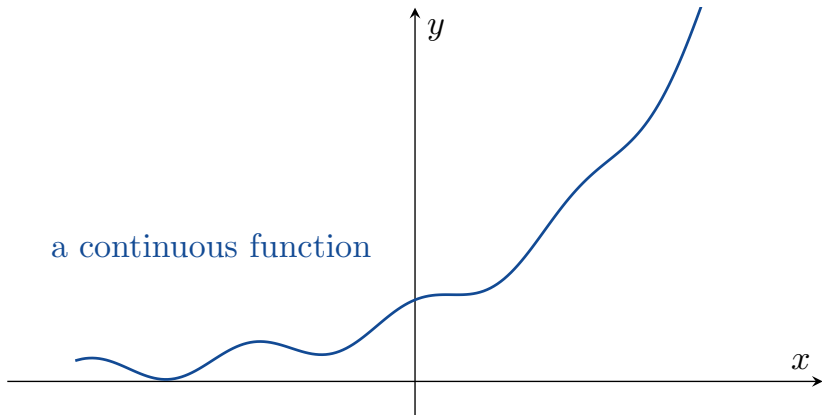
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x).$$

# Continuity

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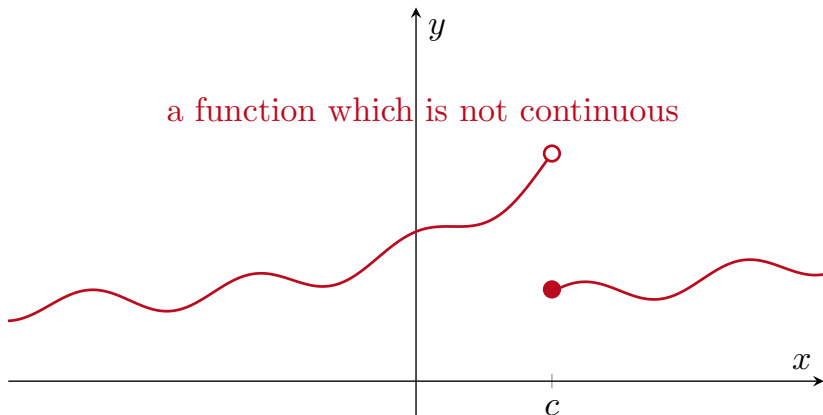
a continuous function



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a function which is not continuous



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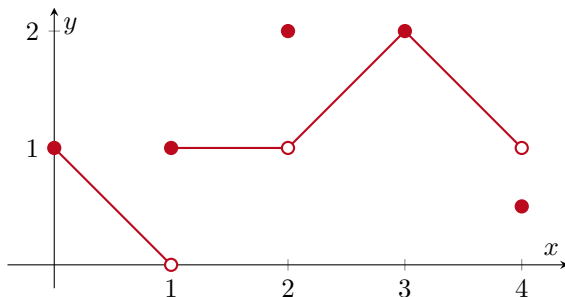
The function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *continuous at*  $c \in D$  if

- $f(c)$  exists;
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists; and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$ .

### Definition

If  $f$  is not continuous at  $c$ , we say that  $f$  is *discontinuous at*  $c$  – we say that  $c$  is a *point of discontinuity* of  $f$ .

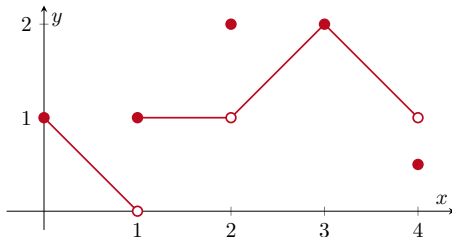
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### Example

Consider the function  $f : [0, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  above. Where is  $f$  continuous? Where is  $f$  discontinuous?

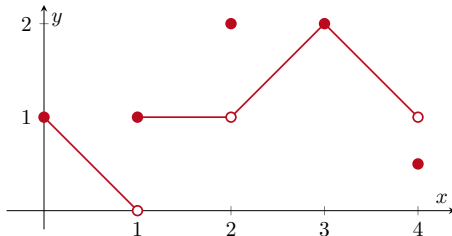
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*solution:*

$c$	Is $f$ continuous at $c$ ?	Why?
0	Yes	because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1 = f(0)$
$(0, 1)$	Yes	because $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$
1	No	because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist

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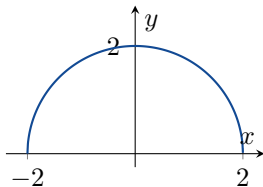
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$(1, 2)$	Yes	because $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$
2	No	because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1 \neq 2 = f(2)$
$(2, 4)$	Yes	because $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$
4	No	because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 1 \neq \frac{1}{2} = f(4)$



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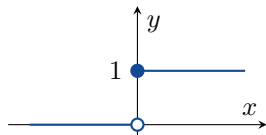
$$f : [-2, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$$



$f$  is continuous at every  $c \in [-2, 2]$ .

### Example

$$g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



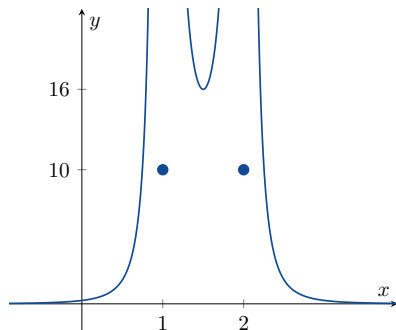
$g$  has a point of discontinuity at  $c = 0$ .  $g$  is continuous at every point  $c \neq 0$ .

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### Example

$$h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(x-1)^2(x-2)^2} & x \neq 1 \text{ or } 2 \\ 10 & x = 1 \text{ or } 2 \end{cases}$$



$h$  is continuous on  $(-\infty, 1)$ ,  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, \infty)$ .  $h$  has a points of discontinuity at  $c = 1$  and  $c = 2$ .



# Continuous Functions

### Definition

$f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a *continuous function* if it is continuous at every  $c \in D$ .

### Theorem

*If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $c$ , then  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$ ,  $kf$  ( $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ),  $fg$ ,  $\frac{f}{g}$  (if  $g(c) \neq 0$ ) and  $f^n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) are all continuous at  $c$ . If  $\sqrt[n]{f}$  is defined on  $(c - \delta, c + \delta)$ , then  $\sqrt[n]{f}$  is also continuous at  $c$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).*

### Example

Every polynomial

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

is continuous.

### Example

If

- $P$  and  $Q$  are polynomials; and
- $Q(c) \neq 0$ ,

then  $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$  is continuous at  $c$ .



### Example

$\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  are continuous.

