

and Slope

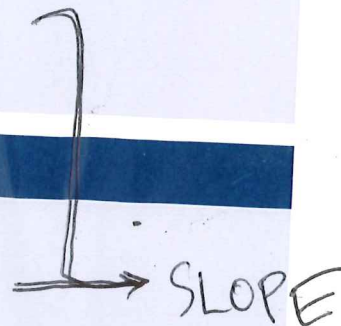
on (OpenStax Pg. 220)

define the derivative $f'(x)$ at $x = a$ to be:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \text{"f prime at a"}$$

Definition (OpenStax Pg. 234)

Leibniz: $\otimes \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=a} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \text{"dee y dee x"}$



We will use $\frac{d}{dx} [\cdot]$ as a way of writing "take the derivative".

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\text{stuff}] = \text{derivative of stuff}$$

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Notes

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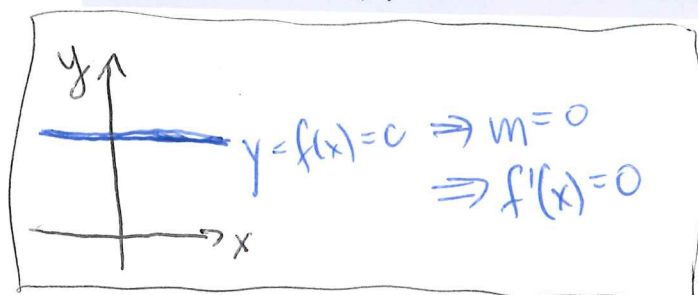
Pages 22 - onwards
are here in hardcopy but
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Constants!

Theorem (OpenStax §3.3 Theorem 3.2)

$$\frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0$$

Alternatively, if $f(x) = c$ is constant and does not change, then $f'(x) = 0$.



The algebra/limits version.
We calculate:

Let $f(x) = c$ for all x .

This gives:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[c] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{c - c}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 0 \text{ (for } h \neq 0\text{)} \\ = 0$$

Notes

Composition of functions is a big deal!

$$f(x) = \dots$$

we almost always get

$$f(x) = g(h(k(x)))$$

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Powers

Theorem (OpenStax §3.3 Theorem 3.3)

If n is a number,

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

(We consider just $n=3$.) Let $f(x) = x^3$. We get:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^3] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h}$$

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

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

"0(...)"
0

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3x^2 + 3xh + h^2) \text{ (for } h \neq 0) = 3x^2 = 3x^{3-1}$$

Notes

Aside: we expand

$$(x+h)^3 = (x+h)(x+h)(x+h)$$

$$= (x+h)(x^2 + xh + hx + h^2)$$

$$= (x+h)(x^2 + 2xh + h^2)$$

$$= x^3 + 2x^2h + xh^2 + hx^2 + 2xh^2 + h^3$$

$$= x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3$$

$$= nx^{n-1}h$$

Why do we write

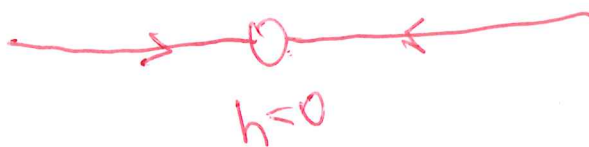
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(\dots)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\dots) \text{ for } h \neq 0$$

and then let $h=0$!!

The big deal here is that cancelling h from top and bottom changes the function. The function changes because it becomes defined at $h=0$.
(the domain changes to include $h=0$.)

The amazing fact about limits is they let us evaluate functions at points outside their domain.



Linearity

Discuss 2min.

Theorem (OpenStax §3.3 Theorem 3.4)

For any numbers a and b : $\frac{d}{dx} [af(x) + bg(x)] = af'(x) + bg'(x)$.

