

**Definition of a Derivative.**

**THE GENERAL DEFINITION OF A DERIVATIVE:**

- The derivative of a function  $f(x)$ , is a formula that finds the slope of a tangent line to the curve  $f(x)$  at ANY POINT  $x = a$  to the curve of  $f(x)$
- The derivative of the function  $f(x)$  is named  $f'(x)$  (which is read f prime of x) or can be known as  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  (which is read as dee y by dee x)
- The process of finding the derivative is called **DIFFERENTIATION**
- To differentiate  $f(x)$  and find it's derivative  $f'(x)$ , we can use the definition of the derivative:

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

**Ex #1:** Given  $f(x) = 5 + 4x - x^2$

- a) Find  $f'(x)$  "Can you develop a formula that will find the slope of a tangent line at any x-value for this particular function?" (note: this question could also be worded as "Find the derivative of this function?")

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[5 + 4(x+h) - (x+h)^2] - [5 + 4x - x^2]}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5 + 4x + 4h - (x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - 5 - 4x + x^2}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{5} + \cancel{4x} + 4h - \cancel{x^2} - 2xh - h^2 - \cancel{5} - \cancel{4x} + \cancel{x^2}}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4h - 2xh - h^2}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(4 - 2x - h)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = 4 - 2x - 0$$

$$f'(x) = 4 - 2x$$

- b) Use your answer in part "a" to find  $f'(4)$

$$f'(x) = 4 - 2x$$

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

$$f'(4) = 4 - 8$$

$$f'(4) = -4$$

To calculate the slope of a tangent line to any x-value on the function.

$f(x) = 5 + 4x - x^2$  use the derivative

$f'(x) = 4 - 2x$  or to calculate the instantaneous velocity if it was comparing distance vs time in an application.

The slope of the tangent line on  $f(x) = 5 + 4x - x^2$  when  $x = 4$  is  $-4$ .

$f'(x)$  = slope of the tangent line

From previous question because we are dealing w/ the same function

c) Find the coordinates of a point on the curve  $f(x) = 5 + 4x - x^2$  at which the slope of the tangent line is 1. (This could also be worded as "where the first derivative is 1")

$f'(x) = 4 - 2x$

$1 = 4 - 2x$   
 $-3 = -2x$   
 $\frac{-3}{-2} = x$

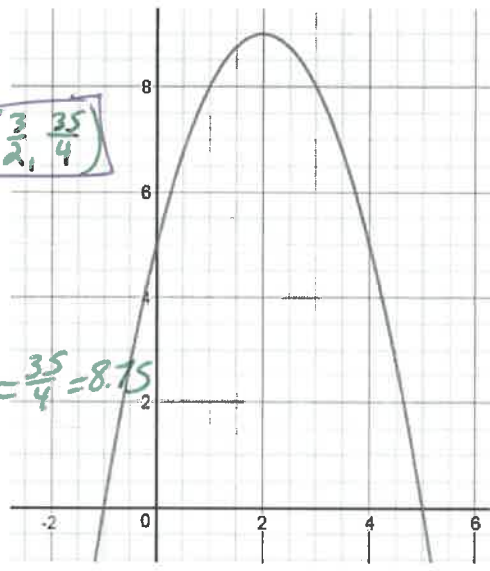
"substitute  $f'(x) = 1$  and solve for  $x$ "

To find y-coordinate

$y = 5 + 4(\frac{3}{2}) - (\frac{3}{2})^2$

$y = 5 + 6 - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{35}{4} = 8.75$

Coordinates  $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{35}{4})$



d) What is the difference between the answer to  $f'(2)$  and  $f(2)$ ? Use the given graph to help demonstrate your answer.

$f(2) = 9$  This is the height of the graph at  $x = 2$

$f'(2) = 0$  This is the slope of the tangent line at  $x = 2$  to  $f(x)$

e) Where on the graph is  $f'(x) = 0$ ? How do you know?

at  $x = 2$  "vertex to the parabola at a minor max point"

$f'(x) = 0$

f) Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 2$

"looking at the graph at  $x = 2$   $y = 9$ "  
 It is at the vertex of the parabola so the slope is zero. The tangent line is a horizontal line.

