

2.1 day 1 - Limit Definition of Derivative 10/18/18

Homework:

- 2.1 A
- Quiz 2.1 Thursday 10/25 or Friday 10/26

Objective: Use the limit definition to find the derivative of a function.

Math tells us three of the saddest love stories.

Tangent lines who had one chance to meet and then parted forever.

Parallel lines who were never meant to meet.

Asymptotes who can get closer and closer but will never be together.

Do Now: $f(x+h)$

then $f(x) = 2x + 1$

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

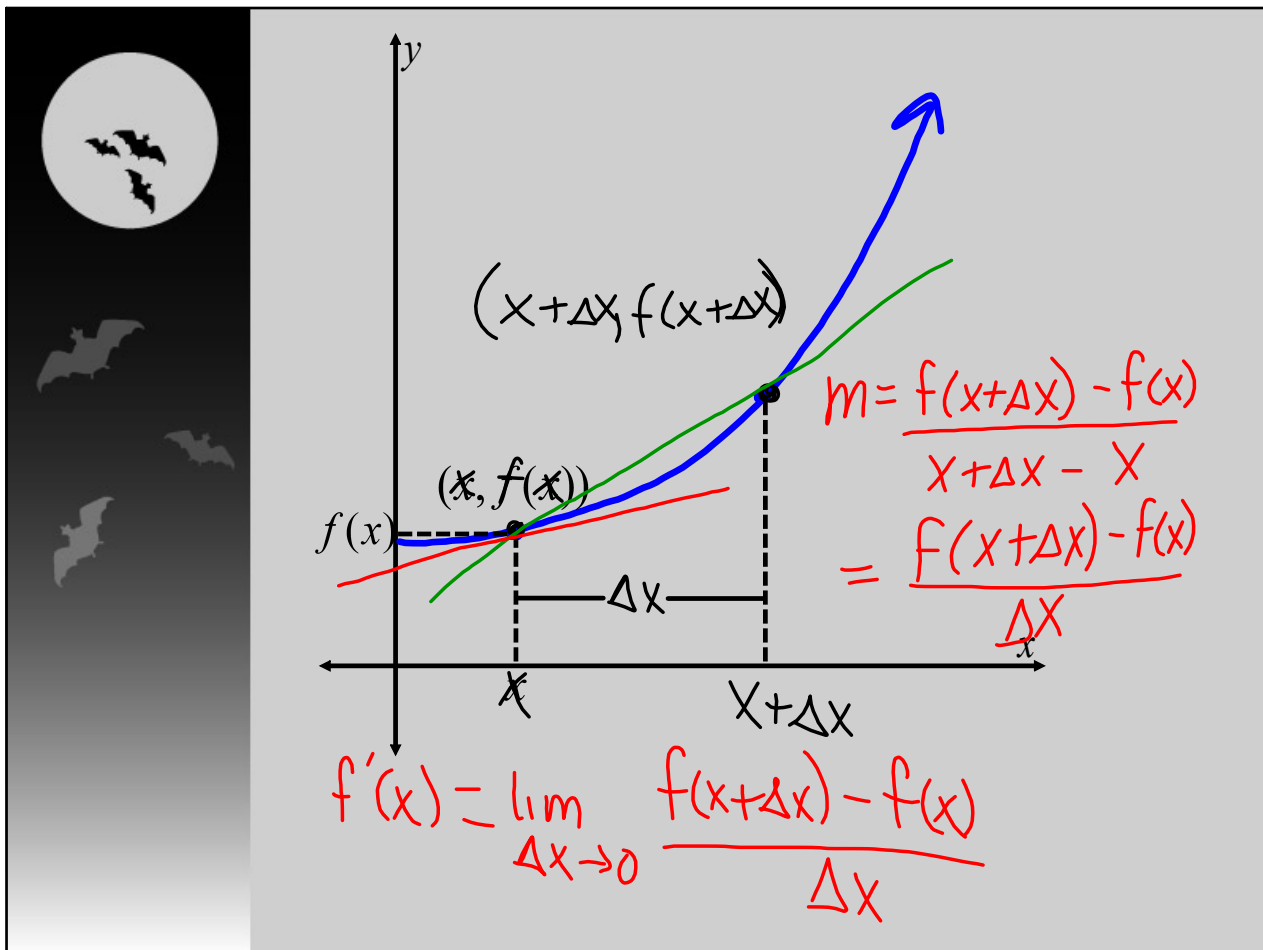
$$\frac{2x+2h+1-2x-1}{h} = \frac{2h}{h} = \boxed{2}$$