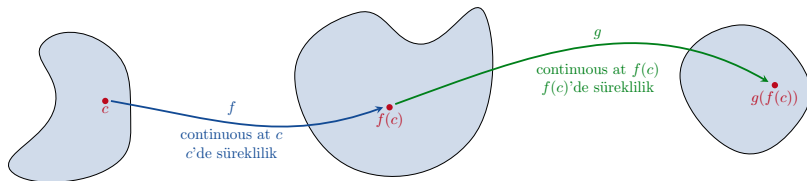


### Composites

$$g \circ f(x)$$

$g \circ f(x)$  means  $g(f(x))$ .

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### Theorem

*If*

- $f$  is continuous at  $c$ ; and
- $g$  is continuous at  $f(c)$ ,

*then  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $c$ .*

### Example

Show that  $h(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x - 5}$  is continuous on its domain.

*solution:* The function  $g(t) = \sqrt{t}$  is continuous by Theorem 24. The function  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 5$  is continuous because all polynomials are continuous. Therefore  $h(x) = g \circ f(x)$  is continuous.

### Example

Show that  $\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{1+x^4}$  is continuous.

*solution:*  $x^{\frac{2}{3}}$  and  $1+x^4$  are continuous. Because  $1+x^4 \neq 0$  for all  $x$ , we have that  $\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{1+x^4}$  is continuous.

### Theorem

*If*

- $g(x)$  is continuous at  $x = b$ ; and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = b$ ,

*then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(f(x)) = g\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)\right).$$

### Example

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \left[ 2x + \sin \left( \frac{3\pi}{2} + x \right) \right] \\ &= \cos \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \left( 2x + \sin \left( \frac{3\pi}{2} + x \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \cos \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} (2x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \sin \left( \frac{3\pi}{2} + x \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \cos \left[ \pi + \sin \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \frac{3\pi}{2} + x \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \cos [\pi + \sin 2\pi] = \cos [\pi + 0] = -1. \end{aligned}$$

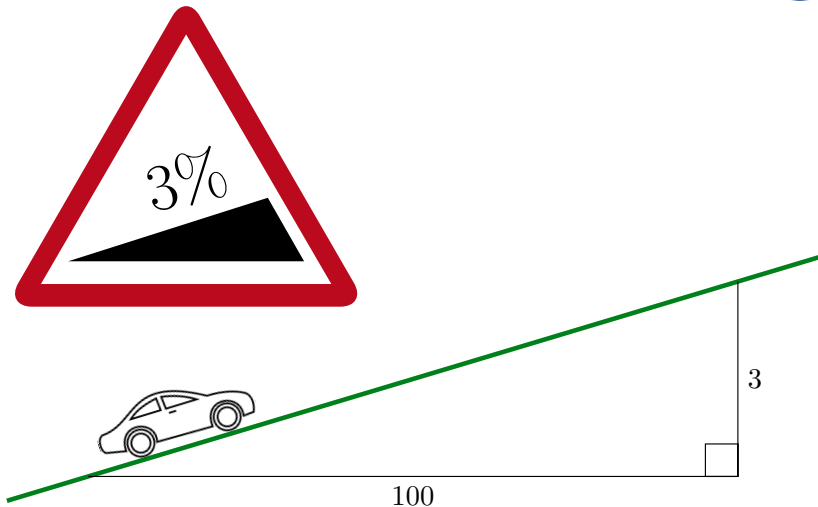
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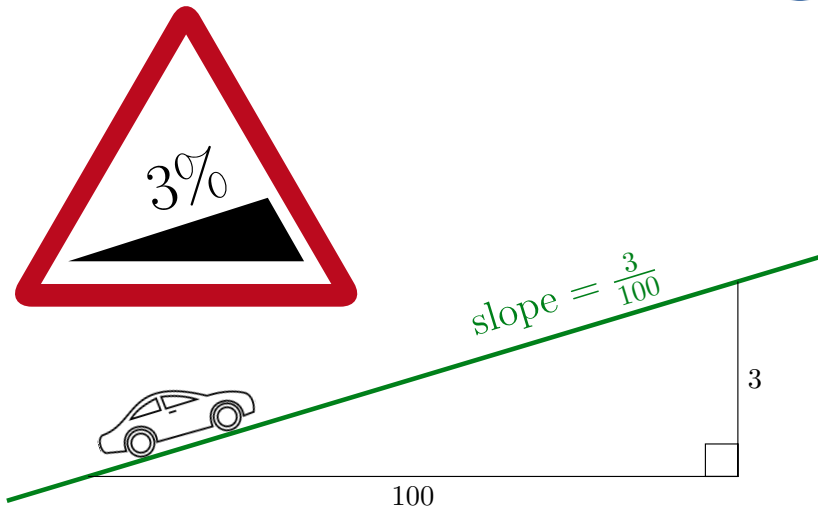