$y = 9$

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/e5prgzf0cy>

Ex#2: Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{10}{x}$ ; determine:

a)  $f'(x)$

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{10}{x+h} - \frac{10}{x}}{h}$

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\frac{10(x)}{x+h(x)} - \frac{10(x+h)}{x(x+h)}}{h} \right] \div h$

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{10x - 10x - 10h}{x(x+h)} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{h}$

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-10h}{x(x+h)h}$

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-10}{x(x+h)}$

$f'(x) = \frac{-10}{x(x+h)}$

$f'(x) = \frac{-10}{x^2}$

Can be used to find the derivative of any  $x$ -value for  $f(x) = \frac{10}{x}$

b)  $f'(2)$

"Substitute  $x = 2$  into  $f'(x) = \frac{-10}{x^2}$ "

$f'(2) = \frac{-10}{2^2}$

$f'(2) = \frac{-10}{4}$

$f'(2) = -\frac{5}{2}$

The derivative when  $x = 2$  on  $f(x) = \frac{10}{x}$  is  $-\frac{5}{2}$ .

or  
 The slope of the tangent line at  $x = 2$  on  $f(x) = \frac{10}{x}$  is  $-\frac{5}{2}$

From previous question

b) The equation of the tangent line at the point (2, f(2)). Leave answer in slope-intercept form

$m = -\frac{5}{2}$      $f(2) = \frac{10}{2} = 5$      $(2, 5)$   
 $x$      $y$

$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$   
 $y - 5 = -\frac{5}{2}(x - 2)$  ← point-slope form  
 $y - 5 = -\frac{5}{2}x + 5^{+5}$  ← you need to convert to slope-intercept

$y = -\frac{5}{2}x + 10$

c) The value of x at which the slope of the tangent line to the curve is -5.

"or could be worded as "The value of x at which the derivative is -5"

$f'(x) = -\frac{10}{x^2}$      $f'(x) = \text{first derivative} = \text{slope of the tangent line.}$   
 $f'(x) = -5$  "substitute"

$(x^2) \cdot 5 = -\frac{10}{x^2} (x^2)$

$\frac{-5x^2}{-5} = \frac{-10}{-5}$

$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{2}$

$x = \pm\sqrt{2}$

At  $x = \sqrt{2}$  and  $x = -\sqrt{2}$  the slope of the tangent line is -5.

d) Where or if the slope of the tangent line will ever be positive? (Graph on desmos)

"When algebraically can  $-\frac{10}{x^2} \geq 0$  (positive)    Remember:  $-\frac{10}{x^2} = f'(x)$

∴ The slope of the tangent line will never be positive.

$x^2$  will always be positive no matter what you substitute in for x. Then  $-10 \div \text{positive}$  will be -#.

which is the slope of the tangent line.

Ex#3: Find the derivative of a)  $f(x) = 8$

$f'(x) = 0$

b)  $f(x) = 2x + 1$

$f'(x) = 2$

**Unit 2 DAY 5 ASSIGNMENT #5**  
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**Definition of a Derivative.**

**THE DERIVATIVE:**

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

NOTE: Sometimes instead of asking for  $f'(x)$  they merely say  $f'$

There are many ways to denote the derivative of a function  $y = f(x)$ .

Derivative Notation	Words describing derivative notation	Important points about the derivative notation
$f'(x)$	"f prime of x"	→ very common notation → names independent variable as x
$f'(a)$	"f prime of a"	usually "a" will be replaced by a # # ≠ $f'(a)$ = slope value
$y'$ or $f'$	"y prime" Don't use This	→ poor notation : often not accepted → does not name independent variable
$y'(a)$	"y prime of a"	not often used but OK
$\frac{d}{dx}y = \frac{dy}{dx}$	"dee by deex of y" "dee x by deey"	Excellent notation, names both variables and often clearer than $f'(x)$ .
$\frac{dy}{dx} _{x=a}$	"dee y by deex evaluated at $x=a$ "	Same as finding $f'(a)$ but sometimes more clear.
$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$	"dee f by deex" "dee by deex of $f(x)$ "	Similar to $\frac{dy}{dx}$ but the y is called $f(x)$

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

**Note:** Any notation using  $\frac{d}{dx}$  should NOT be thought of as a fraction or as itself a derivative; it should be thought of as an operator that instructs you to take the derivative and treat x as the variable.

**Ex #1:** If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$ , find  $f'(x)$  and state the domains of  $f$  and  $f'(x)$ . <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/rf4xi1l27b>

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

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

"multiply by the conjugate"  
 $\cdot \frac{(\sqrt{x+h-2} + \sqrt{x-2})}{(\sqrt{x+h-2} + \sqrt{x-2})}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Domain of  $f(x)$ :**  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$

Note:  $(x-2) \geq 0$  because it is under a square root sign

$$D = \{x \mid x \geq 2, x \in \mathbb{R}\} \text{ or } [2, \infty)$$

**Domain of  $f'(x)$ :**  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-2}}$

Note:  $2\sqrt{x-2}$  is in the denominator. so find out what makes it 0. This can't be in domain. and  $x-2$  under square root must be positive.

