

1. State the definition of the derivative of a function  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$ .

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

2. Let  $f(x) = 2x - \frac{2}{x}$ .

- (a) Use the definition to find the derivative of  $f'(a)$ .

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[2(a+h) - \frac{2}{a+h}] - [2a - \frac{2}{a}]}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2a + 2h - 2a + \frac{2}{a} - \frac{2}{a+h}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ 2 + \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{2a + 2h - 2a}{(a)(a+h)} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ 2 + \frac{2}{(a)(a+h)} \right] = 2 + \frac{2}{a^2}$$

- (b) (Your answer to part (a) should have been  $f'(a) = 2 + \frac{2}{a^2}$ . Find the slope of the tangent line to  $f(x)$  when  $x = -1$ .

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

- (c) Write the equation of the line tangent to  $f(x)$  when  $x = -1$ .

$$f(-1) = 2(-1) - \frac{2}{(-1)} = -2 + 2 = 0$$

$$y - 0 = 4(x + 1) \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{y = 4x + 4}$$

3. Suppose  $N$  represents the number of people in the United States who travel by car to another state for a vacation this Memorial Day weekend when the average price of gasoline is  $p$  dollars per gallon.

(a) What are the units of  $dN/dp$ ?

people/\$per gal.

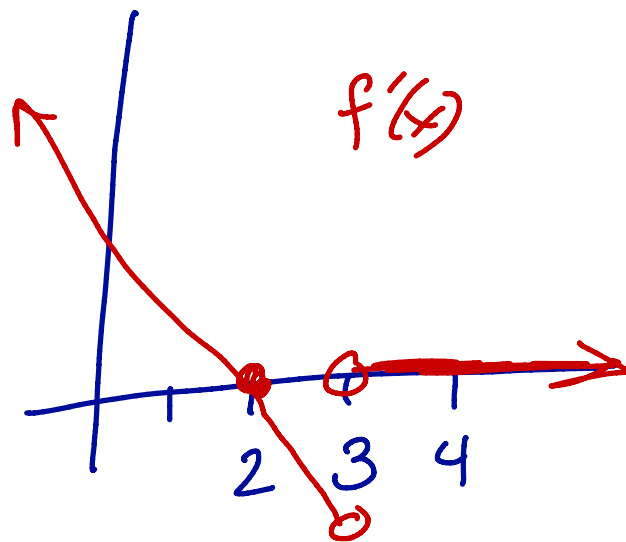
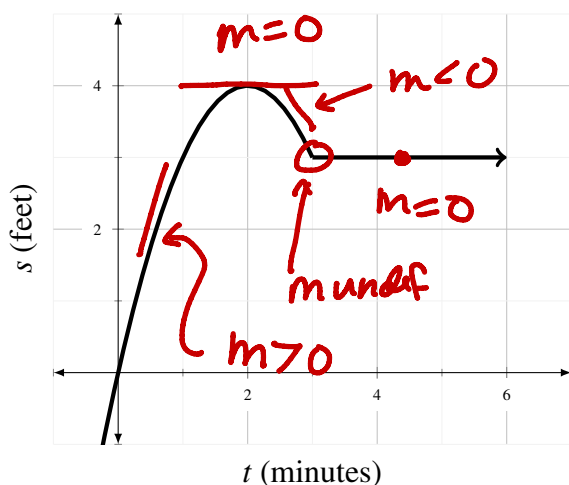
(b) In the context of the problem, write a sentence interpreting  $\frac{dN}{dp}$ .

$\frac{dN}{dp}$  gives the instantaneous rate of change of people relative to a change in price of gas.

(c) Would you expect  $dN/dp$  to be positive or negative? Explain your answer.

Negative. As the price of gas goes up, I would expect the # of people driving to decrease.

4. The graph of  $f(x)$  is sketched below. On a separate set of axes, give a rough sketch  $f'(x)$ .



5. Find the domain of each function. Write your answer in interval notation.

(a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - x - 6}$

(b)  $g(t) = \ln(t + 6)$

need  $x^2 - x - 6 > 0$   
 or  $(x-3)(x+2) > 0$

A number line with tick marks at -2 and 3. Above the line, there are signs: + above -2, - above 3, and + above 3. Below the line, there are signs: - below -2 and + below 3. Arrows point outwards from -2 and 3, indicating the solution set is  $x < -2$  or  $x > 3$ .

$t+6 > 0$  so  $t > -6$   
Ans:  $(-6, \infty)$

ANS:  
 $(-\infty, -2) \cup (3, \infty)$

6. State the definition of "The function  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = a$ ".

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

7. Suppose

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{2}{x} & x < 2 \\ \frac{x}{x-3} & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Is  $f(x)$  continuous at  $x = 0$ ? At  $x = 2$ ? Justify your answers using the definition of continuity.

at  $x=0$ ? No.  $f$  is undefined at  $x=0$  || at  $x=2$ ? No.

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

8. Find the limit or show that it does not exist. *Make sure you are writing your mathematics correctly and clearly.*

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{8x^3 + 1}}{2 - 5x}$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{8 + \frac{1}{x^3}}}{\frac{2}{x} - 5} = \frac{2}{-5} = -\frac{2}{5}$$

(b)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 16^-} \frac{\sqrt{r}}{(r-16)^3} = -\infty$

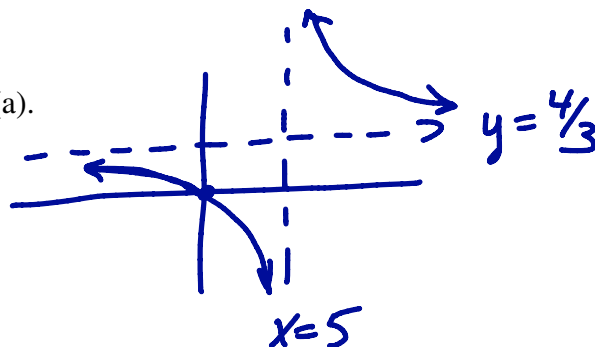
as  $r \rightarrow 16^-$  ( $r \approx 15.9$ ),  $\sqrt{r} \rightarrow 4 > 0$   
 $r - 16 \rightarrow 0^- < 0$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 + 2x - 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{(x+3)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x-3}{x-1} = \frac{-6}{-4} = \frac{3}{2}$

9. (a) Write a formula for a function with a horizontal asymptote at  $y = 4/3$  and a vertical asymptote at  $x = 5$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{4x}{3(x-5)}$$

- (b) Sketch the graph of your function from part(a).



- (c) Use limits to demonstrate that your function really does have a vertical asymptote at  $x = 5$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{4x}{3(x-5)} = +\infty$$

b/c as  $x \rightarrow 5^+$  ( $x \approx 5.1$ )  
 $4x \rightarrow 20 > 0$   
 $3(x-5) \rightarrow 0^+ > 0$

- (d) Use limits to demonstrate that your function really does have a horizontal asymptote at  $y = 4/3$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x}{3(x-5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{3 - \frac{15}{x}} = \frac{4}{3-0} = \frac{4}{3}$$

10. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show  $\ln x = x - 5$  has a solution. (Hint: Show there is a solution in the interval  $[1, e^5]$ .)

Let  $f(x) = \ln x - x + 5$ . Note  $f(x)$  is continuous

Now,  $f(1) = \ln 1 - 1 + 5 = 4 > 0$  and  $f(e^5) = 5 - e^5 + 5 > 22 > 0$ .

Since  $f$  is positive at  $x=1$  and negative at  $x=e^5$ ,  $f(x)$  must equal zero somewhere in between.