Sum Rule ($a = b = 1$)

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x) + g(x)] = f'(x) + g'(x)$$

Difference Rule ($a = 1$ and $b = -1$)

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x) - g(x)] = f'(x) - g'(x)$$

Constant Multiple Rule ($\square$)

$$\frac{d}{dx} [kf(x)] = kf'(x)$$

Take $a=k$,
 $b=0$

We calculate:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [af(x) + bg(x)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[af(x+h) + bg(x+h)] - [af(x) + bg(x)]}{h}$$

Notes

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{a(f(x+h) - f(x))}{h} + \frac{b(g(x+h) - g(x))}{h} \right]$$

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

$$= af'(x) + bg'(x)$$

polynomials!

Add more
time.
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Activity (Micro-Assignment (5 min))

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

Either: use the limit definition, or carefully explain every step using the rules from this class.

Limit Defⁿ

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

$$\frac{[(x+h)^3 - 2(x+h) - 1] - [x^3 - 2x + 1]}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\dots}{h}$$

Notes

(Algebra)

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\dots) \text{ for } h \neq 0.$$

$$= 3x^2 - 2.$$

Deriv Rules

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^3 - 2x + 1]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} [x^3] - \frac{d}{dx} [2x] + \frac{d}{dx} [1] \quad \# \text{ sum and diff.}$$

$$= 3x^2 - \frac{d}{dx} [2x] + 0 \quad \# \text{ const and polynomial}$$

$$= 3x^2 - 2 \frac{d}{dx} [x] \quad \# \text{ const. multiple}$$

$$= 3x^2 - 2 \cdot 1 = 3x^2 - 2.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^3] = 3x^{3-1} = 3x^2$$

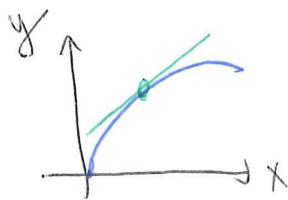
Using Derivatives

Definition (OpenStax Pg. 217)

The tangent slope to $y = f(x)$ is:

$$m_{tan} = f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

The tangent line to $y = f(x)$ at $x = a$ has slope m_{tan} and passes through $(a, f(a))$.



The tangent line has exactly the same slope as $y = f(x)$ at $x = a$, and passes through $(a, f(a))$.

Using Derivatives

Question

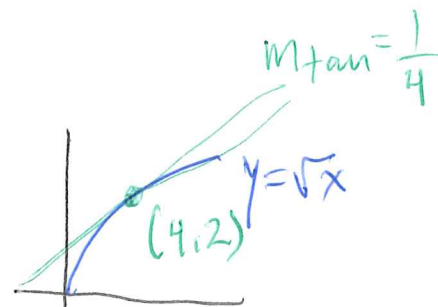
Find the tangent slope of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ at $a = 4$.

$$m_{\text{tan}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{f(x) - f(4)}{x - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{4}}{x - 4} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{4}}{(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{4})(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{4})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{4}} \quad (\text{for } x \neq 4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{2+2} = \frac{1}{4}$$



Using Derivatives

Question

Find the tangent line of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ at $a = 4$ assuming $m_{\text{tan}} = \frac{1}{4}$.

The point $(4, \sqrt{4}) = (4, 2)$ is on ~~both~~ both $y = \sqrt{x}$ and the tangent line. We use point-slope format and get:

$$y - 2 = m_{\text{tan}}(x - 4)$$

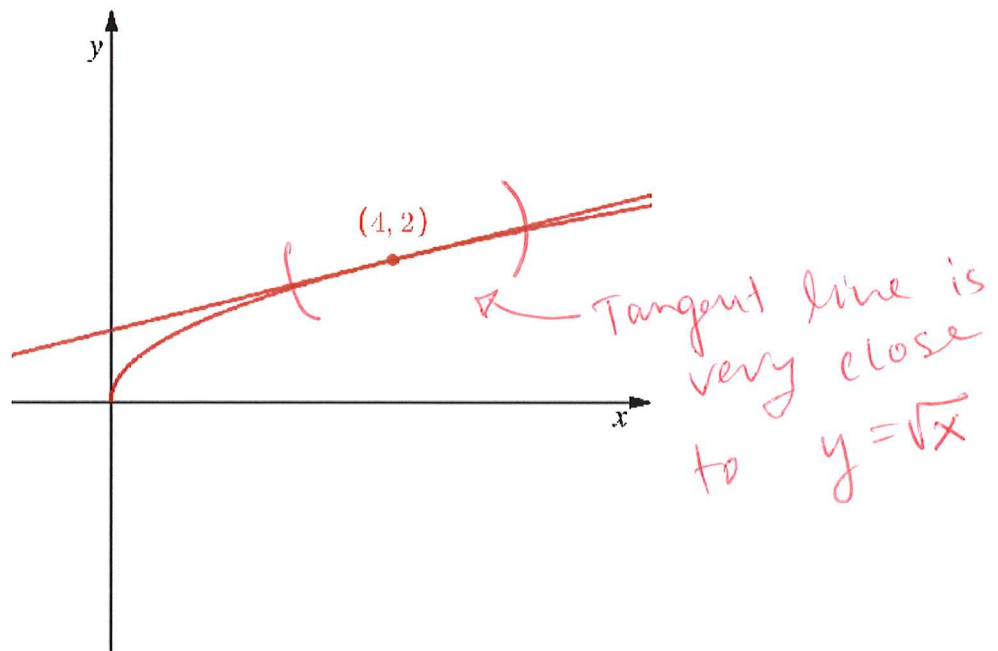
$$y - 2 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 4) = \frac{1}{4}x - 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = \frac{1}{4}x \text{ ~~4~~ } + 1$$

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Notes

Using Derivatives



<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/luadl4c0iy>

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Notes

Week 8 Sneak Peek!

Replace hard $\sqrt{x}$
by $\frac{1}{4}x + 1$ easier.

Question

Use the tangent line $y = \frac{1}{4}x + 1$ of $y = \sqrt{x}$ at $a = 4$ to approximate $\sqrt{4.242}$.

What's the idea here? $4.242 \approx 4.000$.

Near the point of tangency, $\frac{1}{4}x + 1 \approx \sqrt{x}$.

$$\frac{1}{4}(4.242) + 1 = \underline{2.0605} \quad \sqrt{4.242} = \underline{2.0596\dots}$$

That's a pretty good approximation!

Using Derivatives

Question

Where is the tangent line of $y = x^3 - 3x$ horizontal?

► Horizontal tangent $\iff m_{tan} = 0$

► $m_{tan} = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}[x^3 - 3x] = 3x^2 - 3 = 3(x^2 - 1) = 0$

$$\iff 3(x-1)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\iff x = 1 \text{ or } x = -1.$$

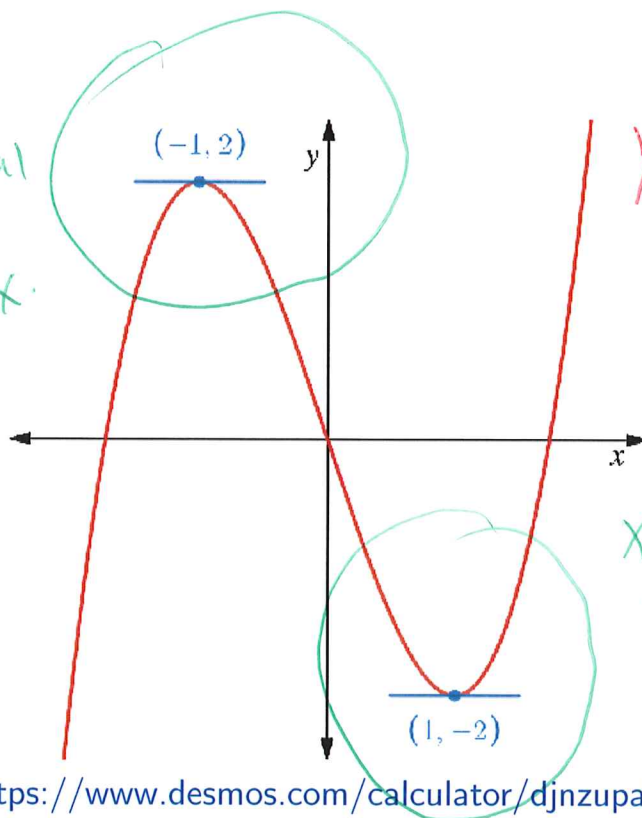
The tangent line at ~~both~~ $x = -1$ or $x = 1$ is horizontal.