← These are like radicals add

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\sqrt{x-2}}{2} &= \frac{0}{2} \\ (\sqrt{x-2})^2 &= (0)^2 \\ x-2 &= 0+2 \\ x &= 2 \\ \therefore x &\neq 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$D: \{x \mid x > 2, x \in \mathbb{R}\} \text{ or } (2, \infty)$$

**Ex #2:** If given the following limit of a function  $f$  at some value of  $a$ , state the value of  $a$  and the equation of  $f(x)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4+h)^2 - 16}{h}$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \dots$$

$$a = 4 \quad f(x) = x^2$$

"you may need to complete on looseleaf."

**Ex #3:** Find  $f'$  if  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{3x-2}$ . <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/7brln65nth>

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{x+h+1}{3(x+h)-2} - \frac{x+1}{3x-2} \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{x+h+1}{3x+3h-2} - \frac{x+1}{3x-2} \right] \div h$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{(x+h+1)(3x-2)}{(3x+3h-2)(3x-2)} - \frac{(x+1)(3x+3h-2)}{(3x-2)(3x+3h-2)} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{h}$$

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-5h}{(3x+3h-2)(3x-2)h}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-5}{(3x+3(0)-2)(3x-2)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-5}{(3x-2)(3x-2)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-5}{(3x-2)^2}$$

**Ex #4:** If  $f(x) = -5x^2 + 4x$ , find  $f'(2)$

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

$$f'(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-5(2+h)^2 + 4(2+h) - [-5(2)^2 + 4(2)]}{h}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-5(4 + 4h + h^2) + 8 + 4h - [-20 + 8]}{h}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-20 - 20h - 5h^2 + 8 + 4h - [-12]}{h}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-20 - 20h - 5h^2 + 8 + 4h + 12}{h}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-20 - 5h + 4}{h}$$

$$f'(2) = -20 - 5(0) + 4$$

$$f'(2) = -16$$

**Ex #5:** The first set of graphs represent a set of original functions  $f(x)$  and the second set of graphs represent the graphs of the derivatives  $f'(x)$  of the original functions. Match the original graph  $f(x)$  with its derivative  $f'(x)$

<https://www.intmath.com/differentiation/derivative-graphs.php>

[https://www.maa.org/sites/default/files/images/upload\\_library/4/vol4/kaskosz/derapp.html](https://www.maa.org/sites/default/files/images/upload_library/4/vol4/kaskosz/derapp.html)

In graph B, at what values of  $x$ , is the function not differentiable?  
(where tangent lines do not exist)  
 $x = 1$  ;  $x = -1$

