

## How to be Unsuccessful

1 I stopped attending class.

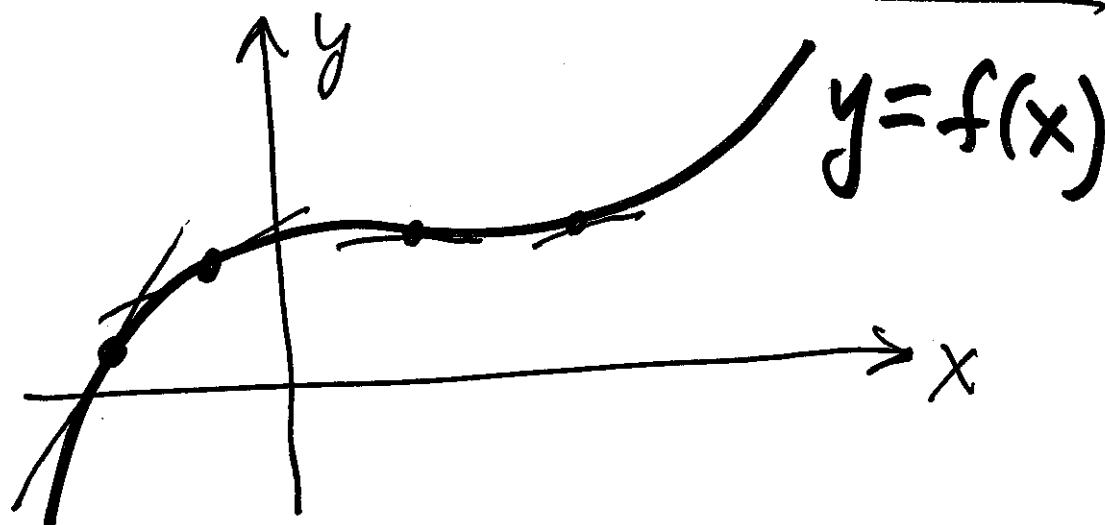
2 I neither read the book nor took notes.

→ 3 I never learned the material.

4 I am a JIT student.

→ 5 I thought I was smart.

## §3.2 - The derivative as a function



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

Hence

Def: The derivative of  $f$  is the function

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

provided limit exists and  $x$  in domain of  $f$ .

We say  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$

(else  $f$  is not differentiable at  $x$ )

**Ex1** Compute  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = 4x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ .

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left[ 4(x+h) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h}} \right] - \left[ 4x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right]}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left[ 4h + \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) \right]}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4h}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right)}{h}$$

provided these exist!

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore f'(x) = 4 - \frac{1}{2x^{3/2}} \quad \checkmark$$

Notation:  $y = f(x)$ , then the derivative is:

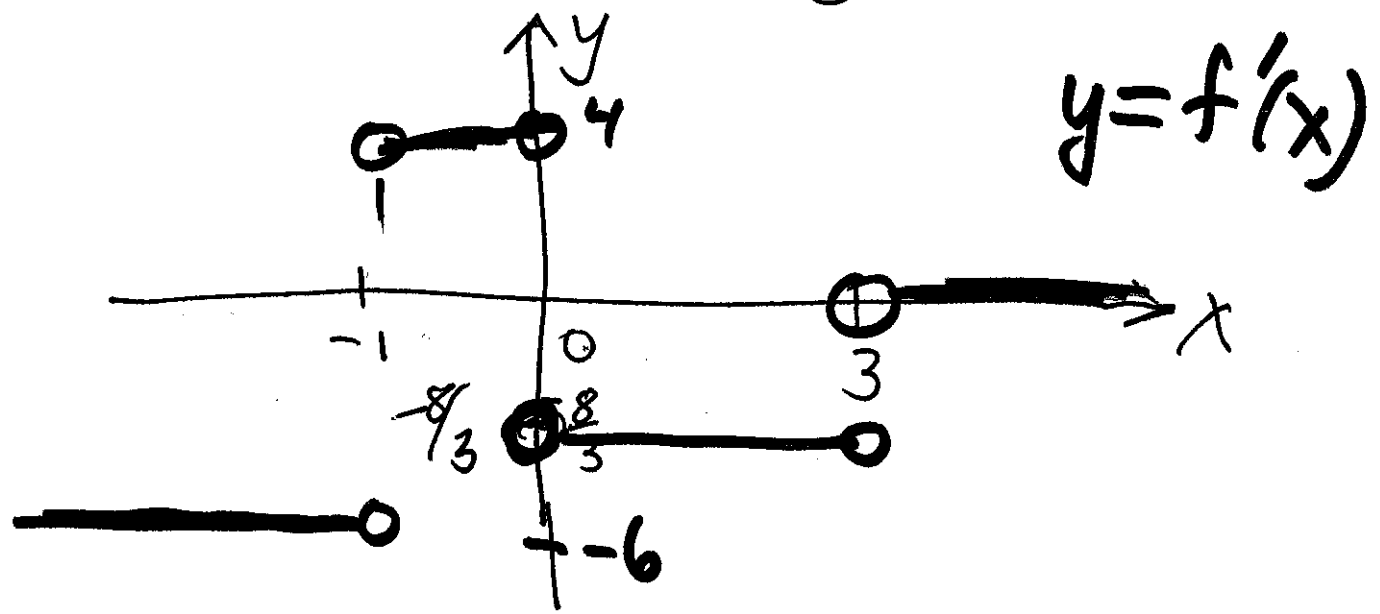
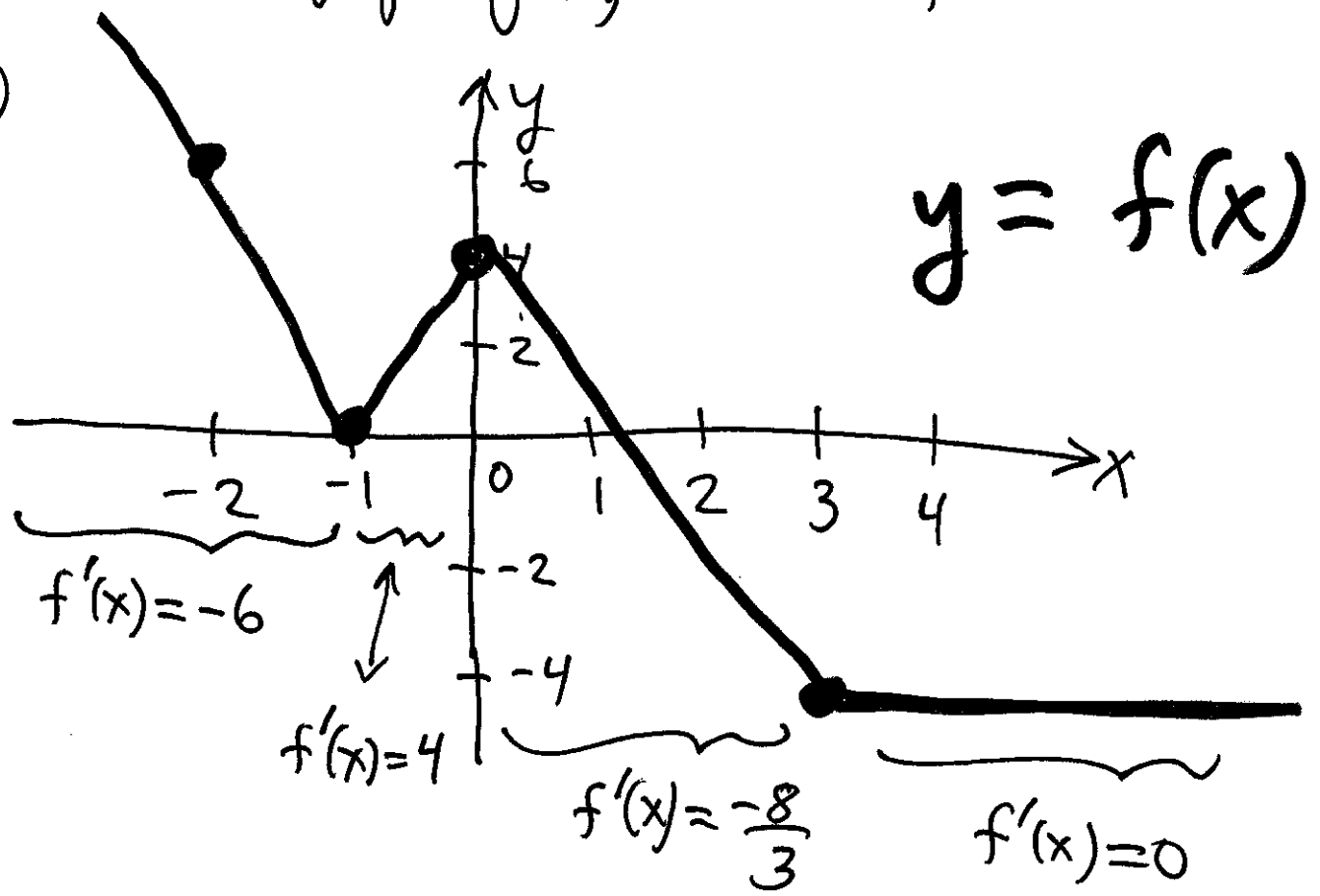
$$f'(x), \frac{df}{dx}, y', \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