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Using Derivatives

$x = -1$ is a local maximum of $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$.



$x = 1$ is a local minimum of $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$.

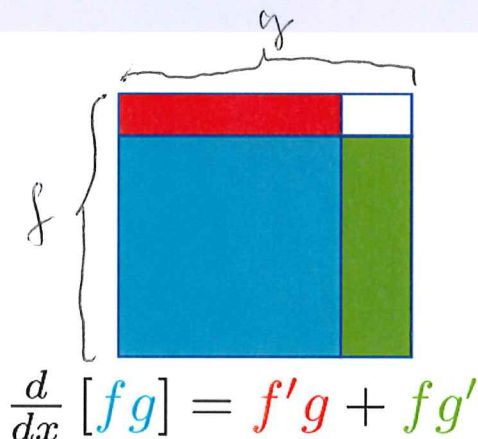
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Local means "near the value".

Product Rule

Theorem (OpenStax §3.3 Pg. 253)

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$



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Notes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - \cancel{f(x)g(x+h)} + \cancel{f(x)g(x+h)} - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{g(x+h) [f(x+h) - f(x)]}{h} + \frac{f(x) [g(x+h) - g(x)]}{h} \right] \\ &= g(x+0) f'(x) + f(x) g'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x). \end{aligned}$$

Add and subtract additional terms.

An Absolute Surprise

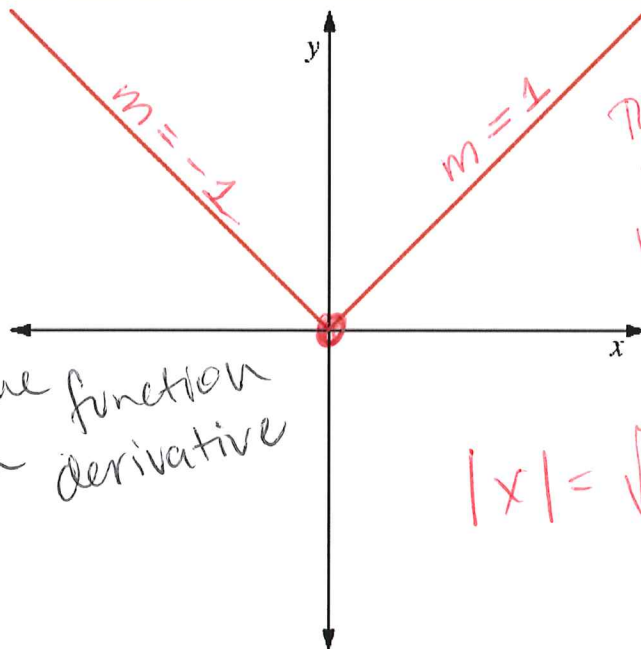
Definition

The absolute value function $f(x) = |x|$ is defined as:

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\pi = |-\pi| = -(-\pi)$$

Why would anyone define this thing? It measures the distance from x to 0.



The distance from x to 0 must be positive: $|x|$.

The absolute value function does not have a derivative at $x=0$.

$$|x| = \sqrt{x^2}$$

An Absolute Surprise

Question

What's the slope of $y = |x|$ at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x+h| - |x|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|0+h| - |0|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|}{h}.$$

To evaluate this limit, we need to calculate $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|h|}{h}$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|h|}{h}$. We calculate $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|h|}{h}$ first.