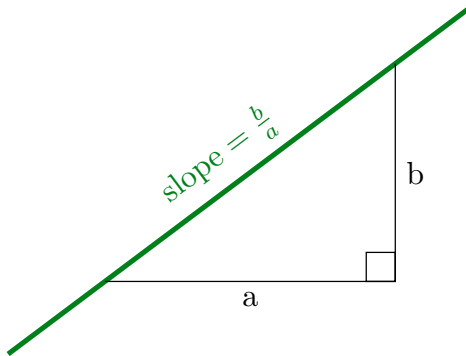
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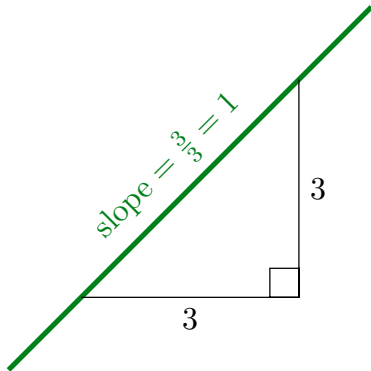
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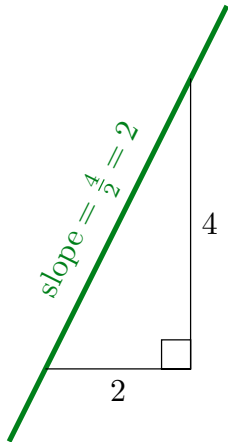
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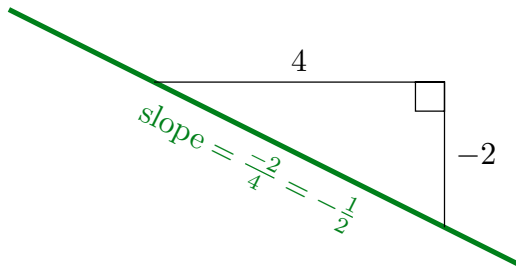
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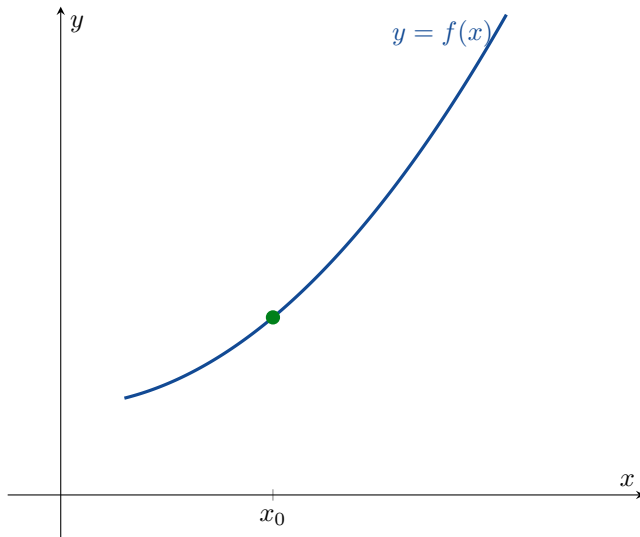
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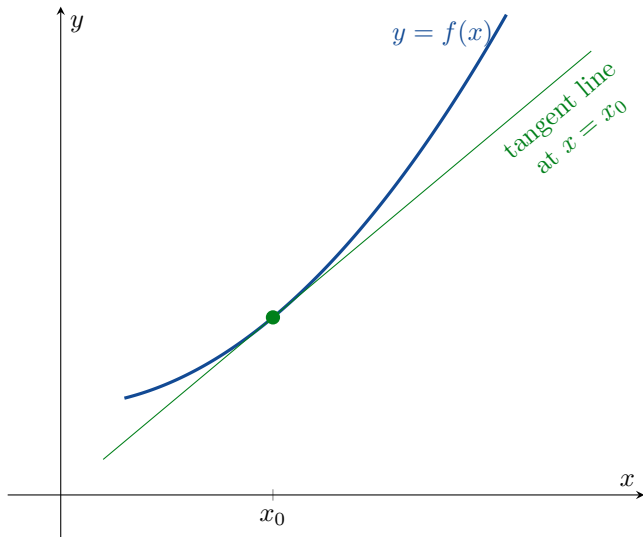
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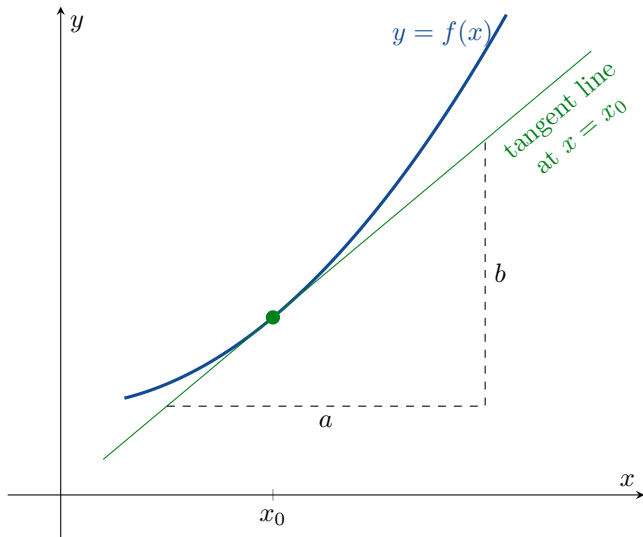


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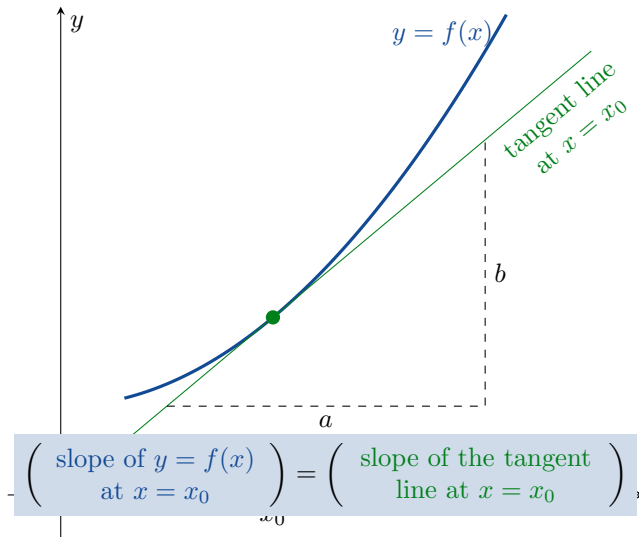




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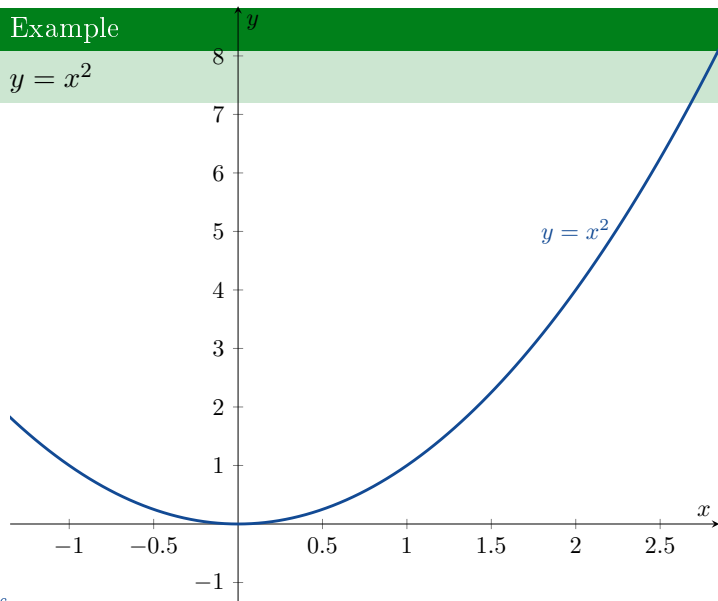