Ex 2

Given graph of  $f$ , sketch  $f'$

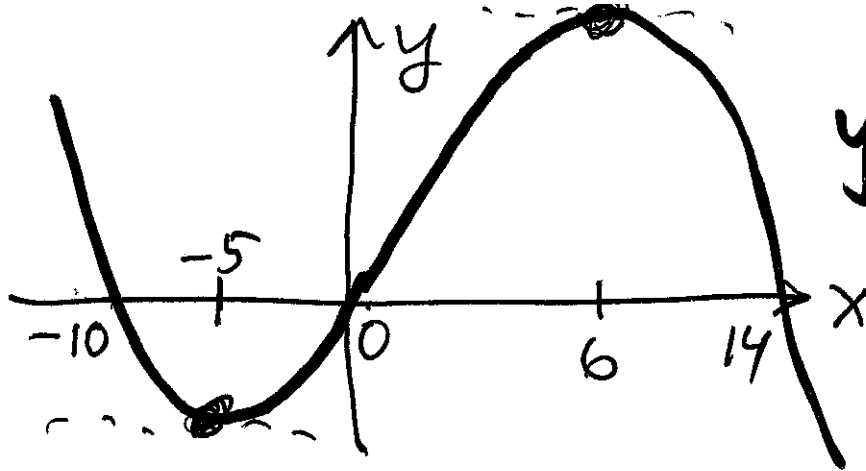
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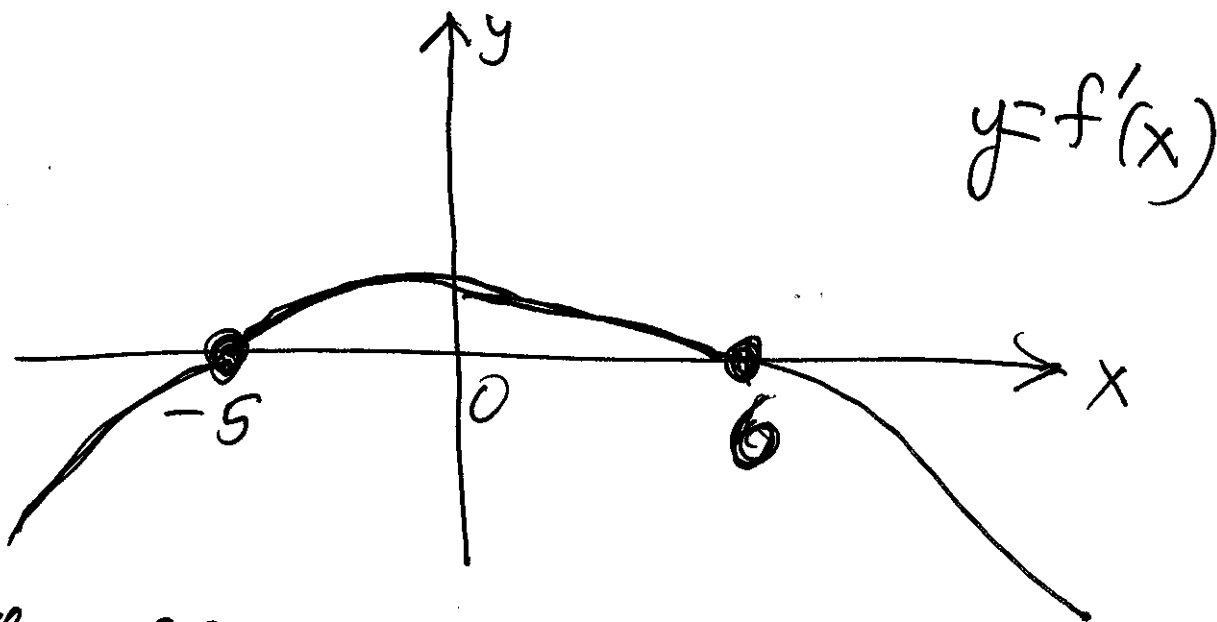


$f'$  DNE at  $x = -1, 0, 3$

(b)



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Thm: If  $f$  is diff. at  $a \Rightarrow f$  cont. at  $a$   
(i.e., If  $f$  not cont. at  $a \Rightarrow f$  not diff. at  $a$ )

$f$  is not diff at  $a$  if

- $f$  not cont. at  $a$
- $f$  has corners
- $f$  has vertical tangent