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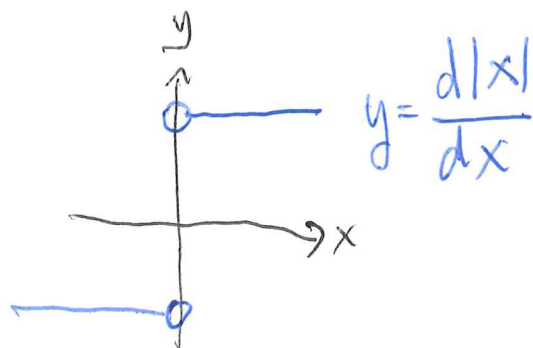
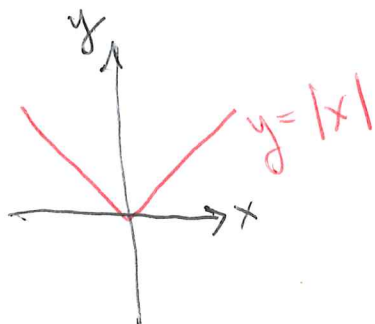
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|h|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 1 \text{ (for } h \neq 0) = 1.$$

Notes

On the other side:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|h|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} -1 \text{ (for } h \neq 0) = -1.$$

This gives $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \neq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-}$ and so $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0}$ does not exist.



On the T T1 Description
"Limits as Derivatives"

What is This the Derivative Of?

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h}$$

Question

The $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{h^2 - h}}{h}$ represents which of the following derivative calculations?

1. $f'(0)$ where $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - x}$
2. $g'(x)$ where $g(x) = \sqrt{x^2}$
3. $h'(1)$ where $h(x) = x^2 - x$
4. $u'(-1)$ where $u(x) = x^2$

(5 min)

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

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Notes

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{h^2 - h}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{h^2 - h} - 0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{h^2 - h} - \sqrt{0^2 - 0}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{(0+h)^2 - (0+h)} - \sqrt{0^2 - 0}}{h}$$

= "the derivative of $\sqrt{x^2 - x}$ at $x = 0$ " $\frac{0}{0}$

= (1).

$$\frac{1+2}{3} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3}$$

Quotient Rule

Theorem (OpenStax §3.6 Pg. 255)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} \leftarrow \text{The messiest derivative rule!}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{f(x+h)}{g(x+h)} - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}}{h} \left(\frac{g(x+h)g(x)}{g(x+h)g(x)} \right)$$

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

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

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This cancellation is tricky.

Notes

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{g(x+h)g(x)} \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{g(x+h)g(x)} \frac{f(x)g(x) - g(x+h)f(x)}{h} \right]$$

Looks like f'

Looks like g'

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \frac{f(x+h)\underline{g(x)} - f(x)\underline{g(x)}}{h} \right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \frac{g(x+h)\underline{f(x)} - g(x)\underline{f(x)}}{h} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \underline{g(x)} \left[\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \underline{f(x)} \left[\frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{[g(x)]^2} [g(x)f'(x)] - \frac{1}{[g(x)]^2} [f(x)g'(x)]$$

$$= \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

Yay!
The
Quotient
Rule.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} = \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+0)} = \frac{1}{[g(x)]^2}$$

Quotient Rule

Question

Apply the quotient rule to $k(x) = \frac{5x^2}{4x+3}$.

We calculate:

$$k'(x) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}[5x^2](4x+3) - 5x^2 \frac{d}{dx}[4x+3]}{(4x+3)^2}$$

$$= \frac{10x(4x+3) - 5x^2(4)}{(4x+3)^2}$$

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Notes

$$= \frac{40x^2 + 30x - 20x^2}{(4x+3)^2}$$

$$= \frac{20x^2 + 30x}{(4x+3)^2} = \frac{10x(2x+3)}{(4x+3)^2}$$

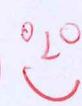
$$= \frac{20x^2 + 30x}{16x^2 + 24x + 9}$$

Apply the Quotient Rule

(2 min)

Question

What is the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{x+4}{x+1}$ at the point $x = 2$?

