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The derivative of $f(x)$ at a point x_0
 $f'(x_0)$

Given any function $f(x)$ and point x_0 on the x axis we can calculate $(x_0, f(x_0))$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} \quad \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

$f'(x_0), \frac{df}{dx}(x_0)$

If this limit exists and it is finite, we will say f is differentiable at x_0 and use the following notation

To denote the derivative of f at x_0 .
(note :it is a number , what are its
units?)

$\frac{\text{units for } f}{\text{units for } x}$

$$f'(x_0)$$

$$\frac{df}{dx}(x_0)$$

$f'(x_0)$ gives us

- Slope of tangent at x_0 , through $P(x_0, f(x_0))$
- Rate of change at x_0
- velocity

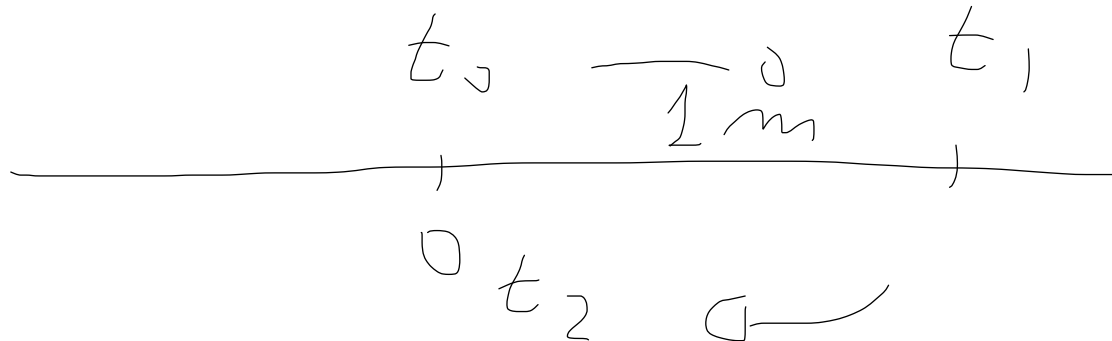
$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$$

$$v(t_0) = \lim_{t_1 \rightarrow t_0} \frac{s(t_1) - s(t_0)}{t_1 - t_0} = s'(t_0)$$

Where $s(t)$ is the position function .

Book also uses $d(t)$ instead of $s(t)$.

Discuss difference between position and distance travelled.



Equivalent limit definition

- $x = x_0 + h$

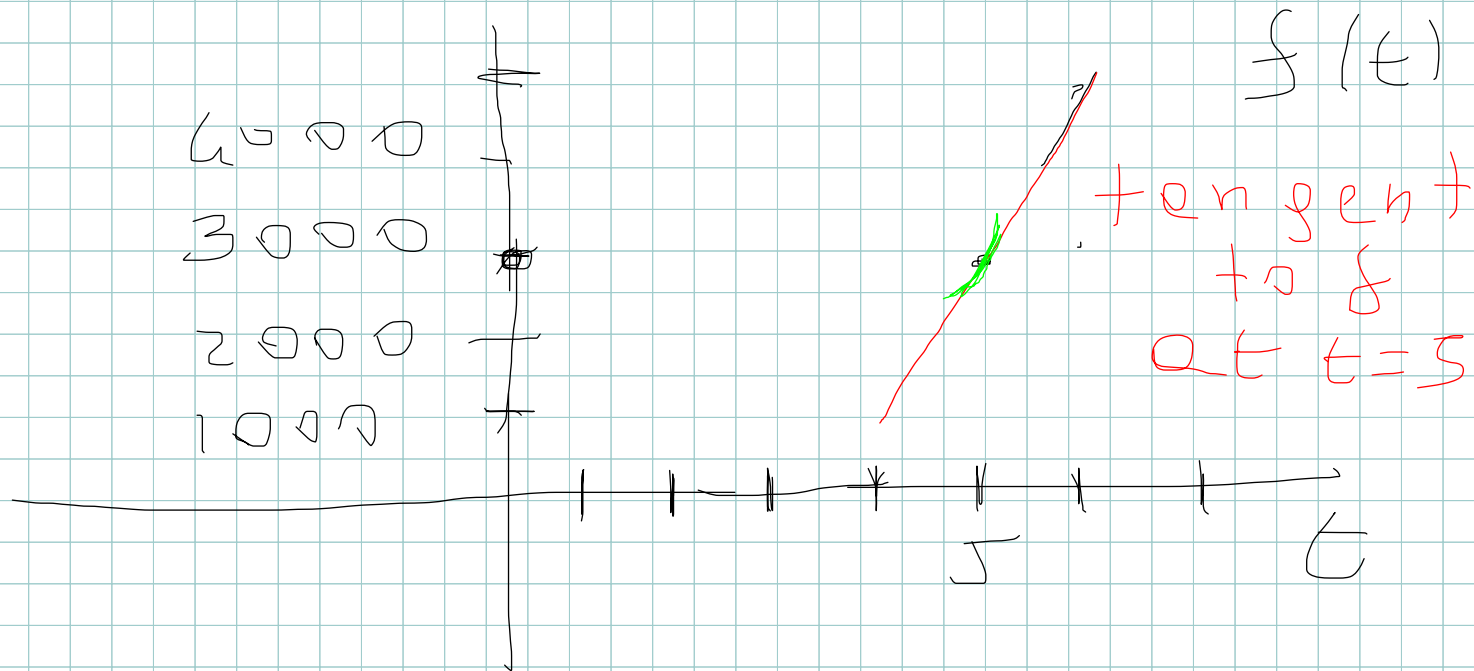
$$f'(x_0) =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