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Example

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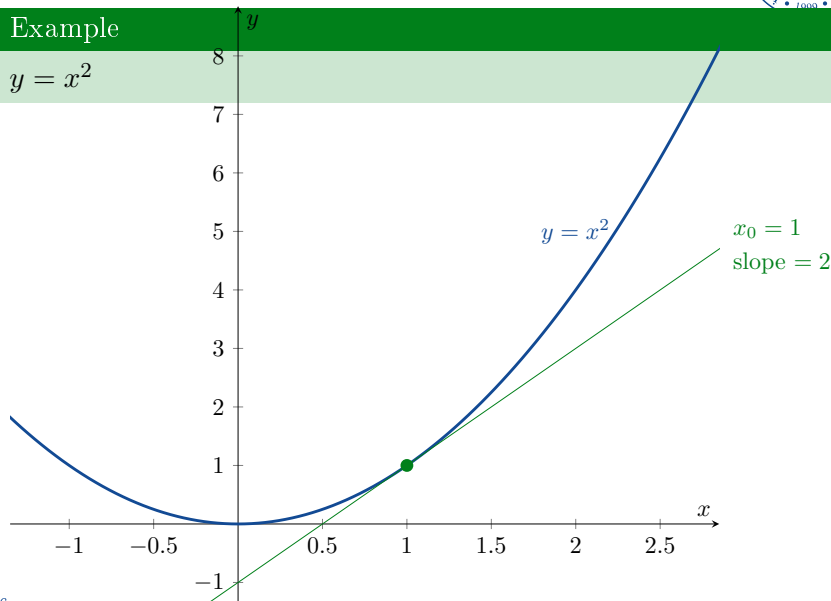


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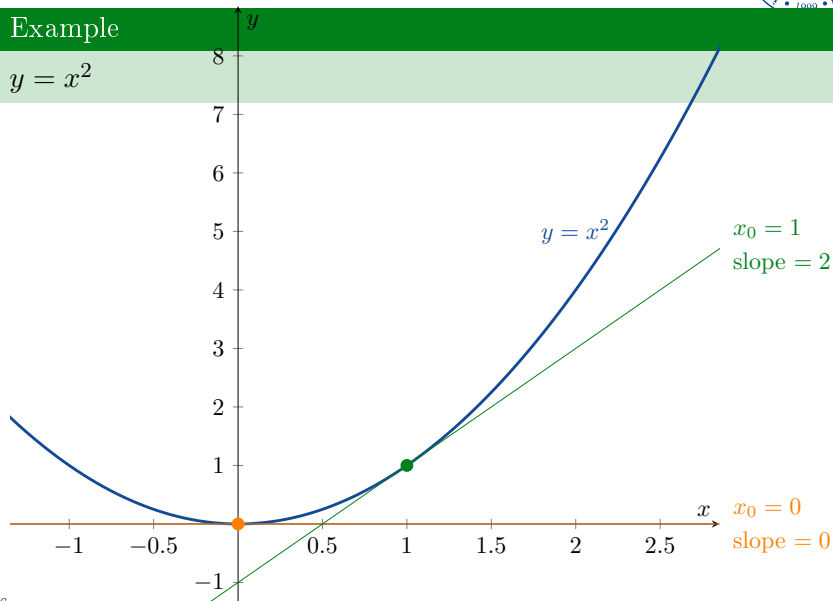


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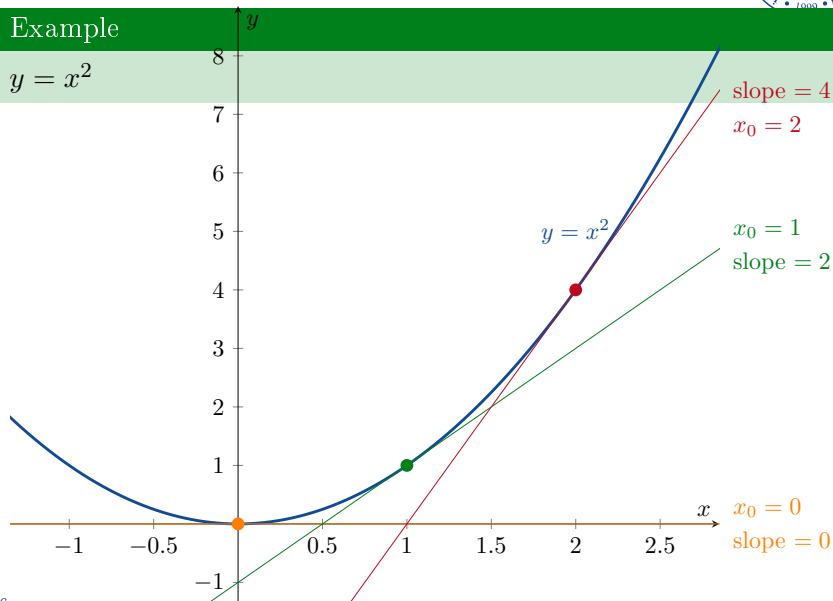


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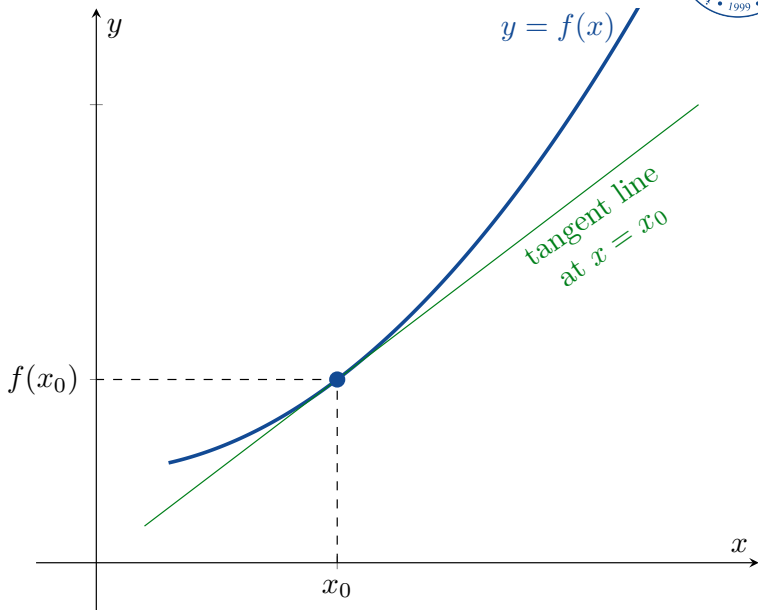
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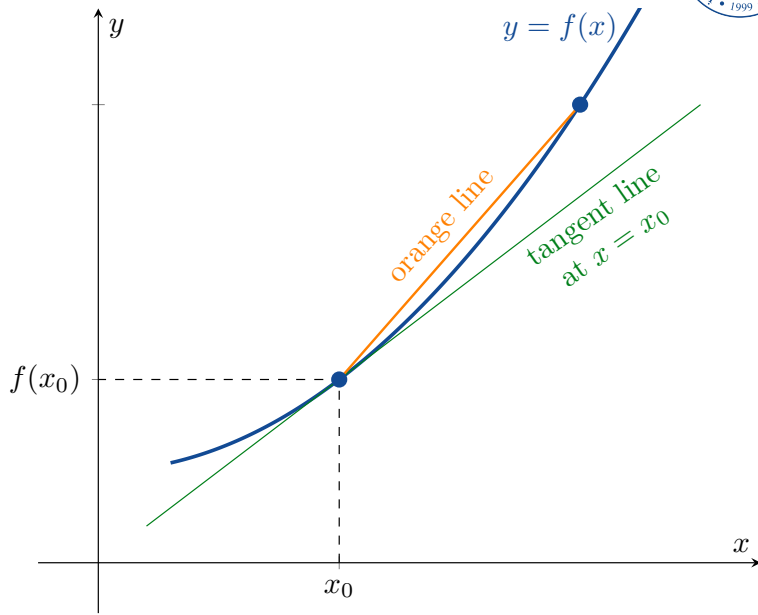
How can we calculate the slope of the tangent line?