1. $f'(x) = -3$
2. $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{3}$ 
3. $f'(x) = 2$
4. f does not have a derivative at $x = 2$.

$$f'(x) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}[x+4](x+1) - (x+4)\frac{d}{dx}[x+1]}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1(x+1) - (x+4)1}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{-3}{(x+1)^2}$$

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Notes

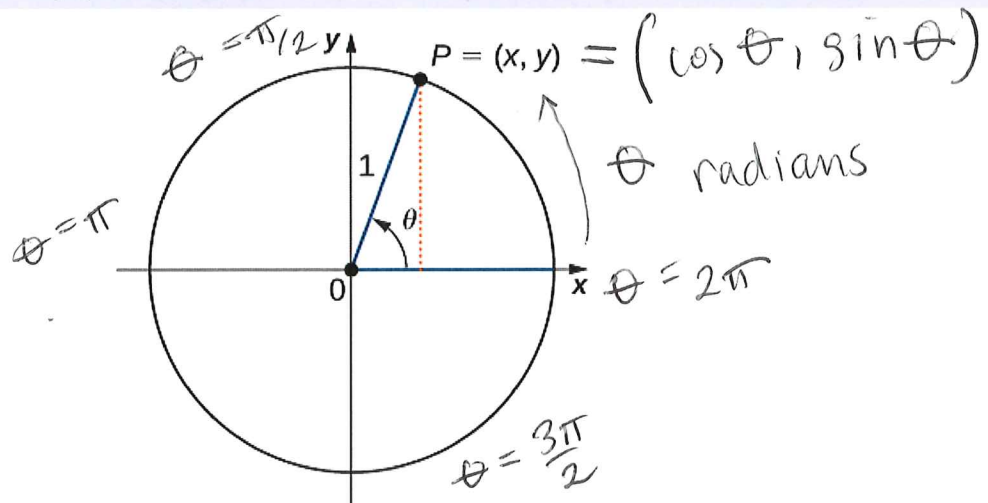
This gives:

$$f'(2) = \frac{-3}{(2+1)^2} = -\frac{3}{9} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

The Trigonometric Functions sin and cos

Question

How are $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$ related?



OpenStax §1.3 Fig 1.31

$$(x, y) = (\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta)) \iff \sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta) = 1$$

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Notes

Various other Trig Functions

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

"cotangent"

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

"secant"

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

"cosecant"

These are all "just"
ways of re-writing
 $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\csc(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{\sin(x)} \right]$$

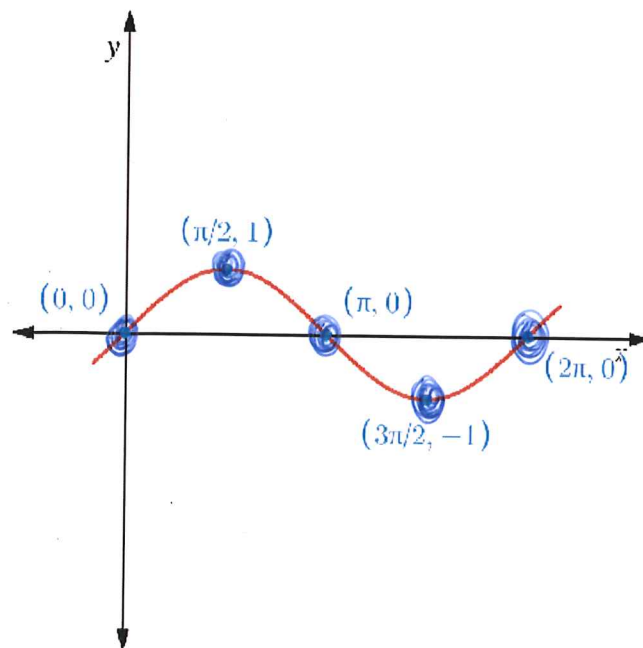
$$= \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [1] \sin(x) - 1 \frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)]}{[\sin(x)]^2}$$

$$= \frac{0 \cdot \sin(x) - 1 \cdot \cos(x)}{[\sin(x)]^2}$$

$$= - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)} = - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$$