$f(x) = \frac{5}{x+1}$ $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

1. $\left(\frac{5}{x+h+1} - \frac{5}{x+1} \right) \frac{1}{(x+h+1)(x+1)}$

2. $\frac{5(x+1) - 5(x+h+1)}{h(x+h+1)(x+1)} = \frac{5x+5-5x-5h-5}{h(x+h+1)(x+1)}$

3. $\frac{-5h}{h(x+h+1)(x+1)} = \boxed{\frac{-5}{(x+h+1)(x+1)}}$



The **derivative** of f at x is given by

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

provided the limit exists. For all x for which this limit exists, f' is a function

DEFINITION Derivative

The **derivative** of the function f with respect to the variable x is the function f' whose value at x is

alternative notation of derivative }
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}, \quad (1)$$

provided the limit exists.

Notation



There are many ways to denote the derivative of a function $y = f(x)$. Besides $f'(x)$, the most common notations are:

$$y'$$

"y prime"

Nice and brief, but does not name the independent variable.

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$



"dy dx" or "the derivative of y with respect to x "

Names both variables and uses d for derivative.

$$\frac{df}{dx}$$

"df dx" or "the derivative of f with respect to x "

Emphasizes the function's name.

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$

"d dx of f at x " or "the derivative of f at x "

Emphasizes that *differentiation* is an operation performed on f .

Differentiate - verb
Derivative - noun

Find the derivative of $f(x) = 3 + \frac{2}{3}x$.

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

$$f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 + \frac{2}{3}(x+\Delta x) - (3 + \frac{2}{3}x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{3} + \cancel{\frac{2}{3}x} + \frac{2}{3}\Delta x - \cancel{3} - \cancel{\frac{2}{3}x}}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{3}\Delta x}{\Delta x} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Find $f'(x)$ given $f(x) = 4x^2 + 1$

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

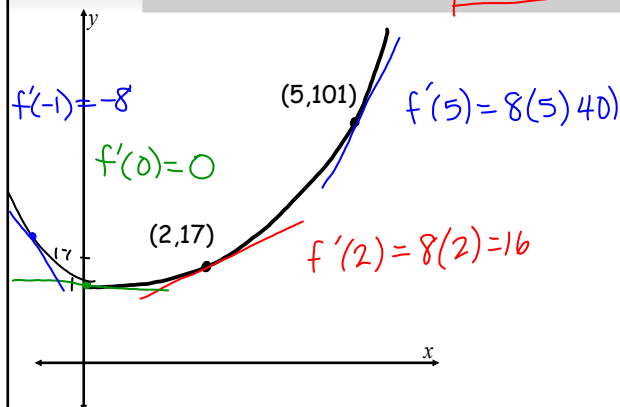
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) + 1 - (4x^2 + 1)}{h}$$


$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{4x^2} + 8xh + \cancel{4h^2} + \cancel{1} - \cancel{4x^2} - \cancel{1}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(8x + 4h)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (8x + 4h) = 8x$$

$$\boxed{f'(x) = 8x}$$





Find the slope of the tangent line to $f(x) = x^3 - 2$ at the point $(3, 25)$.

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\overbrace{(x+h)^3}^{f(x+h)} - \overbrace{(x^3 - 2)}^{f(x)}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - \cancel{x^3} + \cancel{2}}{h}$$

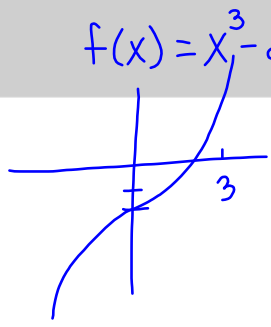

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(3x^2 + 3xh + h^2)}{h} =$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3x^2 + 3xh + h^2) = 3x^2$$

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

$(3, 25)$ $f'(3) = 3(3)^2 = 27$

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

Based on our discussions today what would the derivative of the following function be, and why?

$f(x) = 5$

$f'(x) = 0$

