

$$m_{PQ} = \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

1 Definition The **tangent line** to the curve $y = f(x)$ at the point $P(a, f(a))$ is the line through P with slope

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

provided that this limit exists.

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

EXAMPLE 2 Find an equation of the tangent line to the hyperbola $y = 3/x$ at the point $(3, 1)$.

$$a = 3$$

$$f(a) = 1$$

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{3 - 1(3+h)}{3+h}$$

$$\frac{3 - 3 - h}{3+h} = \frac{-h}{3+h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{3+h}$$

~~h~~

$$\frac{\cancel{-h}}{3+h} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{h}} = \frac{-1}{3+h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{3+h} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{3}}$$

EXAMPLE 3 Suppose that a ball is dropped from the upper observation deck of the CN Tower, 450 m above the ground.

- (a) What is the velocity of the ball after 5 seconds?
- (b) How fast is the ball traveling when it hits the ground?

$$f(x) = 4.9t^2$$

$$a = 5$$

$$f(5) = 122.5$$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4.9(5+h)^2 - 122.5}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}(49 + 4.9h)}{\cancel{h}} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 49 + 4.9h = \boxed{49}$$

$$4.9(25 + 10h + h^2)$$

$$122.5 + 49h + 4.9h^2 - 122.5$$

$$49h + 4.9h^2$$

$$h(49 + 4.9h)$$

$$f(x) = 4.9x^2$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4.9(a+h)^2 + (4.9a^2)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 9.8a + 9.8h = \boxed{9.8a}$$

position $4.9t^2$ velocity $9.8t$
acceleration 9.8

4 Definition The derivative of a function f at a number a , denoted by $f'(a)$, is

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

if this limit exists.

first derivative



The image shows the handwritten expression $f'(a)$. The prime symbol (') is circled in red. A red arrow points from the handwritten text "first derivative" to the circled prime symbol.

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

$$\boxed{f'(x) = y'} = \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} f(x)} = Df(x) = D_x f(x)$$

Newton

Leibniz

(a) If $f(x) = x^3 - x$, find a formula for $f'(x)$.

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

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

$$(x+h)(x+h)(x+h)$$

$$(x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3) - (x+h)$$

$$f(x+h) = x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - x - h$$

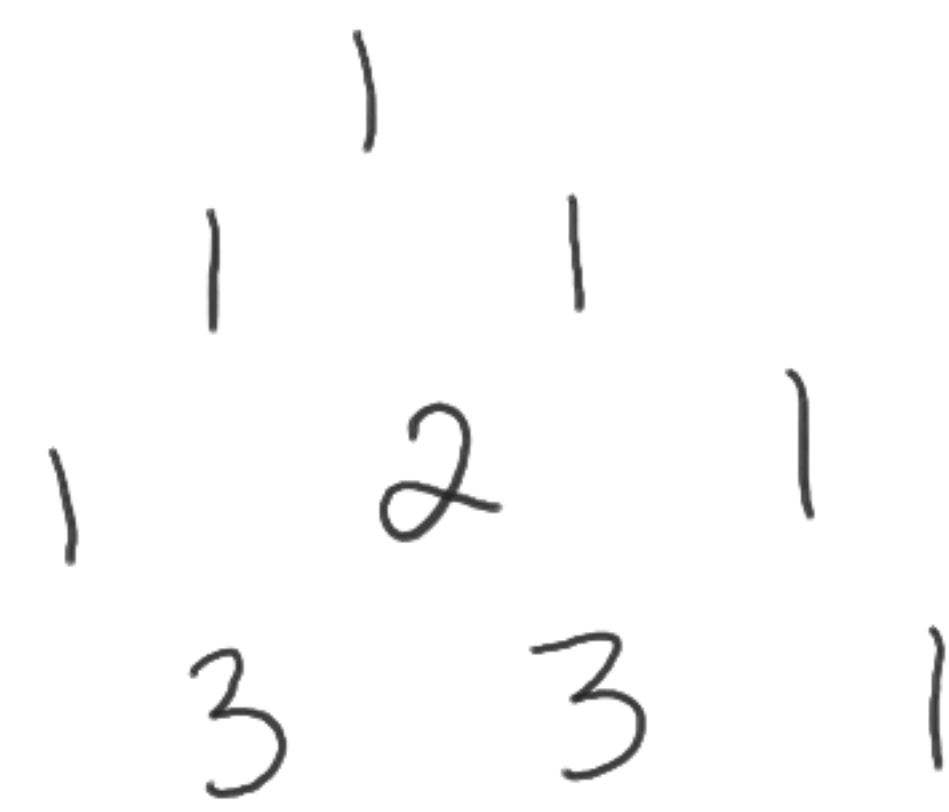
$$(x+h)(x+h)$$

$$x^2 + hx + hx + h^2$$

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

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

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



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

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$$\frac{\cancel{x^3} + 3x^2(h) + 3x(h)^2 + \cancel{h^3} - \cancel{x} + h - (\cancel{x^3} - \cancel{x})}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0}$$

$$3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 - 1 = \boxed{3x^2 - 1}$$

If $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$, find the derivative of f . State the domain of f' .

