

**Problem 2 (b) & (d) (only estimate the derivatives)**

(b) It is straight forward from the graph that  $f'(1) \approx 0$ .

(d) At  $x = 3.5$ ,  $f(3.5) \approx -0.5$  and at  $x = 2.5$ ,  $f(2.5) \approx 0.6$ . So, we can approximate the derivative, with  $h = 0.5$ :

$$f'(3) \approx \frac{-0.5 - 0}{0.5} = -1$$

and with  $h = -0.5$ :

$$f'(3) \approx \frac{0.6 - 0}{-0.5} = -\frac{6}{5}.$$

If we want a better approximation, we can take the average of these values:

$$f'(3) \approx \frac{-1 - 6/5}{2} = -11/10.$$

**Problem 5**

The equation of the tangent line at the point  $(x_0, y_0) = (2, -4)$  is

$$y + 4 = m(x - 2)$$

where  $m = f'(2)$ . The derivative is given by the limit of the different quotient:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h} &= \frac{4(2+h) - 3(2+h)^2 + 4}{h} \\ &= \frac{8 + 4h - 3(4 + 4h + h^2) + 4}{h} \\ &= \frac{-4 - 8h - 3h^2 + 4}{h} \\ &= -8 - 3h \end{aligned}$$

and as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , we get  $f'(2) = -8$ . So, we get

$$y + 2 = -8(x - 2).$$

**Problem 6**

The equation of the tangent line at  $(2, 3)$  is

$$y - 3 = f'(2)(x - 2).$$

We have to find  $f'(2)$ . We have  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$ , and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} f'(2) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 3(2+h) + 1 - 3}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8 + 12h + 6h^2 + h^3 - 6 - 3h + 1 - 3}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{9h + 2h^2 + h^3}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 9 + 2h + h^2 \\ &= 9. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain  $f'(2) = 9$ . Therefore, the equation of the tangent line is

$$y = 9x - 18 + 3 = 9x - 15.$$

### Problem 25

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The domain of the function is  $(-\infty, 9]$ . The derivative at  $x$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9-x-h} - \sqrt{9-x}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{9-x-h-9+x}{h(\sqrt{9-x-h} + \sqrt{9-x})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{9-x-h} + \sqrt{9-x}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{9-x}}. \end{aligned}$$

So  $f'(x) = -1/2\sqrt{9-x}$  and the domain of  $f'$  is  $(-\infty, 9)$ .

### Problem 34

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The value of  $f'(a)$  is given by

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

Evaluating  $f$  at  $a + h$  and at  $a$  in this expression, we can do some calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{(a+h)^2} - \frac{1}{a^2}}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^2 - (a+h)^2}{(a+h)^2 a^2 h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^2 - a^2 - 2ah - h^2}{(a+h)^2 a^2 h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{2ah + h^2}{(a+h)^2 a^2 h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{2a + h}{(a+h)^2 a^2} \\
 &= -\frac{2a}{a^4} \\
 &= -\frac{2}{a^3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get  $f'(a) = -2/a^3$ .

#### Problem 44

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The velocity at  $t = 4$  is given by  $f'(4)$ . This is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(4+h) - f(4)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{10 + \frac{45}{5+h} - 10 - \frac{45}{5}}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{45}{5+h} - 9}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{45 - 45 - 9h}{(5+h)h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{9h}{(5+h)h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{9}{5+h}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating the last limit with the Quotient Rule, we get  $f'(4) = -9/5$ .

#### Problem 60

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By definition, we have

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

The last limit exists because

$$-h \leq h \sin(1/h) \leq h$$

for any  $h > 0$  and

$$h \leq h \sin(1/h) \leq -h$$

when  $h < 0$ . We can simplify this by using the absolute value:

$$0 \leq |h \sin(1/h)| \leq |h|$$

because  $0 \leq |\sin(1/h)| \leq 1$ . Using the Squeeze Theorem, we conclude that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin(1/h) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $f'(0)$  exists and  $f'(0) = 0$ .