

Unit 2: Rates of Change, Derivatives and Differentiability Practice

1. Calculate the average rate of change of $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2$ over the interval $[0, 4]$.

$$\frac{f(4) - f(0)}{4 - 0} = \frac{2 - 2}{4} = \boxed{0}$$

2. What are our two limit definitions of $f'(a)$? Write them out.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \quad \text{OR} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

3. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2}$ when $f(x) = x^2 + 1$.

This is a derivative:

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

$$f'(x) = 2x \quad \text{at } x = 2$$

$$f'(2) = \boxed{4}$$

$$\text{OR} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\overset{f(x)}{(x^2 + 1)} - \overset{f(2)}{5}}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x + 2 = \boxed{4}$$

4. Given $f(x) = -4x^2 + 4$, determine $f'(-2)$

$$f'(x) = -8x$$

$$f'(-2) = \boxed{16}$$

5. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 4x + 5, & x < 1 \\ x^3 + bx + c, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

If $f(x)$ is continuous and differentiable at $x=1$, then what are the values of b and c ?

Continuity:

$x^2 + 4x + 5 = x^3 + bx + c$ @ $x=1$

$1 + 4 + 5 = 1 + b + c$

$4 + 5 = b + c$

$9 = b + c$

$9 = 3 + c$

$c = 6$

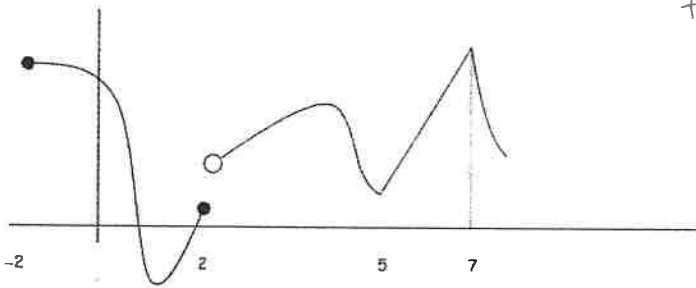
Differentiability:

$2x + 4 = 3x^2 + b$ @ $x=1$

$2 + 4 = 3 + b$

$3 = b$

6. The graph of f is given below. State the numbers at which f is not differentiable and why. Your reason should be based on the definition of differentiability at a number.



$f(x)$ is Not Differentiable at:

• $x=2$ b/c $f(x)$ has a discontinuity at $x=2$

• $x=5$ b/c $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{f(x)-f(5)}{x-5} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{f(x)-f(5)}{x-5}$
Cusp

• $x=7$ b/c $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{f(x)-f(7)}{x-7} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{f(x)-f(7)}{x-7}$
Cusp

Absolute value graph

7. Let $f(x) = -|x-8| - 2$. Which of the following statements about f are false?

(I) $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x=8$ Abs Val graphs are continuous

(II) $f(x)$ has a corner at $x=3$ Corner at $x=8$

(III) $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x=8$ No b/c corner at $x=8$

(A) I only

(B) II only

(C) III only

(D) I and II only

(E) I, II, III only

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8. Determine the value of $f'(0)$ if $f(x) = \sin(x)e^x$.

$$f'(x) = \sin(x) \cdot e^x + \cos(x)e^x$$

$$f'(0) = \sin(0)e^0 + \cos(0)e^0 = 0 + 1 = \boxed{1}$$

9. If $f(x) = \cos(x)$, then the third derivative of $f(x)$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ is

$$f'(x) = -\sin(x)$$

$$f''(x) = -\cos(x)$$

$$f'''(x) = \sin(x) \rightarrow f'''(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \sin(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Quotient Rule

10. If $y = \frac{4^x}{\tan(x)}$, find the first derivative y' at $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$y' = \frac{\tan(x) \cdot 4^x \ln(4) - 4^x \sec^2(x)}{\tan^2(x)}$$

$$\text{at } x = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \frac{\tan(\frac{\pi}{4}) \cdot 4^{\pi/4} \ln(4) - 4^{\pi/4} \sec^2(\pi/4)}{\tan^2(\pi/4)} = \frac{1 \cdot 4^{\pi/4} \ln(4) - 4^{\pi/4} \cdot 2}{1^2} = 4^{\pi/4} \ln(4) - 4^{\pi/4} \cdot 2$$

Quotient Rule

11. Find the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{x+4}{\ln(x)}$

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

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$$12. \frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) \cos(x) \cot(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \cot(x) = -\csc^2(x)$$

13. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$ is $\Rightarrow a=e$
 $f(x) = \ln(x)$
 $f'(e)$ is what this limit is calculating
- (A) $f'(e)$, where $f(x) = \ln x$
 (B) $f'(e)$, where $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$
 (C) $f'(1)$, where $f(x) = \ln x$
 (D) $f'(1)$, where $f(x) = \ln(x+e)$
 (E) $f'(0)$, where $f(x) = \ln x$

