

3.2 New

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AP Calculus

3.2 The Derivative as a Function

We used the equation $f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$ to calculate the derivative at a point. Now we are going to find the derivative as a function.

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

1. Find the derivative of $f(x) = x^3 + 2x$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 + 2(x+h) - (x^3 + 2x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 + 2x + 2h - x^3 - 2x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 + 2h}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 + 2)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 + 2 \\ &= 3x^2 + 3x(0) + 0^2 + 2 = 3x^2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Pascal's Δ

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & 1 & & & \\ & & & & 2 & & \\ & & 1 & & 3 & & 1 \\ & 1 & & 4 & & 6 & & 4 & & 1 \\ & & & & & & & & & & 1 \end{array}$$

$$(a+b)^2 = 1a^2 + 2ab + 1b^2$$

Notation for derivatives

Function	derivative
$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
y	y'
y	$\frac{dy}{dx}$

Differentiability

A function is differentiable on (a,b) if the domain of $f'(x)$ consists of all values x of the domain of $f(x)$ for which $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ exists.

2. Prove that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is differentiable. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ for $x \neq 0$

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

$f(x)$ is differentiable
same restriction for
 $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$

Power Rule

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

3. Find the derivative using the power rule

a) $y = x^5$
 $y' = 5x^4$

b) $y = x^{\frac{3}{4}}$
 $y = \frac{3}{4}x^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

Sum and Difference Rule

$$(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$$

Constant Multiple Rule

$$(cf)' = cf'$$

4. Find the derivative of
- $g(x) = 7x^{-3} + 4x^2 + 5$

$$g'(x) = 7(-3)x^{-4} + 4(2)x^1 + 0$$

$$g'(x) = -21x^{-4} + 8x$$

5. Find the
- points**
- where the tangent lines to
- $f(x) = x^3 - 27x + 4$
- are horizontal.

(x, y) Horizontal tangent line $m = 0$

Find where $f'(x) = 0$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 27$$

$$0 = 3x^2 - 27$$

$$0 = x^2 - 9$$

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

$$x = -3 \quad x = 3$$

$$f(3) = 3^3 - 27(3) + 4$$

$$f(3) = 27 - 81 + 4$$

$$f(3) = -50$$

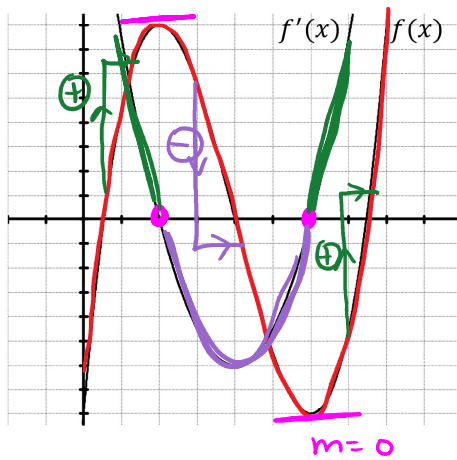
$$f(-3) = (-3)^3 - 27(-3) + 4$$

$$f(-3) = -27 + 81 + 4$$

$$f(-3) = 58$$

$$(3, -50) \quad (-3, 58)$$

6. Given the functions $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ determine:



a) When is the slope of the tangent line equal to zero?

$$x=2 \quad x=6$$

b) When is the slope of the tangent line positive?

$$0 < x < 2 \quad x > 6$$

c) When is the slope of the tangent line negative?

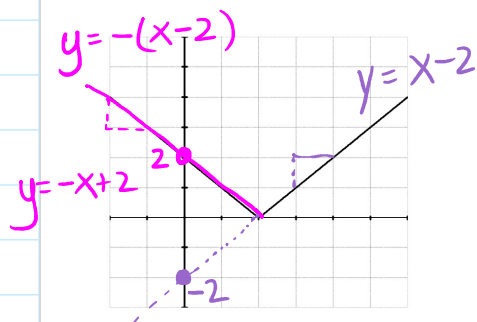
$$2 < x < 6$$

Differentiability Implies Continuity

If f is differentiable at $x=c$, then f is continuous at $x=c$

However continuity does not guarantee differentiability

7. Show that $f(x) = |x - 2|$ is continuous but not differentiable at $x = 2$



Continuity:

1. $f(2) = |2 - 2| = 0$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 0$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 0$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 0$
3. $f(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$
 $0 = 0$

Find $f'(x)$ using equation 2 $f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$

Limit from left

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{|x - 2| - 0}{x - 2} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{-(x - 2)}{x - 2} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} -1 \\ = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Limit from right

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{|x - 2| - 0}{x - 2} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x - 2}{x - 2} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 1 \\ = 1 \end{aligned}$$

left \neq right
 \therefore limit does not exist
 $f(x)$ is NOT differentiable at $x = 2$