Math 3B: Lecture 21

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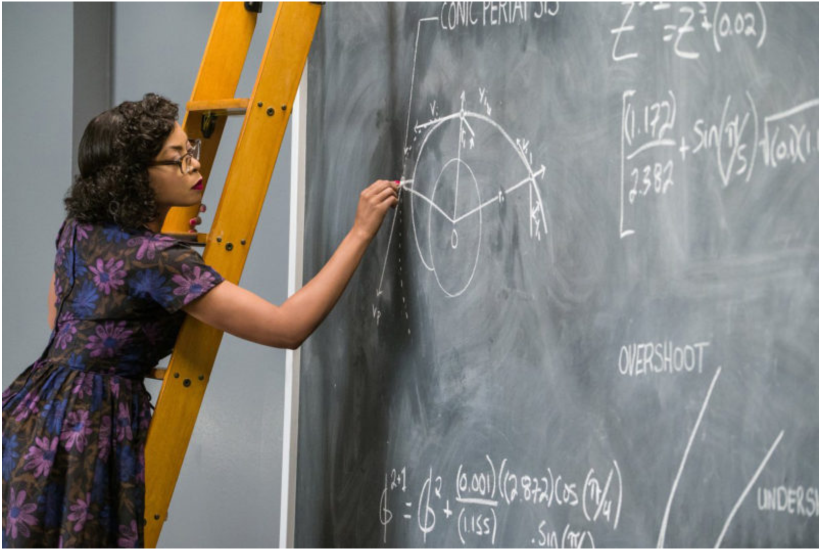

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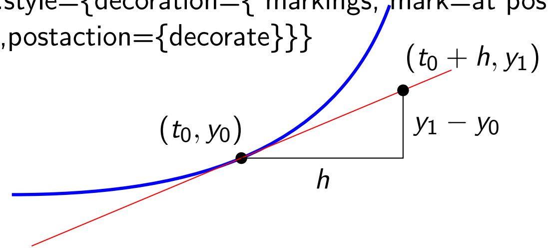

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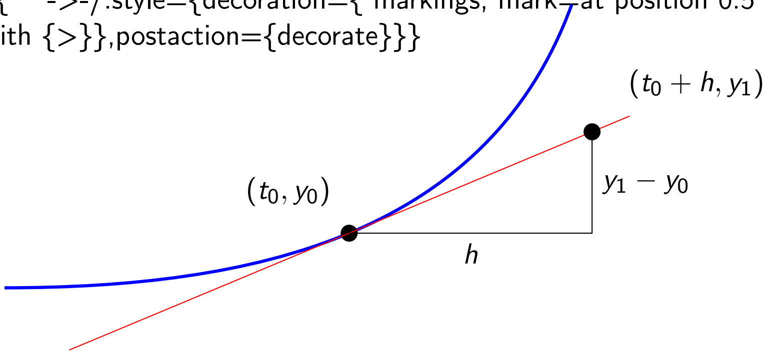

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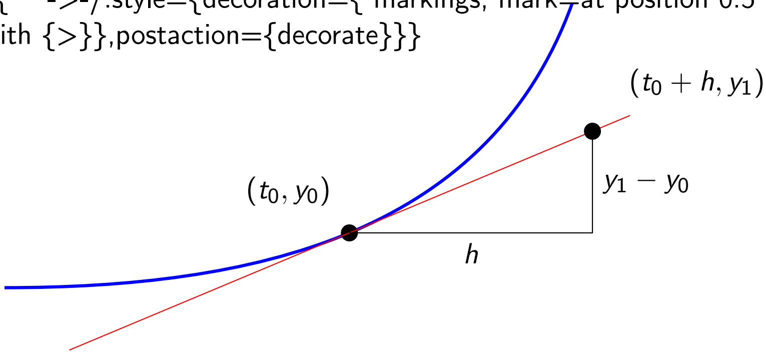

$$y'(t_0) = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{h}$$

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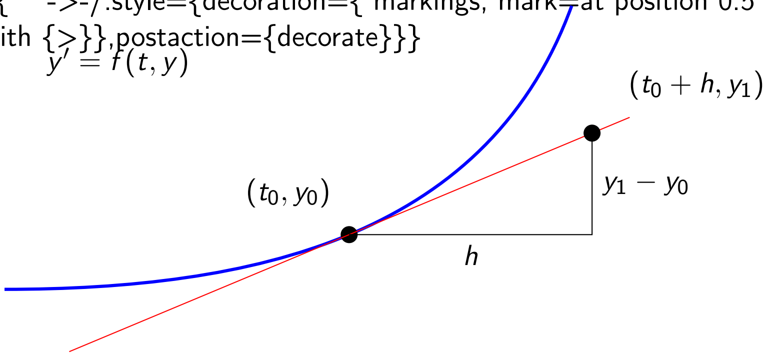

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- then $y(a) \approx y_n$.

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