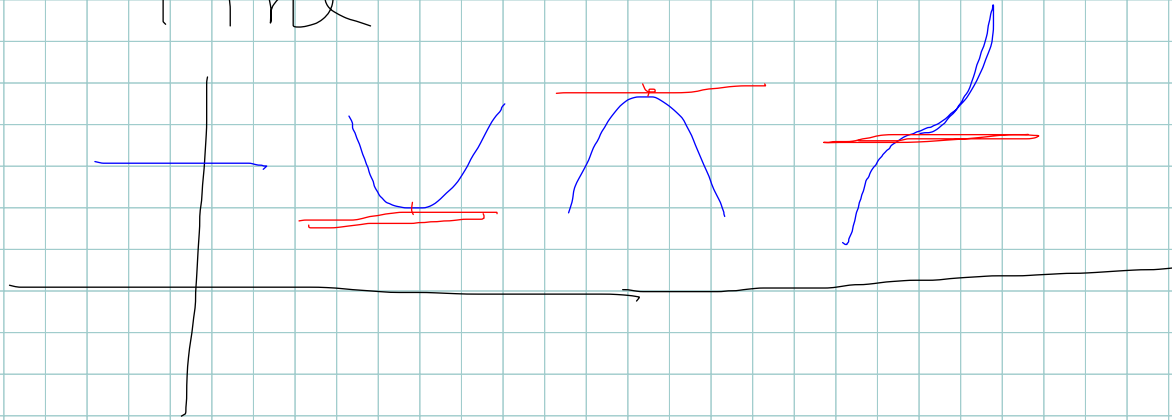
- The number of bacteria present in a Petri dish t hours after the start of an experiment is given by the function $y=f(t)$.
- What is the meaning of $f'(5)$? *rate at which # bacteria is changing at $t=5$*
- What are the units of $f'(5)$? *# bacteria/hour*
- What does $f'(5)=2000$ tell you ?
- What does $f'(6)=0$ tell you ? *rate of change is 0*
- What does the sign of $f'(5)$ tell you ? *wether $f(t)$ is increasing ($f'(t) > 0$) or decreasing ($f'(t) < 0$)*

$$f'(5) = 2000$$

At $t=5$ number of bacteria in Petri dish is increasing at a rate of 2000 bacteria/hour