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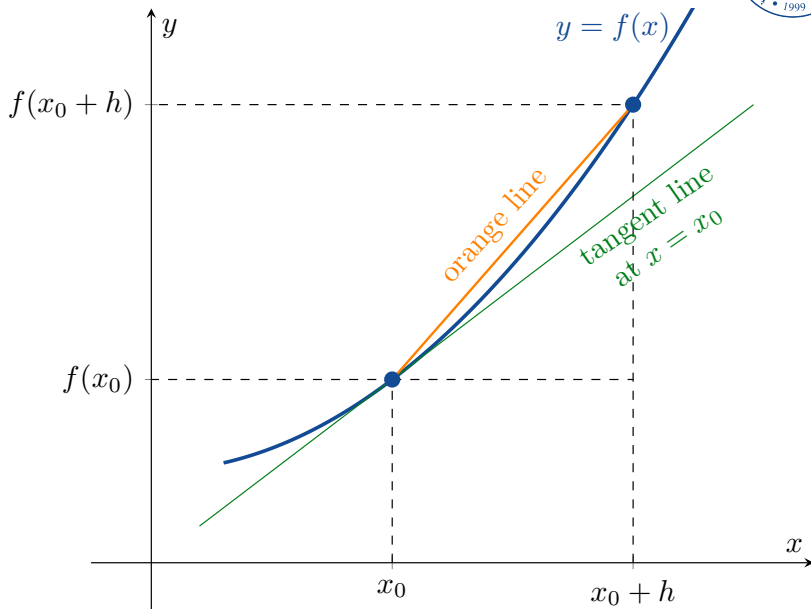