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Tangents to the sin Curve



$y = \sin(x)$ with important points highlighted

$$\sin(0) = 0$$

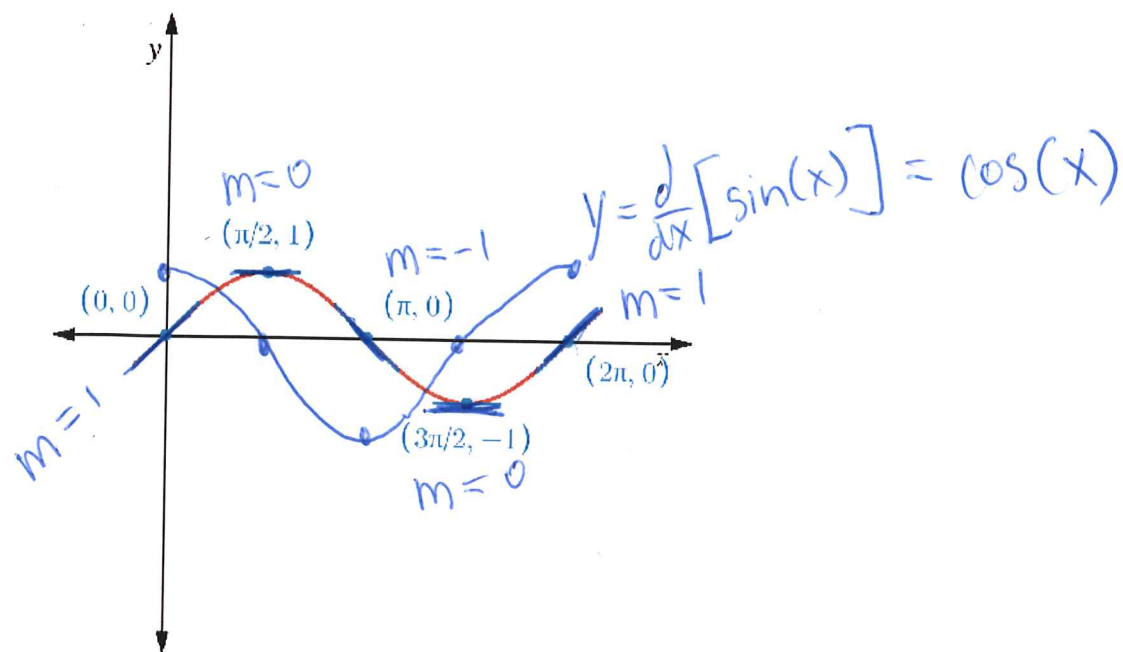
$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\sin(\pi) = 0$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = -1$$

