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Worksheet 2.1—Tangent Line Problem

Show all work. No calculator permitted, except when stated.

Short Answer

1. Find the derivative function, $f'(x)$, for each of the following using the limit definition.

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

(a) $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 4$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[2(x+h)^2 + 3(x+h) - 4] - [2x^2 + 3x - 4]}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2 + 4xh + 2h^2 + 3x + 3h - 4 - 2x^2 - 3x + 4}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4xh + 2h^2 + 3h}{h}$$

$$4x + 3$$

$$f'(x) = 4x + 3$$

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

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{x+h-1}\right) - \left(\frac{3}{x-1}\right)}{h} \left(\frac{(x+h-1)(x-1)}{(x+h-1)(x-1)}\right)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3(x-1) - 3(x+h-1)}{h(x+h-1)(x-1)}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x - 3 - 3x - 3h + 3}{h(x+h-1)(x-1)}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3}{(x+h-1)(x-1)}$$

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

(c) $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h-2} - \sqrt{x-2}}{h} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+h-2} + \sqrt{x-2}}{\sqrt{x+h-2} + \sqrt{x-2}}\right)$$

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

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-2}}$$

2. Find the slope of the tangent lines to the graphs of the following functions at the indicated points. Use the **alternate form**. \uparrow

same as find derivative!

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

(a) $f(x) = 3 - 2x$ at $(-1, 5)$
 $c = -1$ $f(c) = 5$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{3 - 2x - 5}{x + 1}$$

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

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

(b) $g(x) = 5 - x^2$ at $x = 2$
 $c = 2$ $g(c) = 1$

$$g'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{g(x) - g(2)}{x - 2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{5 - x^2 - 1}{x - 2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-(x^2 - 4)}{x - 2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-(x+2)(x-2)}{x-2}$$

$$g'(2) = -4$$

3. Find the equation of the tangent line, in Taylor Form: $y = y_1 + m(x - x_1)$, for $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ at $(2, 5)$. Use the **modified form** to find $g'(2)$.

Slope of tangent line
 $g'(2)$

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

$$g'(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(2+h) - g(2)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^2 + 1 - ((2)^2 + 1)}{h}$$

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

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

$$g'(2) = 4$$

Taylor Form: $y = y_1 + m(x - x_1)$
 $m = g'(2) = 4$
 pt $(x_1, y_1) = (2, 5)$
 Taylor Form
 $y = 5 + 4(x - 2)$

4. Find the equation of the tangent line, in Taylor Form: $y = y_1 + m(x - x_1)$, for $y = \sqrt{x} - 1$ at $c = 9$. Use the **alternate form** to find $y'(9)$.

Slope tangent line = derivative at
 x -value.

$c = 9$ $y(9) = \sqrt{9} - 1 = 2$

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

$$y'(9) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(9+h) - y(9)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9+h} - 1 - 2}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9+h} - 3}{h} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)}{(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{9+h - 9}{h(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{9+h} + 3}$$

$$y'(9) = \frac{1}{6}$$

Slope of tangent line
at $x = 9$.

Taylor Form:
 $m = y'(9) = \frac{1}{6}$
 pt $(x_1, y_1) = (9, 2)$
 Equation of Tangent line
 in Taylor Form:
 $y = 2 + \frac{1}{6}(x - 9)$

5. Find an equation of the line that is tangent to $f(x) = x^3$ and parallel to the line $3x - y + 1 = 0$. Remember, parallel lines have the same slope, but different base camps.

$$3x - y + 1 = 0$$

$$y = 3x + 1$$

↑
slope = 3

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

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

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

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

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

Slope tangent line needs to equal 3

$$3x^2 = 3$$

$$x = \pm 1, \text{ two eq'ns!}$$

Eq'n 1

pt: $(1, f(1))$

$m = 3$

$f(1) = 1$

$$y_1 = 1 + 3(x-1)$$

Eq'n 2

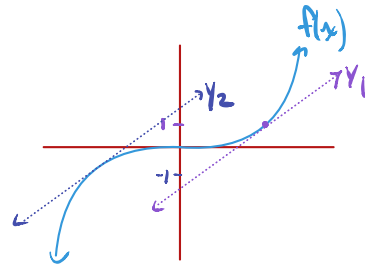
pt: $(-1, f(-1))$

$m = 3$

$f(-1) = -1$

$$y_2 = -1 + 3(x+1)$$

Visual



6. Find the equations of the two lines, l_1 and l_2 , that are tangent to the graph of $f(x) = x^2$ if each pass through the point $(1, -3)$, as shown at right. Hint: equate two different expressions for finding the slope of a line. Solve the resulting equation.