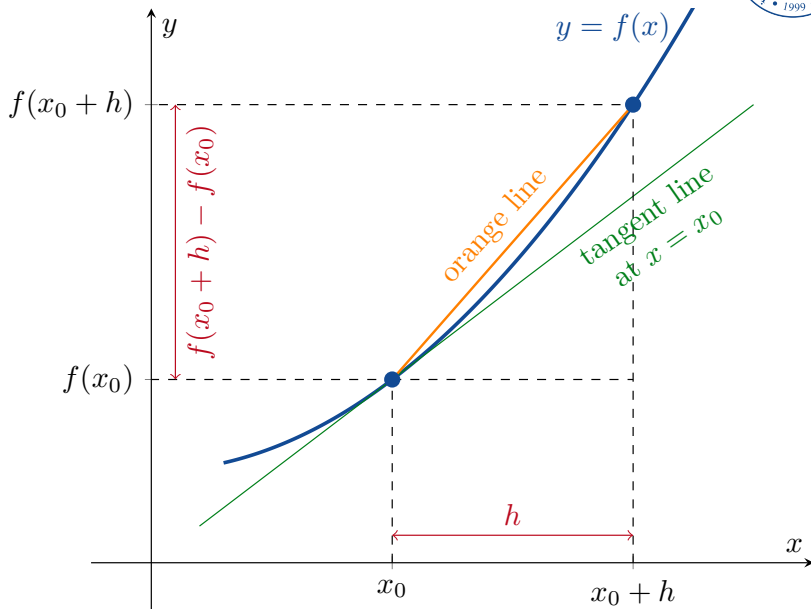
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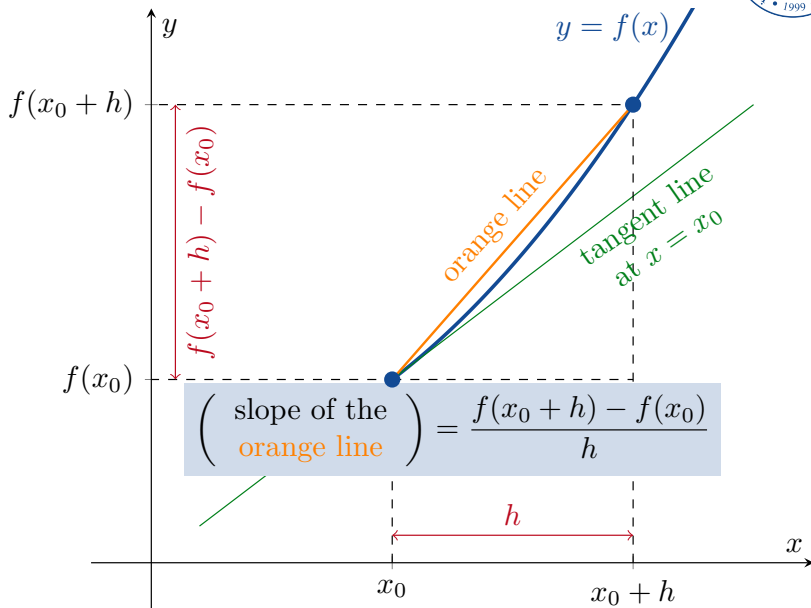
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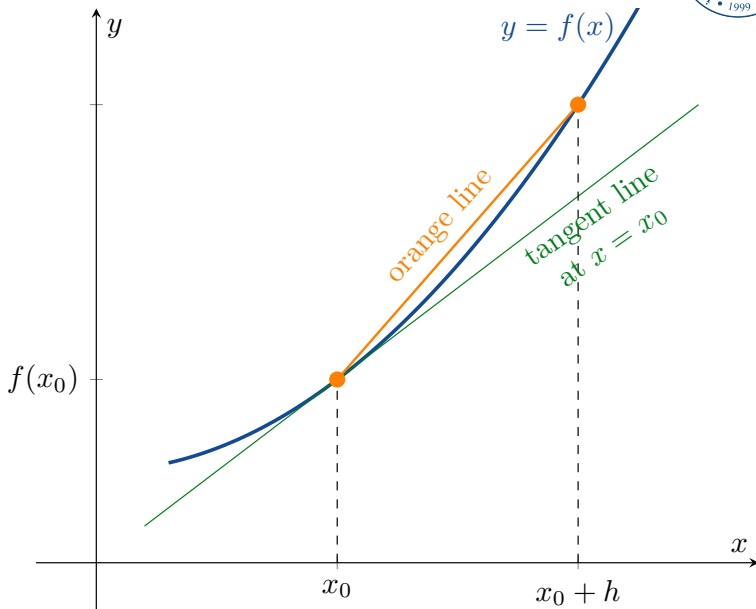
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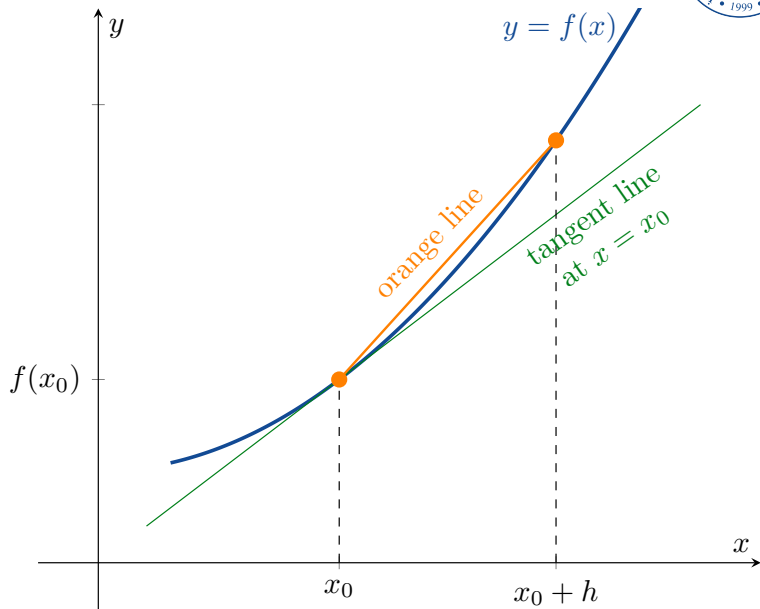
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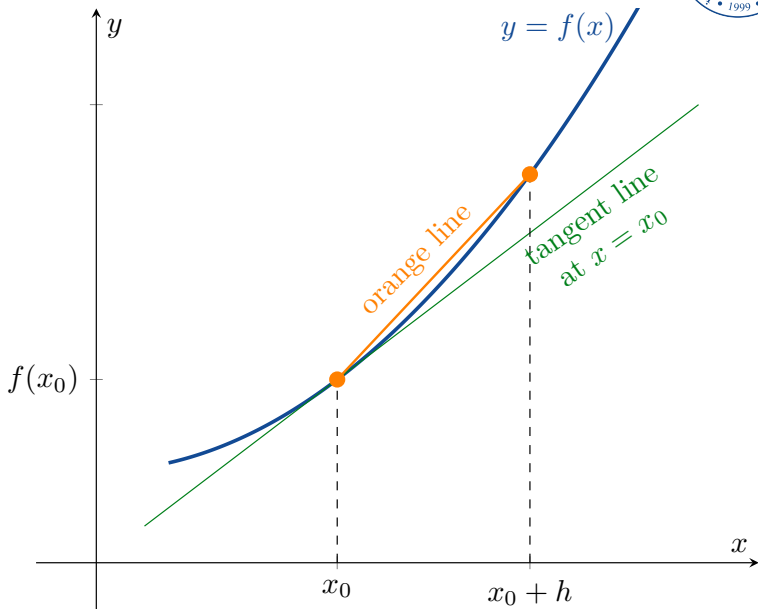
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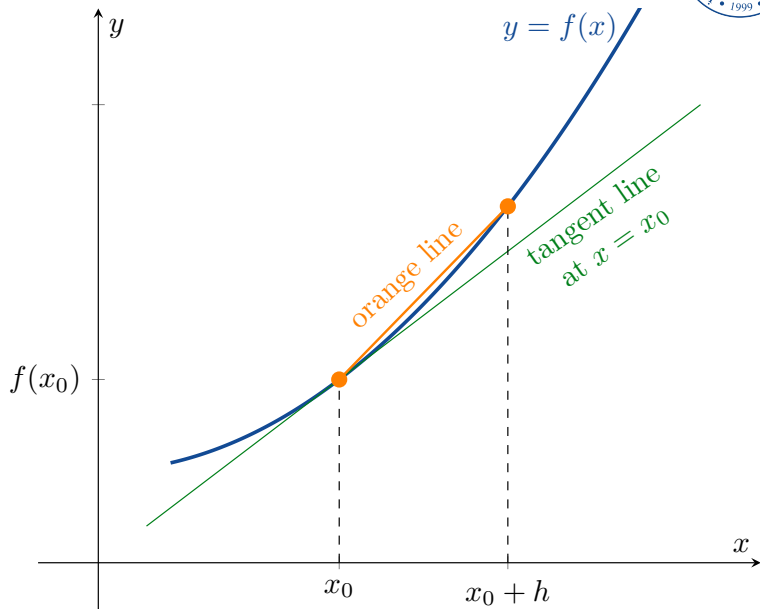
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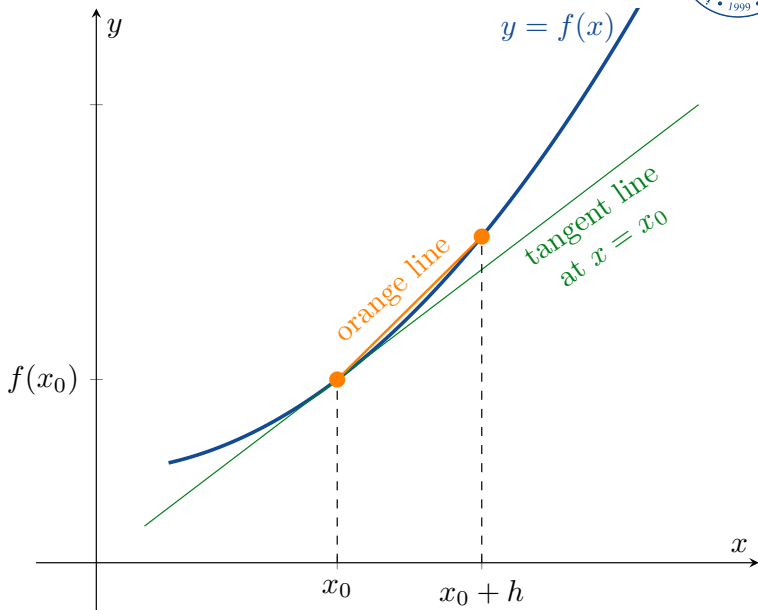