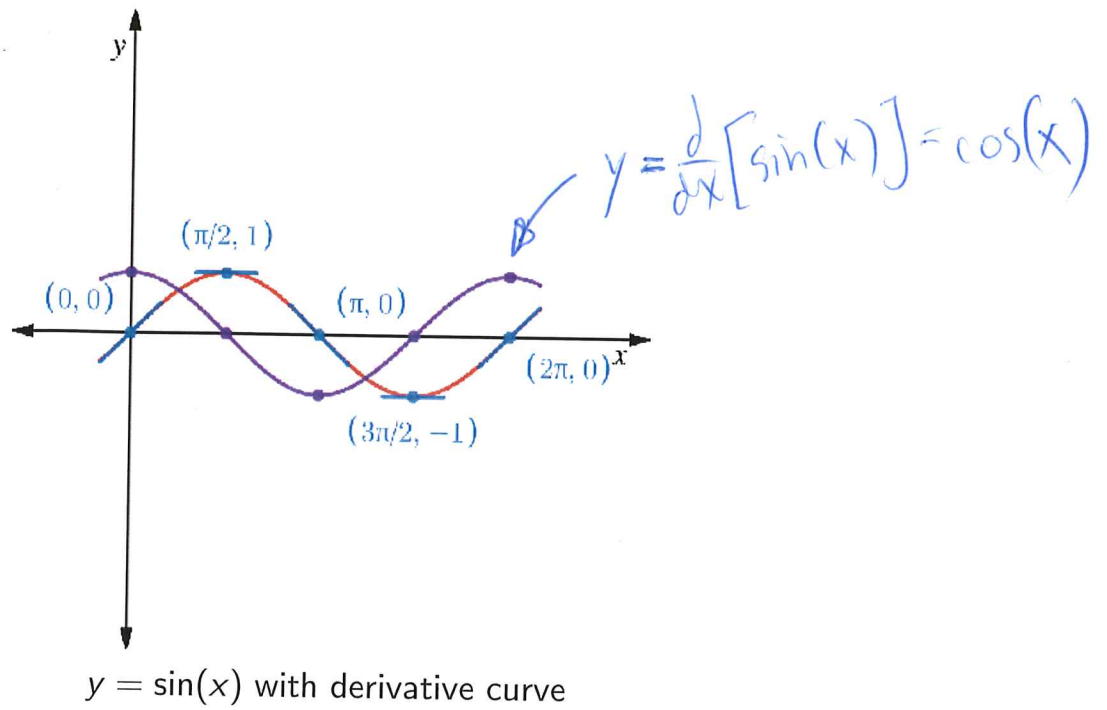
$$\sin(2\pi) = 0$$

Tangents to the sin Curve



$y = \sin(x)$ with tangent lines at important points

Tangents to the sin Curve

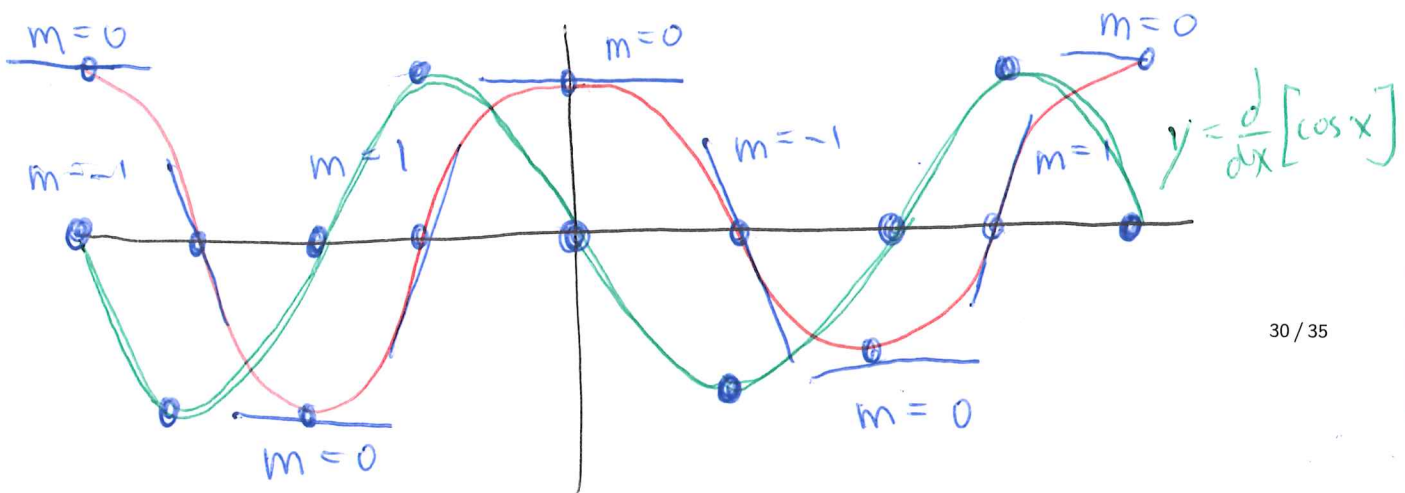


Tangents to the sin Curve

Theorem

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] = \cos(x)$$

The Same Drawing for $y = \cos(x)$



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Notes

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos(x)] = -\sin(x)$$

$$\cos(0) = 1$$

$$\cos\left(\pm \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\cos(\pm \pi) = -1$$

$$\cos\left(\pm \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\cos(\pm 2\pi) = 1$$

What Can the Derivative Rules Do?

Question

Which of the following derivatives can we *NOT* compute?
(Assuming the derivative rules we have so far.)

1. $f(x) = x^3 + 2x + 1$ ✓

2. $g(x) = \sqrt{2x + 3}$

3. $h(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$ ✓

4. $i(x) = x \sin(x)$ ✓

→ We need more tools.