14. Determine the tangent and normal line to the function $y = e^x + 2x$ at $x=0$.

Point: $x=0$ $y = e^0 + 2(0) = 1$ $(0,1)$

Slope: $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x + 2$ at $x=0$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^0 + 2 = 3$

T: $y - 1 = 3(x - 0)$

N: $y - 1 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 0)$

15. If $y = \frac{x^2+x}{x-2}$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

Rewrite!

$$y = \frac{x^2}{x-2} + \frac{x}{x-2} = x^4 + x^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 + 3x^2$$

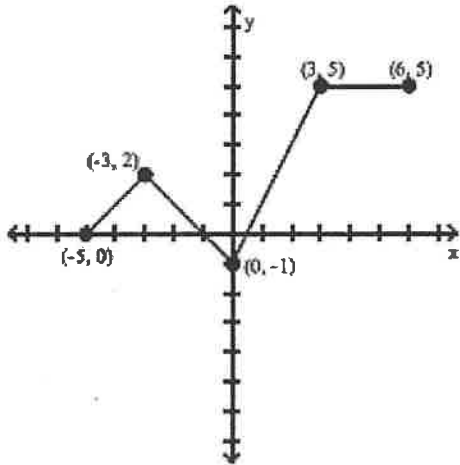
OR Quotient rule

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x^{-2}(2x+1) - (x^2+x)(-2x^{-3})}{(x^{-2})^2} \\ &= \frac{(2x^{-1} + x^{-2}) - (-2x^{-1} - 2x^{-2})}{x^{-4}} \\ &= \frac{4x^{-1} + 3x^{-2}}{x^{-4}} = 4x^3 + 3x^2 \end{aligned}$$

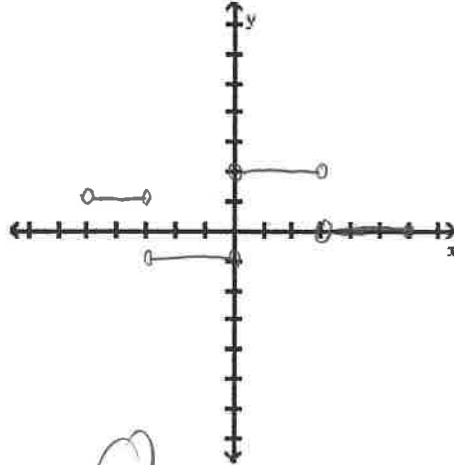
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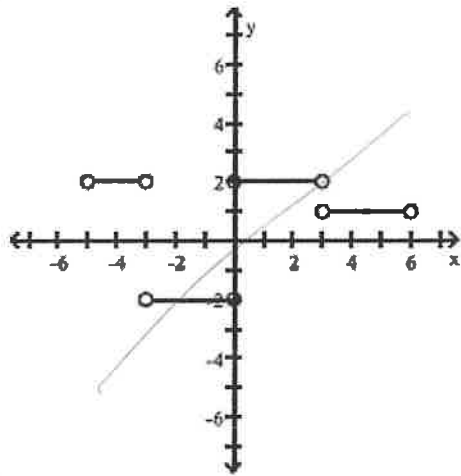
1) The graph of $y = f(x)$ in the accompanying figure is made of line segments joined end to end. Graph the derivative of f .



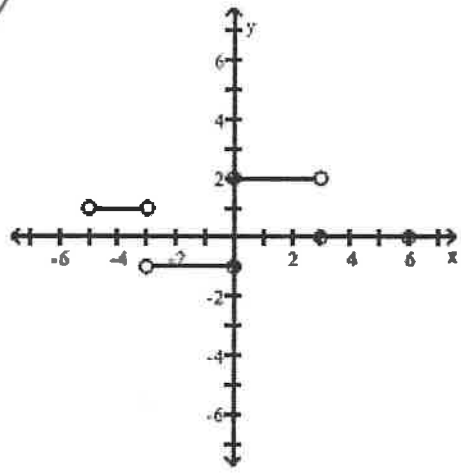
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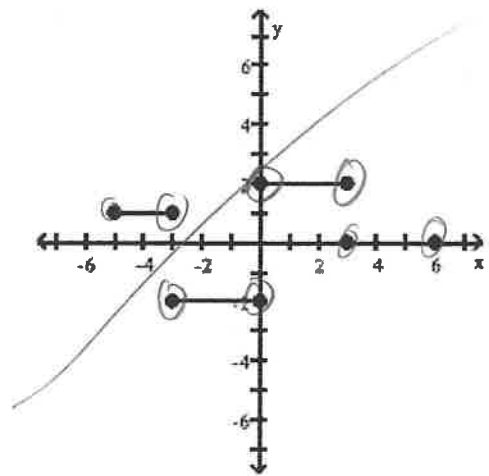
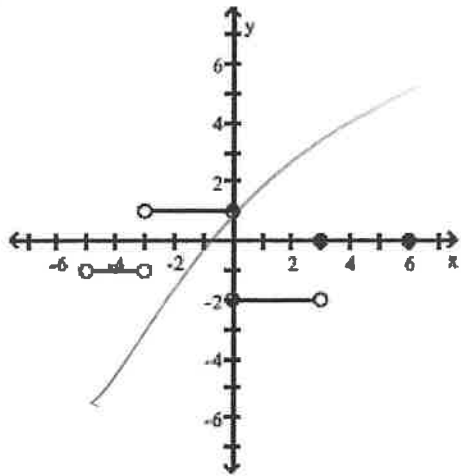
B)



