

§3.1: DIFFERENTIAL NOTATION

- 1.] Let $f(x) = x^2 - x$. Assuming $y = f(x)$, use both the prime notation and the differential notations to evaluate $f'(x)$. Use the derivative to find $f'(2)$ and express your answer in both notations.

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

Slope of TL at $x=2$: $f'(2) = 2(2) - 1 = 3$

Newton

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

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

$$f'(2) = 3$$

Leibniz

$$y = x^2 - x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 1$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=2} = 3$$

- 2.] A tennis ball is hit vertically upward so that its position function is given by $s(t) = -16t^2 + 96t + 4$ feet above the ground at t seconds. Find the velocity and acceleration functions. What are the initial position and velocity values?

Note: velocity, $v(t)$, is the first derivative of position i.e. $v(t) = s'(t)$

Acceleration, $a(t)$, is the first derivative of velocity i.e. $a(t) = v'(t)$. So that $a(t) = s''(t)$.

Let $s(t) = -16t^2 + 96t + 4$, then

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) = s'(t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(t+h) - s(t)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[-16(t+h)^2 + 96(t+h) + 4] - [-16t^2 + 96t + 4]}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-16t^2 - 32th - 16h^2 + 96t + 96h + 4 + 16t^2 - 96t - 4}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-32th - 16h^2 + 96h}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(-32t - 16h + 96)}{h} \\ &= -32t - 16(0) + 96 \end{aligned}$$

$$v(t) = -32t + 96$$

$$\begin{aligned} a(t) = v'(t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{v(t+h) - v(t)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[-32(t+h) + 96] - [-32t + 96]}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-32t - 32h + 96 + 32t - 96}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-32h}{h} \end{aligned}$$

$$a(t) = -32$$

Position: $s(t) = -16t^2 + 96t + 4$ ft

Velocity: $v(t) = -32t + 96$ ft/sec

Acceleration: $a(t) = -32$ ft/sec² ← (gravity)

Initial Pos.: $s(0) = -16(0)^2 + 96(0) + 4$

$$\Rightarrow s(0) = 4 \text{ ft}$$

Initial Vel.: $v(0) = -32(0) + 96$

$$\Rightarrow v(0) = 96 \text{ ft/sec}$$

3.] Consider the piecewise function $f(x)$ given below. Notice from the graph that $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$. Show that $f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$ and sketch $f'(x)$ on the graph below.

Continuity:

- $f(1) = 1^2 = 1$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x^2 = 1^2 = 1$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} -x + 2 = -1 + 2 = 1$
- f is continuous at $x = 1$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ -x + 2 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Differentiability:

Must check the "right" and "left" side derivatives.

$$f'(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1}$$

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

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

not the same!

$$f'(1) = \text{DNE}$$

Because the left and right side derivatives at $x=1$ are not equal, we say $f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x=1$

Derivative Function

For $x < 1$: $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

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

$f'(x) = 2x$ for $x < 1$

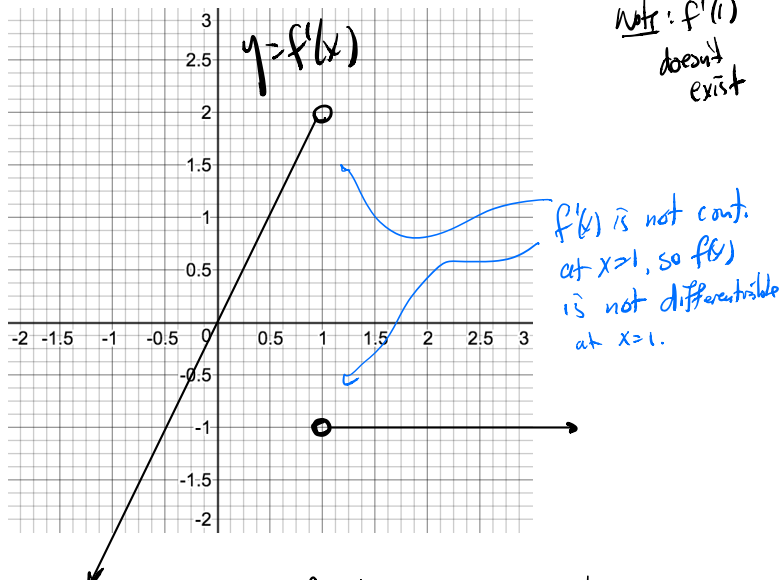
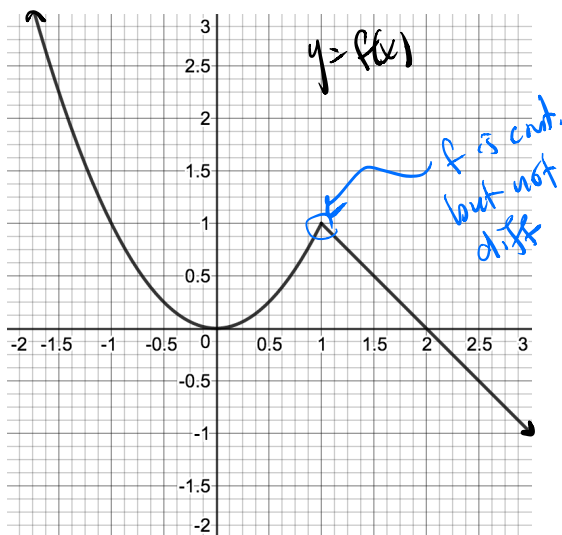
For $x > 1$: $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(x+h) + 2 - (-x + 2)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x - h + 2 + x - 2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$f'(x) = -1$ for $x > 1$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x < 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Note: $f'(1)$ doesn't exist



Note: A function is differentiable at c if its derivative function $f'(x)$ is continuous at c .