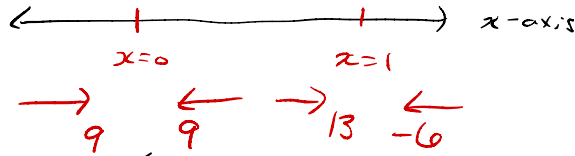


Lecture 5: The derivative

HW 4 #11 | $f(x) = \begin{cases} 7x^2 + 9 & x \leq 0 \\ 4x + 9 & 0 < x < 1 \\ -4x - 2 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

find / classify discontinuity



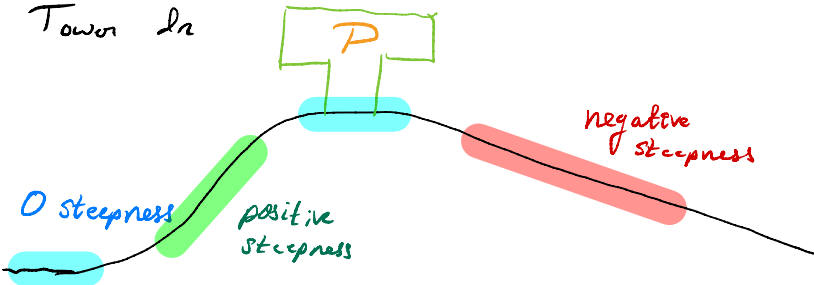
$x=0$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 9$ ✓, $f(0) = 7(0)^2 + 9 = 9$ ✓

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0)$ ✓

f is cont at $x=0$

$x=1$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ DNE ✗ discontinuity jump

Tower on

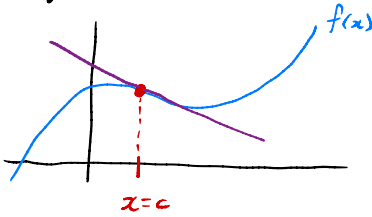


Q: How steep is the hill?

(rate of change)

Derivative of $f(x)$ at $x=c$ is the steepness of f at the value $x=c$. $f'(c)$ or $\left. \frac{d}{dx} [f] \right|_{x=c}$

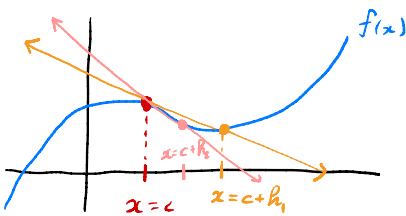
Tangent lines to f



tangent line to f at $x=c$

is characterized by

- passes through pt $(c, f(c))$
- it has the steepness as f at $x=c$



Definition of the derivative

$$f'(c) = \left(\frac{df}{dx} \Big|_c = \frac{d}{dx} [f] \Big|_{x=c} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \text{slope (steepness)} \\ & \quad \text{of } f \text{ at } x \\ &= \text{slope of the tangent line at } x \quad * \end{aligned}$$

e.g. ① $f(x) = \frac{3}{(6x-5)}$; finding $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\frac{3}{(6(x+h)-5)} - \frac{3}{6x-5}}{h} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\frac{3(6x-5) - 3(6x+6h-5)}{(6x+6h-5)(6x-5)} \cdot \frac{1}{h}}{h \cdot \frac{1}{h}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{18x - 15 - 18x - 18h + 15}{h(6x+6h-5)(6x-5)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-18h}{h(6x+6h-5)(6x-5)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-18}{(6x+6h-5)(6x-5)} = \frac{-18}{(6x+6 \cdot 0-5)(6x-5)}$$

$$= \frac{-18}{(6x-5)^2}$$

② find the tangent line to $f(x) = -2x^2 - 8$ at $x = 0$.

Point-slope form of a line:

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

• (x_1, y_1) is a pt on the line

• m is the slope

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, y_1) &= (c, f(c)) \quad \text{and} \quad m = f'(c) \\ &= (0, f(0)) \\ &= (0, -8) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m = f'(0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2(0+h)^2 - 8 - [-2(0)^2 - 8]}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2h^2 - 8 + 8}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2h^2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -2h \\ &= -2 \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Equation for the tan line: $y + 8 = 0(x - 0) \Rightarrow y = -8$

Lecture 5: The derivative.

HW 4 # 9 | $f(x) = \begin{cases} x-12 & x < 16 \\ \sqrt{x} & x \geq 16 \end{cases}$

find/classify all discont.

$x=16$?

1) $f(16) = \sqrt{16} = 4$ ✓

2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 16^-} f(x) = 16-12 = 4$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 16^+} f(x) = \sqrt{16} = 4$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 16} f(x) = 4$ ✓

3) $f(16) = 4 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 16} f(x)$ ✓

So f is cont. at $x=16$.

No discont. !

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0 steepness

positive steepness

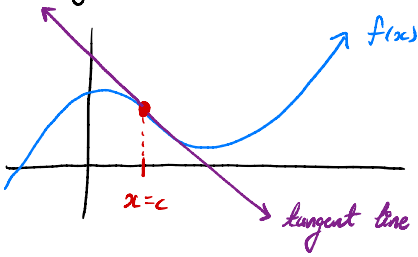
negative steepness

(slope
(rate of change))

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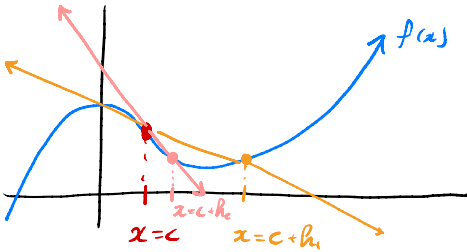
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Tangent lines to f



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Definition of the derivative

$$f'(c) \left(= \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x=c} = \frac{d[f]}{dx} \Big|_{x=c} \right) \\ = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$$

slope of approximation
of tan. line

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

is the function which outputs the *
slope (steepness) of f at x .

e.g. $f(x) = \frac{3}{(6x-5)}$; find $f'(x)$

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$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y + 8 = 0(x - 0)$$

$$y = -8$$

← Equation for the tangent line to f at $x = 0$.