C)



D)



17. An equation of the line tangent to the graph of $y = \frac{3x^2-2}{-2x+2}$ at the point (0,-1) is:

Point: (0, -1)

slope: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(-2x+2)(6x) - (3x^2-2)(-2)}{(-2x+2)^2}$ at $x=0$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2)(0) - (-2)(-2)}{(2)^2} = \frac{-4}{4} = -1$ T: $y+1 = -1(x-0)$

Product Rule

18. If $f(x) = x^2 \sin(x)$, find $f''(x)$

$f'(x) = x^2 \cos(x) + 2x \sin(x)$ Two more products!

$f''(x) = x^2(-\sin(x)) + 2x \cos(x) + 2x \cos(x) + 2 \sin(x)$
 $= -x^2 \sin(x) + 4x \cos(x) + 2 \sin(x)$

19. It is known that $f'(x) = 2x^2 - \cos(x)$ and $f(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$. Write the equation of the tangent line to $f(x)$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Point: $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1)$

slope: $f'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 2(\frac{\pi}{2})^2 - \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\pi^2}{2} - 0 = \frac{\pi^2}{2}$

T: $y-1 = \frac{\pi^2}{2}(x-\frac{\pi}{2})$

20. If $g(x) = x^2 + 3x - 1$, identify when $g(x)$ has a horizontal tangent line. Show the work that leads to your answer.

$g'(x) = 0$

$g'(x) = 2x+3 = 0$

$2x+3 = 0$

$2x = -3$

$x = -\frac{3}{2}$

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21. The table below gives values of $f(x)$, $g(x)$, $f'(x)$, and $g'(x)$ at $x=3$. Use the table to find the following.

$f(x)$	$g(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g'(x)$
2	-1	-2	1

a. $v'(3)$ if $v(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

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

$$v'(3) = \frac{-1(-2) + 2(1)}{(-1)^2} = \frac{2+2}{1} = \boxed{4}$$

b. $v'(3)$ if $v(x) = 3f(x) + 2g(x) + 2$

$$v'(x) = 3f'(x) + 2g'(x)$$

$$v'(3) = 3(-2) + 2(1) = \boxed{-4}$$

c. $v'(3)$ if $v(x) = e^x g(x) - 3x$

$$v'(x) = e^x g'(x) + e^x g(x) - 3$$

$$v'(3) = e^3(1) + e^3(-1) - 3 = e^3 - e^3 - 3 = \boxed{-3}$$

22. Find $f'(x)$ if $f(x) = \frac{5}{x^7} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} + 2x$. Then write each term in fraction form.

$$f(x) = 5x^{-7} - 3x^{-1/2} + 2x$$

$$f'(x) = -35x^{-8} + \frac{3}{2}x^{-3/2} + 2$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-35}{x^8} + \frac{3}{2x^{3/2}} + 2$$

23. If $f(x) = \frac{6}{x^2} \sin(x)$, $f'(x) =$

$$\frac{6}{x^2} = 6x^{-2}$$

Product!

$$f'(x) = \frac{6}{x^2} \cos(x) + (-12x^{-3}) \sin(x)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{6}{x^2} \cos(x) - \frac{12}{x^3} \sin(x)$$

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24. If $f(x) = x^2 + \sqrt{x}$, then the slope of the curve $f(x)$ at $x=1$ is

derivative

Slope: $f'(x) = 2x + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}$

$$f'(1) = 2 + \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{5}{2}}$$

25. If $f(x) = \frac{2}{x} + 2x$, then the slope of the curve $f(x)$ at $x=1$ is

derivative

$$f'(x) = -2x^{-2} + 2 = -\frac{2}{x^2} + 2$$
$$f'(1) = -2 + 2 = \boxed{0}$$

26. Which of the following could be true if $f''(x) = x^2$? You may select more than one answer.

~~a.~~ $f(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^{2/3} - 3$

b. $f(x) = \frac{1}{12}x^4 \rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \rightarrow f''(x) = x^2 \checkmark$

~~c.~~ $f'''(x) = -\frac{1}{3}x^3$

d. $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + 6 \rightarrow f''(x) = x^2$

e. $f'''(x) = 2x \rightarrow f''(x) = x^2$

27. $f(x) = x^3 + 3x$. Find an equation of the line normal to the function at $x = -1$.