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

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

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x+h)}{h}$$

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

↑
slope of line thru pt $(1, -3)$

$$m_{l_1} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

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

$$2x^2 - 2x = x^2 + 3$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$

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

$$x+1 = 0 \quad x-3 = 0$$

$$x = -1 \quad x = 3$$

Eq'n 1 (l_1)

point $(-1, f(-1)) = (-1, 1)$

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

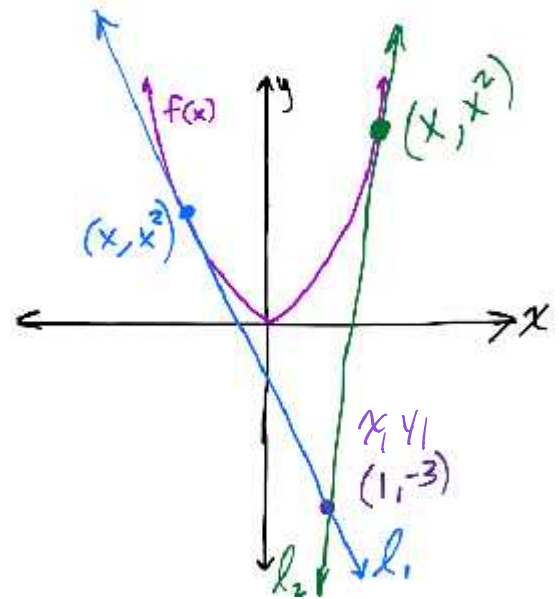
Taylor form: $y = 1 - 2(x+1)$

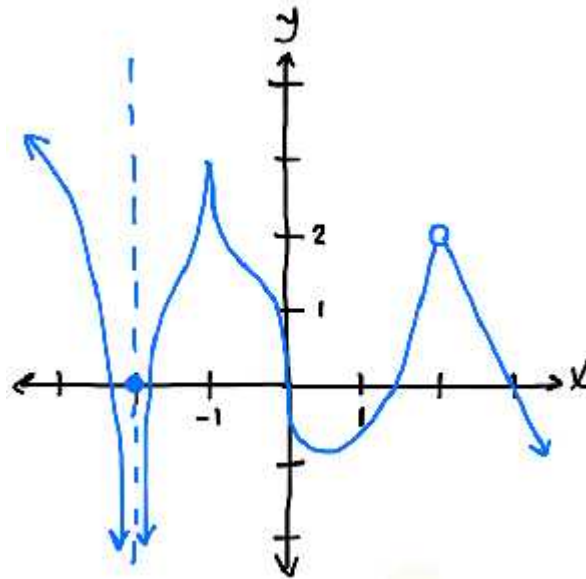
Eq'n 2 (l_2)

point: $(3, f(3)) = (3, 9)$

$m = f'(3) = 2(3) = 6$

Taylor form: $y = 9 + 6(x-3)$





7. The graph of a function $f(x)$ is shown above. For which value(s) of x is the graph of $f(x)$ not differentiable. In each case, explain why not.

Not differentiable at:

$x = -2$ b/c f is not cont. at $x = -2$ since $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = DNE$

$x = -1$ b/c the graph of $f(x)$ has a cusp at $x = -1$ (ie: slopes tangent lines different)

$x = 0$ b/c there is a vertical tangent at $x = 0$ (ie: slope tangent line is infinite)

$x = 2$ b/c f is not cont. at $x = 2$ since $f(2) = DNE$.

8. For each of the following, the limit represents $f'(c)$ for a function $f(x)$ and a number $x = c$. Find both f and c .

$$(a) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[5 - 3(1+h)] - 2}{h}$$

$$f(x) = 5 - 3x \\ c = 1$$

$$(b) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-2+h)^3 + 8}{h}$$

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

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{-x^2 + 36}{x - 6}$$

$$f(x) = -x^2 \\ c = 6$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{2\sqrt{x} - 6}{x - 9}$$

$$f(x) = 2\sqrt{x} \\ c = 9$$

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

9. *Cannot use continuity as justification for not diff'able.* Using the alternate form, determine whether each of the following function is differentiable at the indicated point. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 - 4x, & x \leq 0 \\ -2x^2, & x > 0 \end{cases}$ at $x = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{5 - 4x - (5 - 4(0))}{x} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-2x^2 - (-2(0)^2)}{x} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-4x}{x} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-2x^2 - 5}{x} \\ -4 & \text{DNE } (-\infty) \end{array}$$

\therefore Since $-4 \neq \text{DNE}$, f is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

(b) $f(x) = \begin{cases} (x-1)^3, & x \leq 1 \\ (x-1)^2, & x > 1 \end{cases}$ at $x = 1$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(x-1)^3 - (1-1)^3}{x-1} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{(x-1)^2 - (1-1)^2}{x-1} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (x-1)^2 & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x-1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

\therefore Since $0 = 0$, f is differentiable at $x = 1$.