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

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

$$\frac{(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}{(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}$$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}}{\cancel{h}(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

Find f' if $f(x) = \frac{1-x}{2+x}$.

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

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1-x-h}{2+x+h} - \frac{1-x}{2+x}}{h} = \frac{-3h}{(2+x+h)(2+x)}$$

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

$$\frac{1-x-h}{2+x+h} - \frac{1-x}{2+x}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} & (2+x-2x-x^2-2h-hx) - (2+x+h-2x-x^2-h) \\ &= \frac{-3h}{(2+x+h)(2+x)} \end{aligned}$$

Where is the function $f(x) = |x|$ differentiable?

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

$$x > 0$$

$$|x| = x$$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h} = 1$$

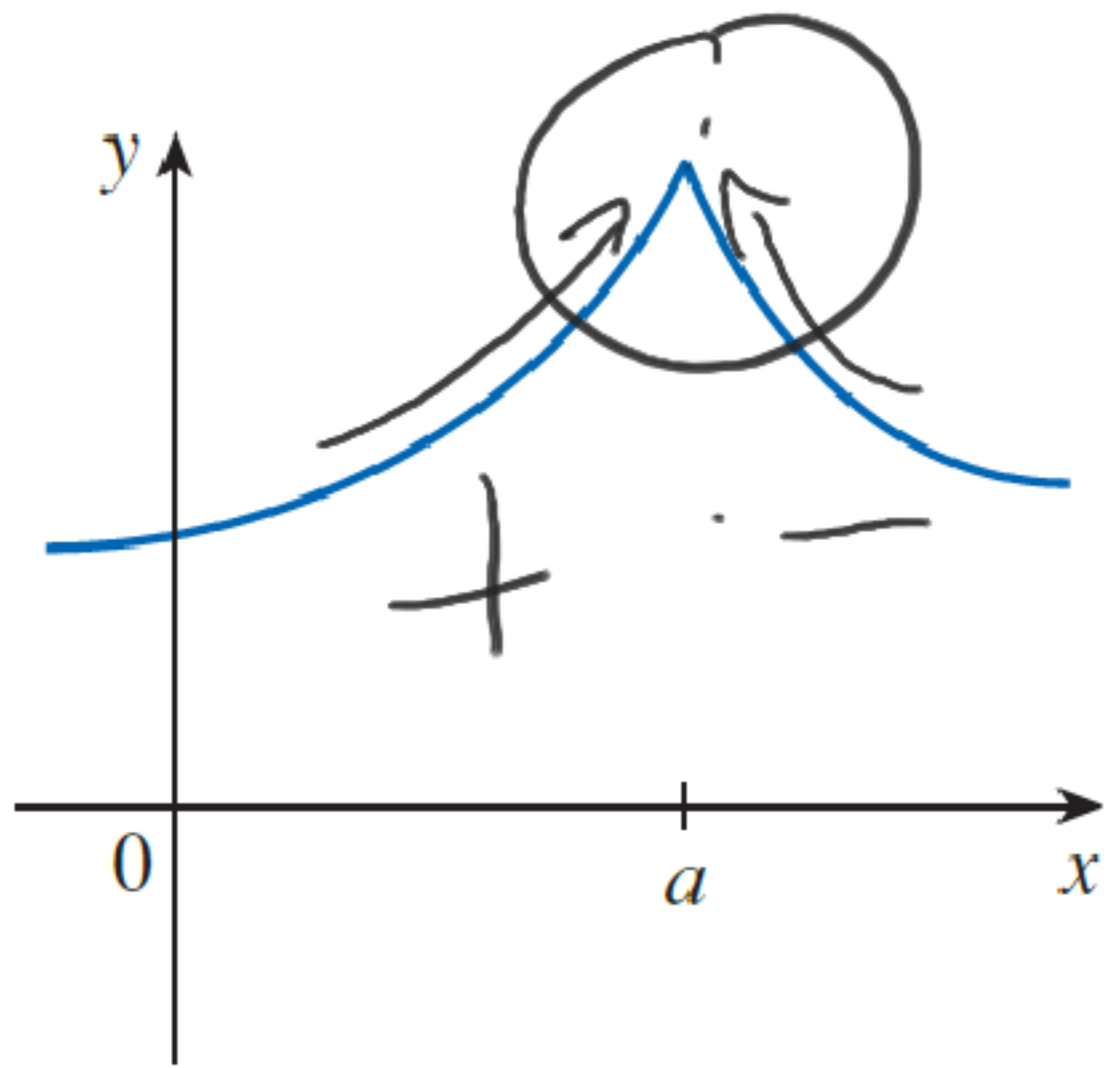
Where is the function $f(x) = |x|$ differentiable?