Point: $f(-1) = -1 - 3 = -4$

$(-1, -4)$

Slope: $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 3$

$f'(-1) = 3 + 3 = 6$

$N: y + 4 = -\frac{1}{6}(x + 1)$

28. If $y = 2x^2 - 2\sqrt{x}$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

$y = 2x^2 - 2x^{1/2}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x - x^{-1/2} = \boxed{4x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}}$

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29. An equation of the line tangent to the graph of $y = 2x^2 - 2x$ at the point $(2, 4)$ is:

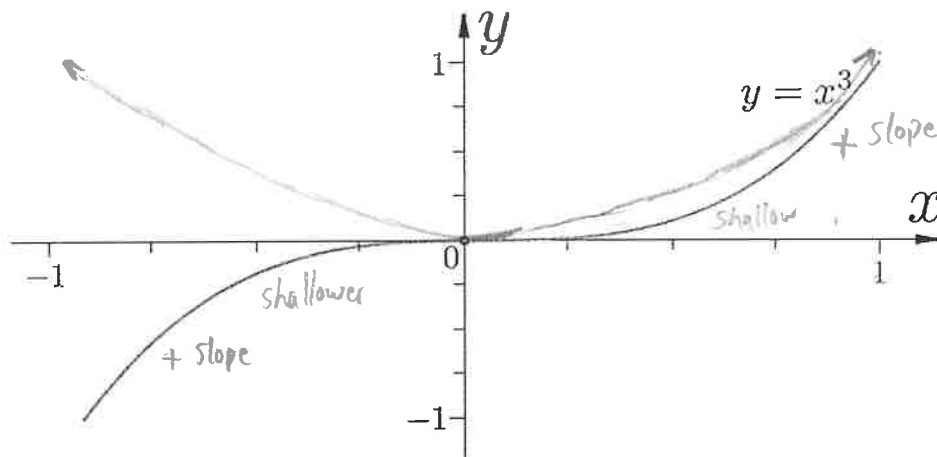
Point: $(2, 4)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x - 2$$

$$\text{at } x=2 \rightarrow 4(2) - 2 = 6$$

$$T: y - 4 = 6(x - 2)$$

30. Sketch the graph of the derivative of the following function on the same coordinate plane.



31. The given limit is a derivative. What function is it a derivative of and at what point? Then evaluate the derivative.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{\frac{3}{x} + 1}{x + 3}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{x} = 3x^{-1}$$

$$a = -3$$

$$f'(x) = -3x^{-2}$$

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

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32. The table below gives the approximate distance traveled by a plane after t minutes for $0 \leq t \leq 10$. (Include units in both of your answers)

Distance (miles)	0	10	19	27	35	46	53	64	75	87	100
Time(minutes)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

- a. What is the plane's average rate of change for $1 \leq t \leq 9$?
(include units—can leave unsimplified)

$$\frac{d(9) - d(1)}{9 - 1} = \frac{87 - 10 \text{ mi}}{9 - 1 \text{ min}} = \frac{77}{8} \text{ mi/min}$$

- b. Approximate the plane's instantaneous rate of change at $t=5.3$ seconds. (include units)

$$\frac{d(6) - d(5)}{6 - 5} = \frac{53 - 46 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ min}} = 7 \text{ mi/min}$$

33. Which of the following is true about $h(x) = \begin{cases} 3x + \cos(x), & x \leq 0 \\ e^x + 2x, & x > 0 \end{cases}$

- (a) $h(x)$ is continuous and differentiable at $x=0$
 b. $h(x)$ is continuous but not differentiable at $x=0$
 c. $h(x)$ is neither continuous nor differentiable at $x=0$
 d. $h(x)$ is continuous but not differentiable at $x=0$

continuity:

$$3x + \cos(x) = e^x + 2x \text{ at } x=0$$

$$0 + 1 = e^0 + 0$$

$$1 = 1 \checkmark$$

differentiability:

$$3 - \sin(x) = e^x + 2 \text{ at } x=0$$

$$3 - 0 = 1 + 2$$

$$3 = 3 \checkmark$$