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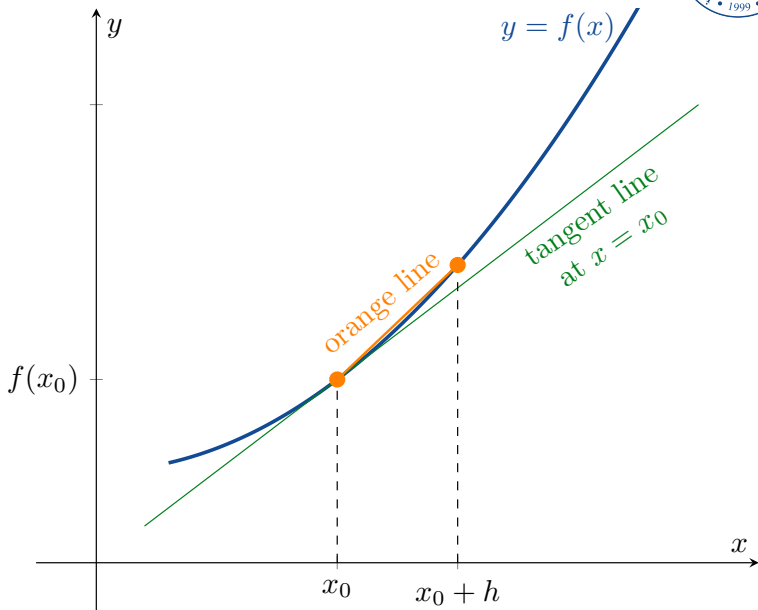




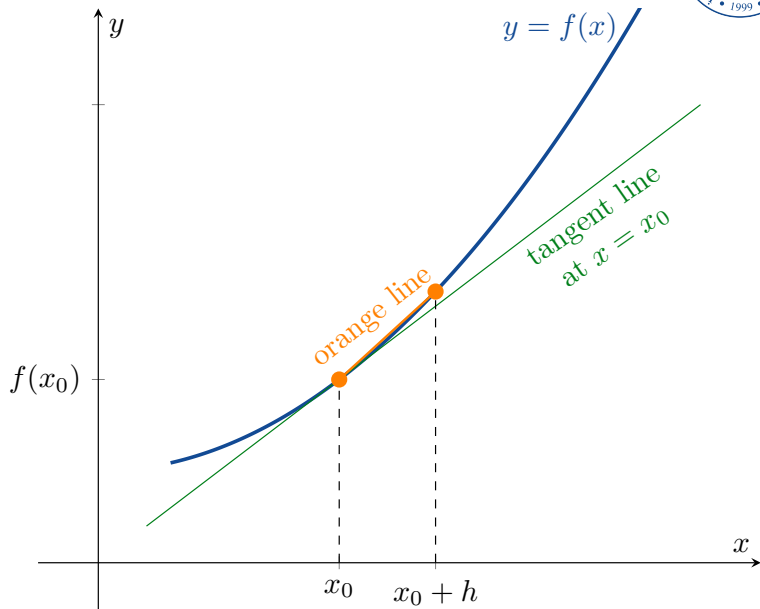
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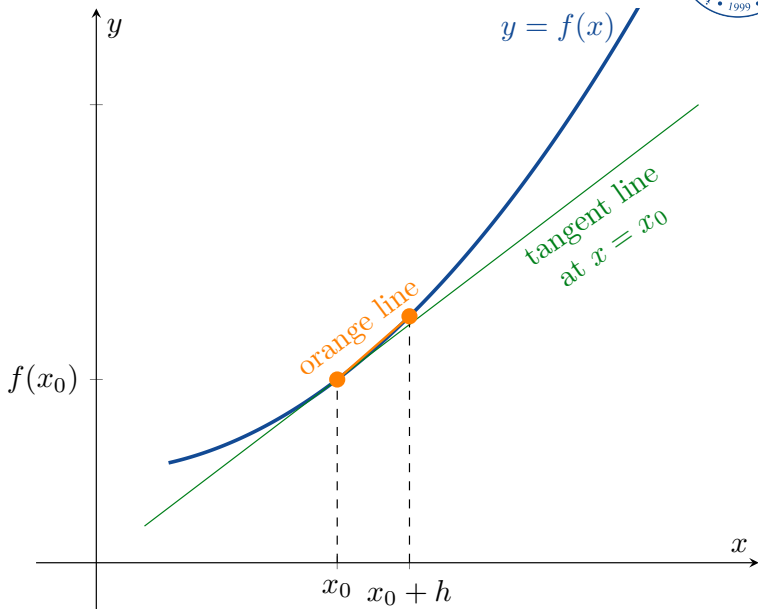
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If  $h$  is very very small, then

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{slope of the} \\ \text{tangent line} \end{array} \right) \approx \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{slope of the} \\ \text{orange line} \end{array} \right) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

## The Derivative of $f$

### Definition

The *derivative of a function  $f$  at a point  $x_0$*  is

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

if the limit exists.

( $f'$  is pronounced “ $f$  prime”)

### Example

Consider the function  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $x \neq 0$ .

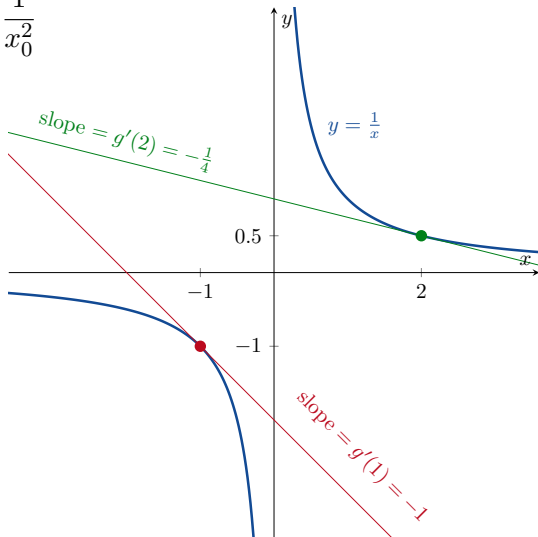
If  $x_0 \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x_0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x_0 + h) - g(x_0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x_0+h} - \frac{1}{x_0}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{x_0}{x_0(x_0+h)} - \frac{x_0+h}{x_0(x_0+h)} \right)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x_0 - x_0 - h}{hx_0(x_0 + h)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{x_0(x_0 + h)} = -\frac{1}{x_0^2}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$g'(x_0) = -\frac{1}{x_0^2}$$







### Definition

If  $f'(x_0)$  exists, we say that  $f$  is *differentiable at  $x_0$* .