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

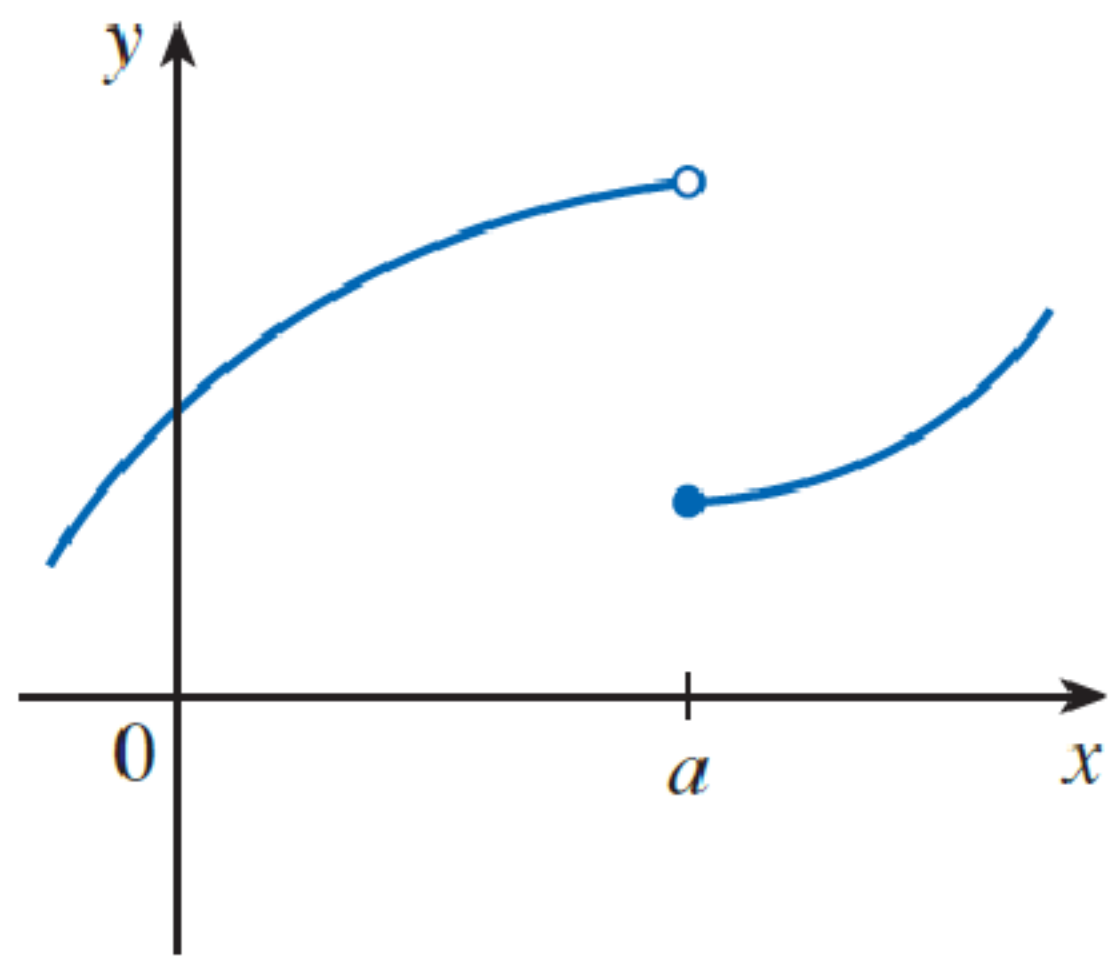
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-(x+h) - (-x)}{h}$$

