

# Math 1431

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**Homework 3** is due next Monday in lab/workshop.

**EMCF07** is due Friday morning at 9:00am.

There is a **Written Quiz** in lab/workshop on Friday.

**Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society Movie Night – Free to everyone!!**  
6pm in Cougar Village Rm. N111. Snacks will be provided!

↪ Tomorrow

**Popper P02** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0  
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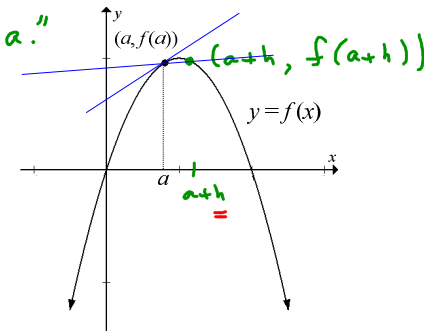
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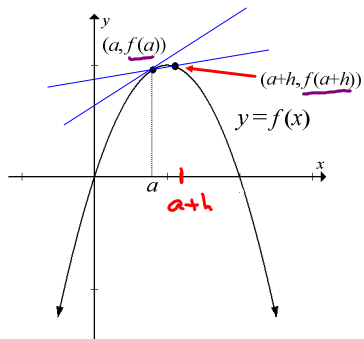
**An Introduction to Derivatives:** How can we approximate the slope of the tangent line to the graph at  $x = a$ ?

"slope of the graph at  $x = a$ ."



We can approximate the tangent line to the graph at  $x=a$  by using a secant line.

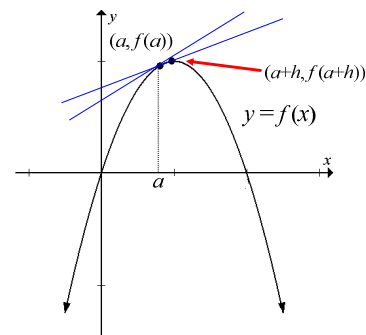
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$$\text{slope of the secant line} = \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

We can improve this approximation by making  $h$  smaller.

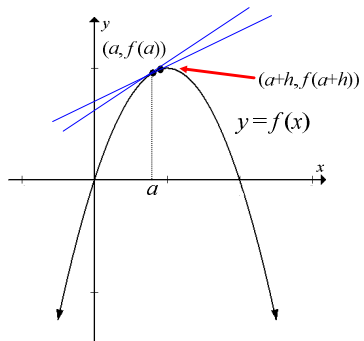
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$$\text{slope of the secant line} = \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

The approximation will continue to improve as we make  $h$  even smaller.

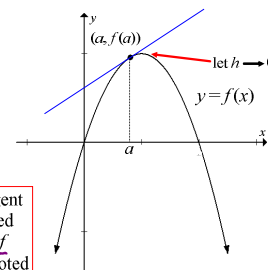
IV.



$$\text{slope of the secant line} = \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

If the limit exists, then we can find the slope of the graph at  $x=a$  by taking a limit.

V.



The slope of the tangent line at  $x=a$  is called **the derivative of  $f$**  at  $x=a$ , and it is denoted by  $f'(a)$

$$\text{slope of the tangent line at } x=a = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$f'(a)$   
"f prime of a"

**Example:** Find the derivative of  $f(x) = x^2$  at  $x = 1$ , and give the equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f$  at the point where  $x = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad f'(1) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+h)^2 - 1}{h} \\ \text{"0/0" ind form} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{1} + 2h + h^2 - \cancel{1}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2h + h^2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2 + h) = 2 \\ \therefore \underline{f'(1) = 2.} \end{aligned}$$

② To get the T.L. at  $x = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{slope: } f'(1) &= \underline{\underline{2}} \\ \text{Point: } (1, f(1)) &= \underline{\underline{(1, 1)}} \\ \text{Equation: } y - 1 &= 2(x - 1) \\ &\text{or} \\ y &= 2x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** Find the derivative of  $f(x) = x^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h} \quad \text{"0/0"} \\ \text{"slope function"} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x^2} + 2xh + h^2 - \cancel{x^2}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x + h) = 2x \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x) = x^2$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x$

### Popper P02

1.  $f(x) = x^2$ . Give  $f'(2)$ .
2.  $f(x) = x^2$ . Give the slope of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = -1$ .

## The Derivative: Overview...

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \text{if it exists}$$

function  $\nearrow$

$$\text{Other notation: } \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = f'(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} \Rightarrow D_x f(x)$$

Note:  $f'(a)$  is the slope of the tangent line at  $x = a$ .

## Interpretations of the Derivative

Function	Description	Derivative	Interpretation
$F(x)$	Standard function.	$F'(x)$	Slope function.
$F(x)$	Standard function.	$F'(x)$	Instantaneous rate of change of $F(x)$ with respect to $x$ .
$s(t)$	Position at time $t$ .	$s'(t)$	Velocity, sometimes named $v(t)$ .
$v(t)$	Velocity at time $t$ .	$v'(t)$	Acceleration, sometimes named $a(t)$ .

**Notation:**  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$  if and only if  $f'(a)$  exists.  
(i.e. if and only if  $f$  has a derivative at  $x = a$ )

Example: Give a formula for the derivative of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$ .

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x+h+1} - \frac{1}{x+1}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x+1 - (x+h+1)}{(x+h+1)(x+1)}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h(x+h+1)(x+1)}$$

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

∴  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{-1}{(x+1)^2}$

"0/0"

**Popper P02**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$ ,  $f'(x) = \frac{-1}{(x+1)^2}$

3.  $f(x)$  is the function in the previous example. Give  $f'(1)$ .

4.  $f(x)$  is the function in the previous example. Give the slope of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = -2$ .

Example: Give an equation for the tangent line to

the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$  at  $x=2$ .

$$f'(x) = \frac{-1}{(x+1)^2} \quad \downarrow$$

$$\text{slope} = f'(2) = -\frac{1}{9}$$

$$\text{Point} = (2, f(2)) = (2, \frac{1}{3})$$

Eq. for T.L. at  $x=2$ :

$$y - \frac{1}{3} = -\frac{1}{9}(x-2)$$

How can we use the derivative to find the slope of the normal line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x=a$ ?

Normal line is  $\perp$  to the tangent line, and it passes through  $(a, f(a))$ .

$$\text{Slope of N.L.} = -\frac{1}{f'(a)}$$

provided  $f'(a) \neq 0$ .

Example: Give an equation for the normal line to the graph of

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$  at  $x=1$ .

$$f'(x) = \frac{-1}{(x+1)^2} \Rightarrow f'(1) = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{slope of N.L.} = \frac{-1}{f'(1)} = 4$$

$$\text{point} = (1, f(1)) = (1, \frac{1}{2})$$

Equation for N.L.:  $y - \frac{1}{2} = 4(x-1)$

### Popper P02

5.  $f(x)$  is the function in the previous example. Give the slope of the normal line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x=-2$ .

How is the derivative related to continuity?

**See the video!!**

How can the graph of a function be used to determine where a function is not differentiable?

**See the video!!**

The function  $f(x)$  is graphed below. Determine the values of  $x$  where  $f$  is differentiable.