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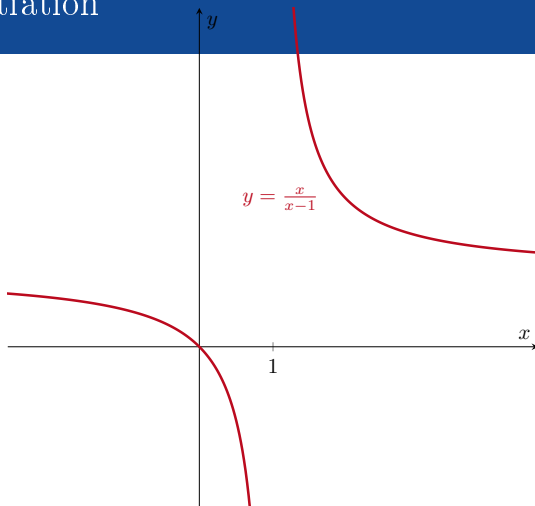
Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. If  $f$  is differentiable at every  $x_0 \in D$ , we say that  $f$  is *differentiable*.

If  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable, then we have a new function  $f' : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

### Definition

$f'$  is called the *derivative* of  $f$ .

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Example

Differentiate  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$ .

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*solution:* First note that  $f(x+h) = \frac{x+h}{x+h-1}$ . Therefore

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

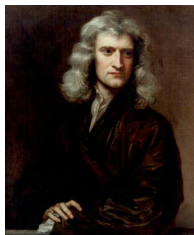
### Notations

There are many ways to write the derivative of  $y = f(x)$ .

$$f'(x) = y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) = \dot{y} = \dot{f}(x)$$

“the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$ ”

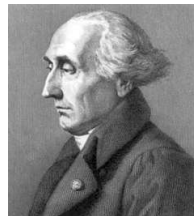
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Sir Isaac Newton  
UK, 1642-1726



Gottfried Leibniz  
GER, 1646-1716



Joseph-Louis Lagrange  
ITA, 1736-1813

Calculus was started by two men who hated each other: Sir Isaac Newton used  $\dot{f}$  and  $\dot{y}$ . Gottfried Leibniz used  $\frac{df}{dx}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

The  $f'$  and  $y'$  notation came later from Joseph-Louis Lagrange.

If we want the derivative of  $y = f(x)$  at the point  $x = x_0$ , we can write

$$f'(x_0) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} = \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} = \left. \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right|_{x=x_0}$$

“the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  at  $x = x_0$ ”





For example, if  $u(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , then

$$u'(4) = \left. \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \right|_{x=4} = \left. \frac{-1}{x^2} \right|_{x=4} = \frac{-1}{4^2} = \frac{-1}{16}.$$



### Example

Show that  $f(x) = |x|$  is differentiable on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and on  $(0, \infty)$ , but is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

*solution:* If  $x > 0$  then

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (|x|) = \frac{d}{dx}(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1.$$

Similarly, if  $x < 0$  then

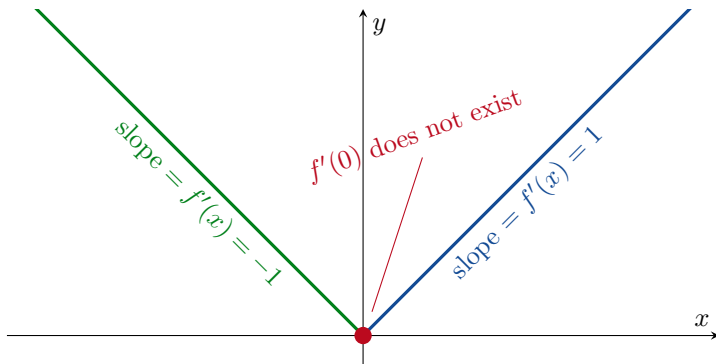
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{df}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} (|x|) = \frac{d}{dx} (-x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-x - h) - (-x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -1 = -1.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f$  is differentiable on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and on  $(0, \infty)$ .

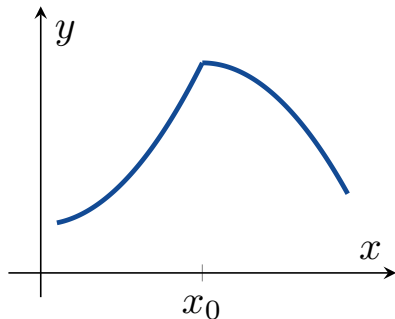
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Since  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|0 + h| - |0|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\pm 1)$  does not exist,  $f$  is not differentiable at 0.



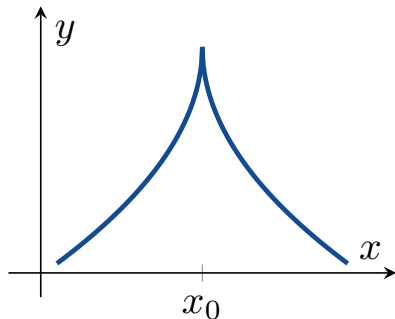
### When Does a Function Not Have a Derivative at a Point?



a corner

$f'(x_0)$  does not exist

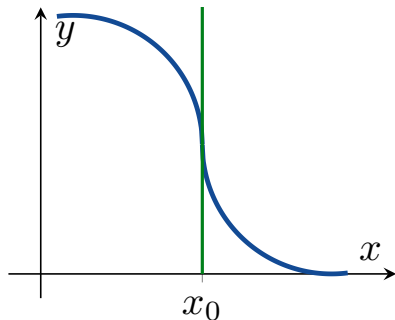
### When Does a Function Not Have a Derivative at a Point?



a cusp

$f'(x_0)$  does not exist

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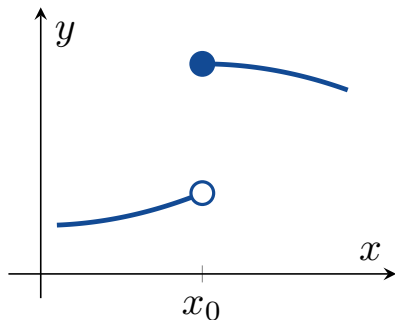


a vertical tangent

$f'(x_0)$  does not exist



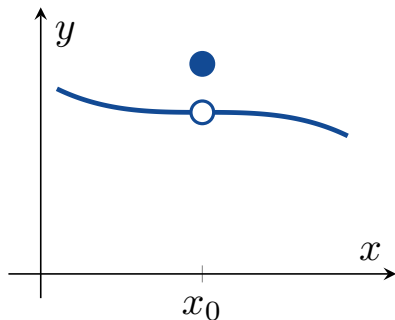
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a discontinuity

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### Theorem

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} f \text{ has a derivative} \\ \text{at } x = x_0 \end{array} \right) \implies \left( \begin{array}{c} f \text{ is continuous} \\ \text{at } x = x_0 \end{array} \right)$$



Next Week: no lesson (Ramadan Feast Eve)

Two Weeks Later: no lesson (Atatürk  
Commemoration & Youth Day)

Three Weeks Later:

- 27. Differentiation Rules
- 28. Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions
- 29. The Chain Rule