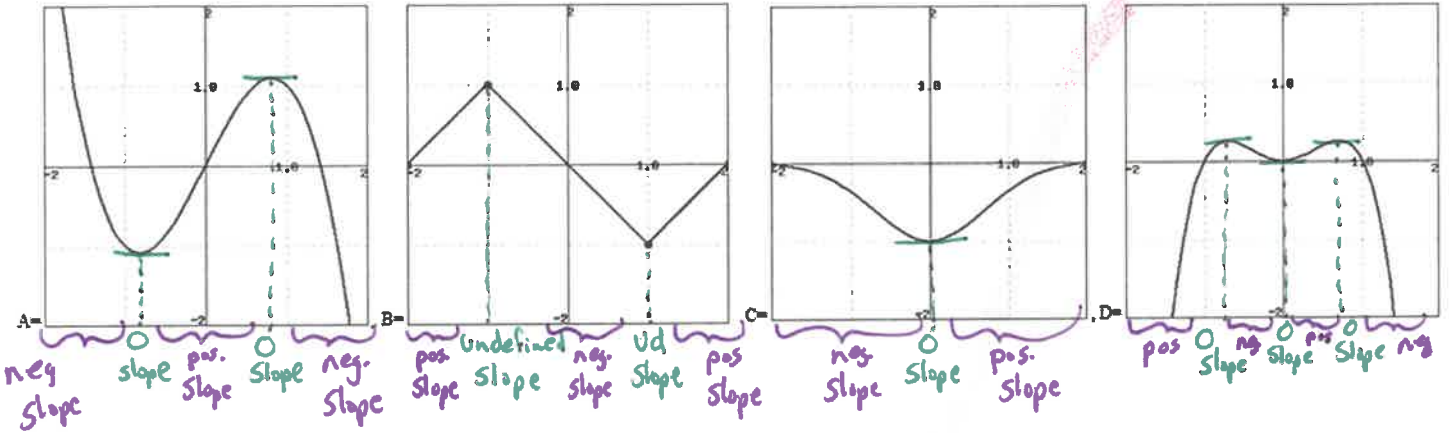
**f(x) graphs:**

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**



**Note:** Slopes on  $f(x)$  = position (y-value) on  $f'(x)$

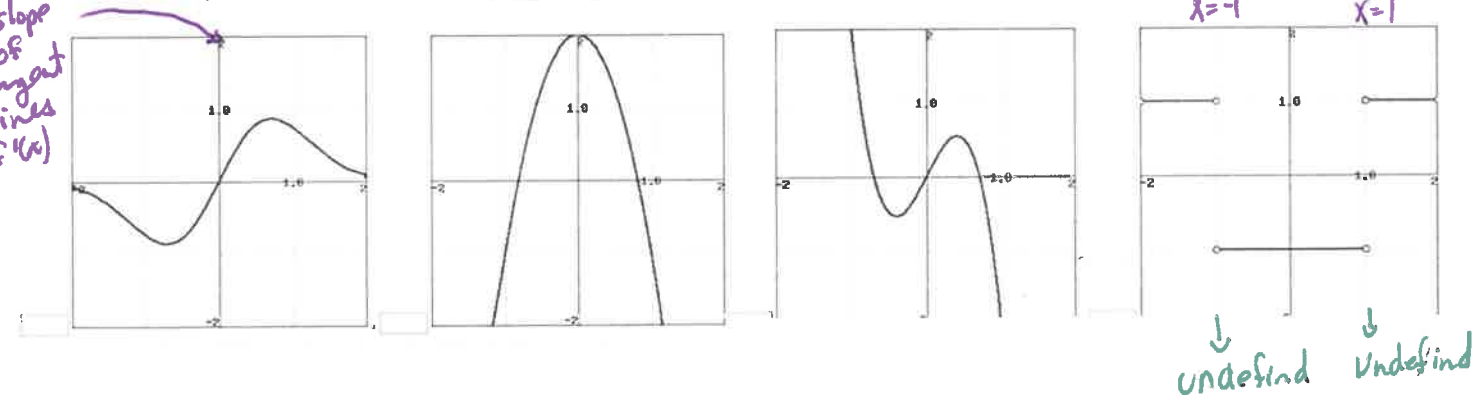
**f'(x) graphs**

**C**

**A**

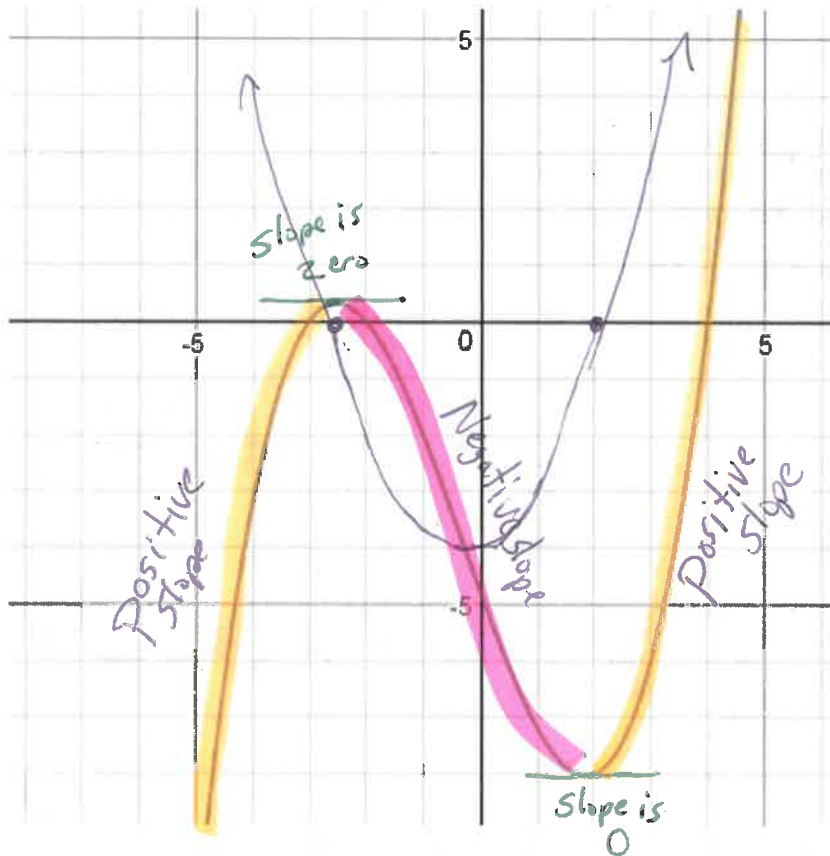
**D**

**B**



**Ex #6:** Given the following graph of  $f(x)$ , sketch the graph of  $f'(x)$

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/rmzuqwiyh0>



**UNIT 2 DAY 6 ASSIGNMENT #6**

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