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

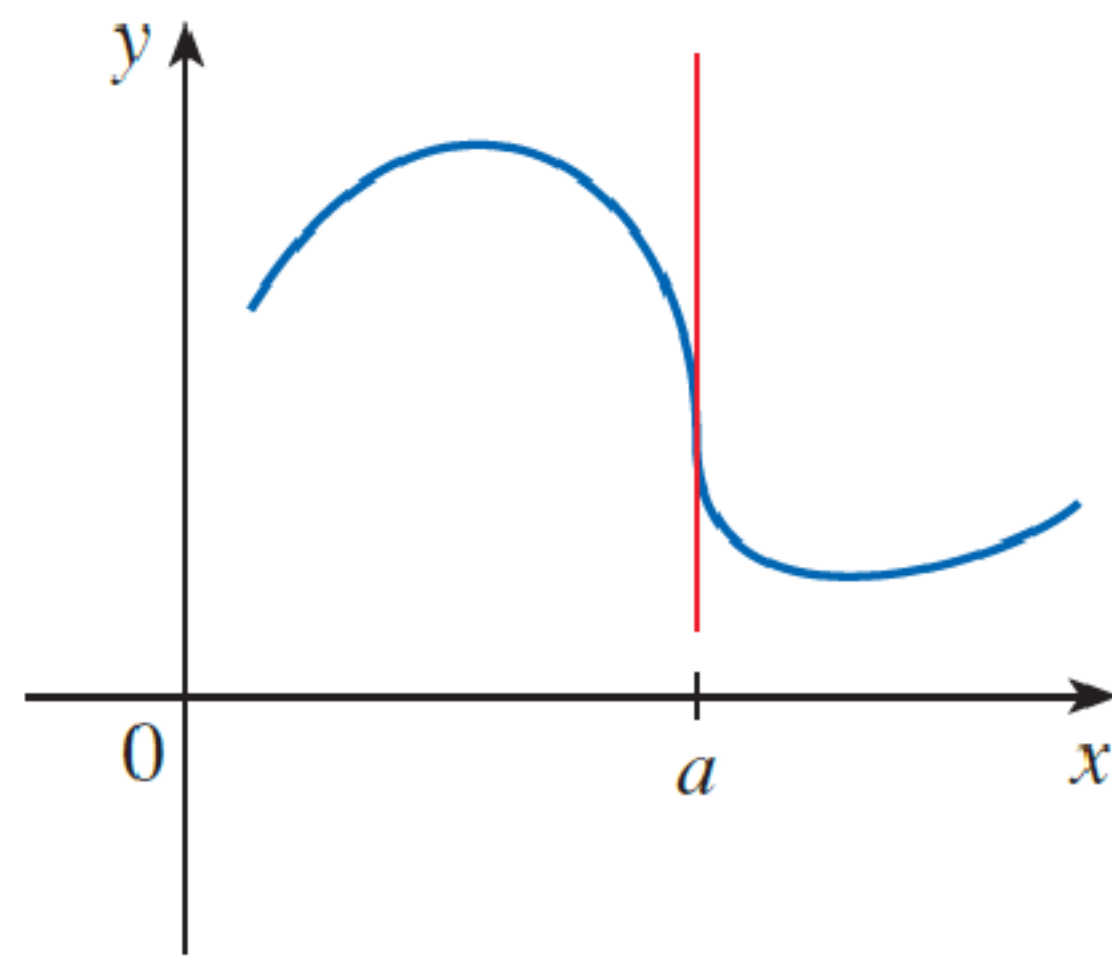
$$x < 0 \\ |x| = -x$$



(a) A corner



(b) A discontinuity



(c) A vertical tangent

$f(x) \rightarrow$ position

function

$f'(x) \rightarrow$ velocity

first derivative

$f''(x) \rightarrow$ acceleration

second derivative

$f'''(x) \rightarrow$ jerk

third derivative

The height (in meters) of a projectile shot vertically upward from a point 2 m above ground level with an initial velocity of 24.5 m/s is $h = 2 + 24.5t - 4.9t^2$ after t seconds.

- Find the velocity after 2 s and after 4 s.
- When does the projectile reach its maximum height?
- What is the maximum height?
- When does it hit the ground?
- With what velocity does it hit the ground?

$$f'(t) = 24.5 - 9.8t = v(t)$$

$$f(t) = 2 + 24.5t - 4.9t^2$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t+h) - f(t)}{h}$$

$$f(t+h) = 2 + 24.5(t+h) - 4.9(t+h)^2$$