10. True or False. If false, explain why or give a counterexample.

(a) The slope of the tangent line to the differentiable function f at the point $(2, f(2))$ is

$\frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h}$. *False, slope of tangent line at $(2, f(2))$ is $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h}$*

(b) If a function is continuous at a point, then that function is differentiable at that point.

False, can be diff'able.

if there's a cusp or vertical tangent at that point it is not diff'able.

Note: If a fun is diff'able then it's continuous is TRUE!

(c) If a function's slopes from both the right and the left at a point are the same, then that function is differentiable at that point.

False, fun must be continuous.

if there's a jump or hole its not diff'able (tangent slopes could be the same).

(d) If a function is differentiable at a point, then that function is continuous at that point.

100% True!

$D \rightarrow C$ but $C \not\rightarrow D$.

11. Using your **calculator** to zoookooooom in, determine if $h(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 0.0001} + 0.99$ is locally linear at $x = 0$. Give a reason for your answer. *(ZOOM WAARRRR in!)*

*Yes $h(x)$ is locally linear (horiz line) at $x=0$
and since $h(x)$ is continuous at $x=0$, $h(x)$ is also
diff'able at $x=0$.*

Multiple Choice

E 12. A function will fail to be differentiable at all of the following except

- (A) A vertical asymptote (B) A removable discontinuity (C) A cusp
(D) A vertical tangent line (E) A horizontal tangent line
slope = 0

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}, & x \neq 2 \\ 1, & x = 2 \end{cases}$$

note: $\frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{x-2} = x+2$

A 13. Let f be the function defined above. Which of the following statements about f are true?

- I. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ exists ✓
II. f is continuous at $x = 2$ ✗
III. f is differentiable at $x = 2$ ✗

- (A) I only (B) II only (C) III only (D) I and II only (E) I, II, and III

B 14. Let f be a differentiable function such that $f(2) = 1$ and $f'(2) = 4$. Let $T(x)$ be the equation of the tangent line to $f(x)$ at $x = 2$. What is the value of $T(1.9)$?

- (A) 0.4 (B) 0.6 (C) 0.7 (D) 1.3 (E) 1.4

*point: $(x_1, y_1) = (2, 1)$
 $m = f'(2) = 4$
Eq: $y = 1 + 4(x - 2)$
 $y(1.9) = 1 + 4(1.9 - 2)$
 $= 0.6$*

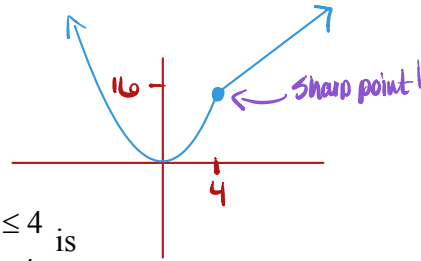
$$f'(7) = 5$$

C 15. Let f be a function such that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(7+h) - f(7)}{h} = 5$. Which of the following must be true?

- I. f is continuous at $x = 7$ ✓ $D \Rightarrow C$
- II. f is differentiable at $x = 7$ ✓
- III. The derivative of f is differentiable at $x = 7$ (might be)*

- (A) I only (B) II only (C) I and II only (D) I and III only (E) II and III only

* Would have to find $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(7+h) - f'(7)}{h}$ to determine whether its true.



B 16. At $x = 4$, the function given by $h(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \leq 4 \\ 4x, & x > 4 \end{cases}$ is

- (A) Undefined
- (B) Continuous but not differentiable
- (C) Differentiable but not continuous
- (D) Neither continuous nor differentiable
- (E) Both continuous and differentiable

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} h(x) = 16 = h(4) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} h(x)$$

continuous at $x=4$.

Diffable Check

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{f(x) - f(4)}{x - 4}$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{f(x) - f(4)}{x - 4}$
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4}$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{4x - 16}{x - 4}$
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{(x+4)(x-4)}{x-4}$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{4(x-4)}{x-4}$

$$8 \neq 4$$

Not diffable!