Horizontal tangent line



More of this in ch 4

Using the definition of derivative calculate

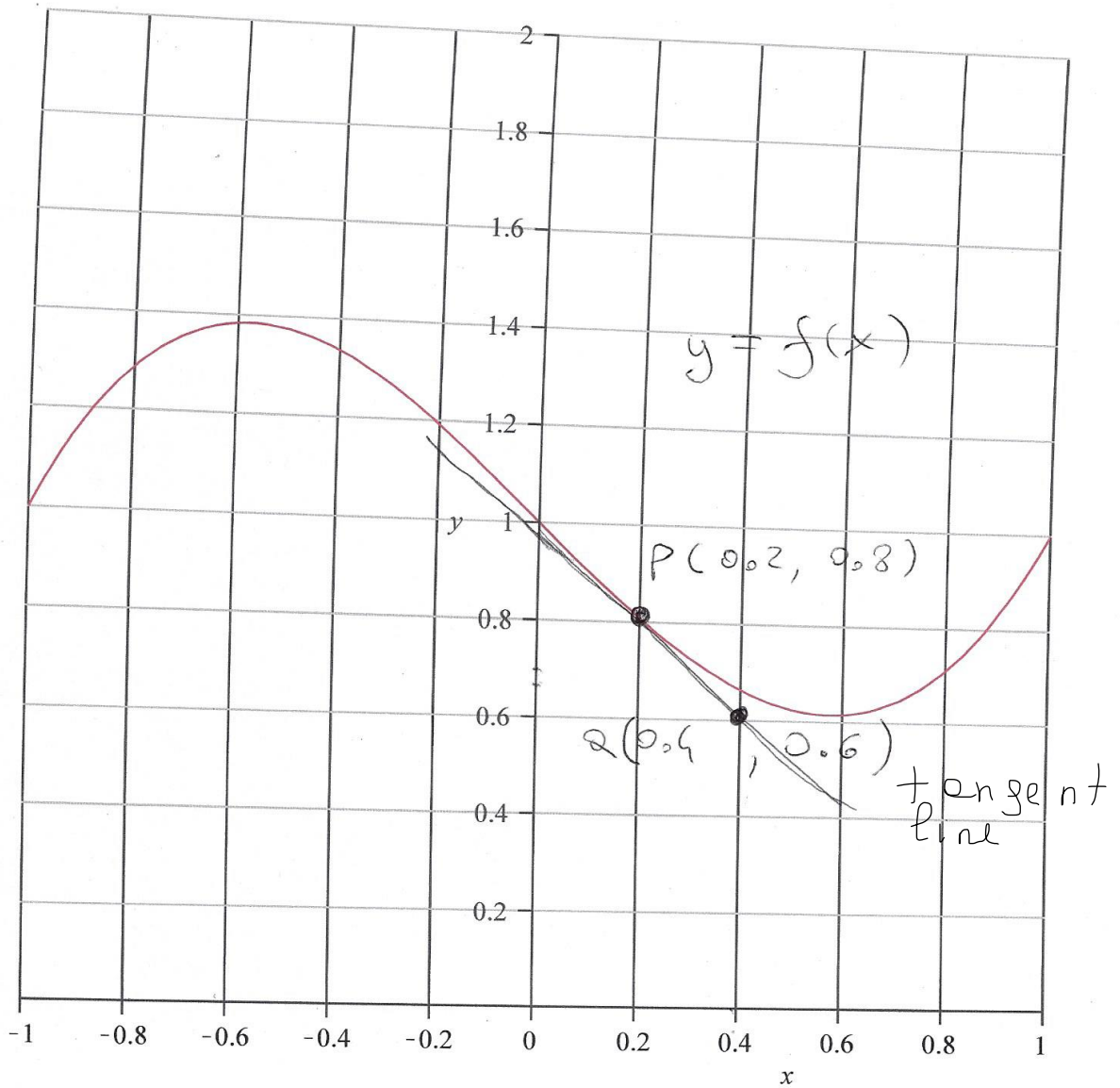
- $f'(1)$, where $f(x) = x^2 + 2$.

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

$$= \frac{(1+h)^2 - 1}{h} = \frac{\cancel{1} + h^2 + 2h - \cancel{1}}{h} = h + 2$$

$$\rightarrow 2$$

$$f'(1) = 2$$



Estimate $f'(0.2) = \text{slope tangent line}$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = -\frac{0.2}{0.2} = -1 \quad \text{Find the equation of tangent line}$$

$$x_0 = 0.2$$

~~$$y = x + b$$~~

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~~$$0.8 = 0.2 + b$$~~

~~$$b = 0.6$$~~

$$y = 0.8 - (x - 0.2)$$

Note: if f is
differentiable at
 x_0 then f is
continuous at x_0

why?

equation of
tangent line

$$f(x) \approx f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left(\frac{f(x) - f(x_0) + f(x_0)}{x - x_0} (x - x_0) \right)$$

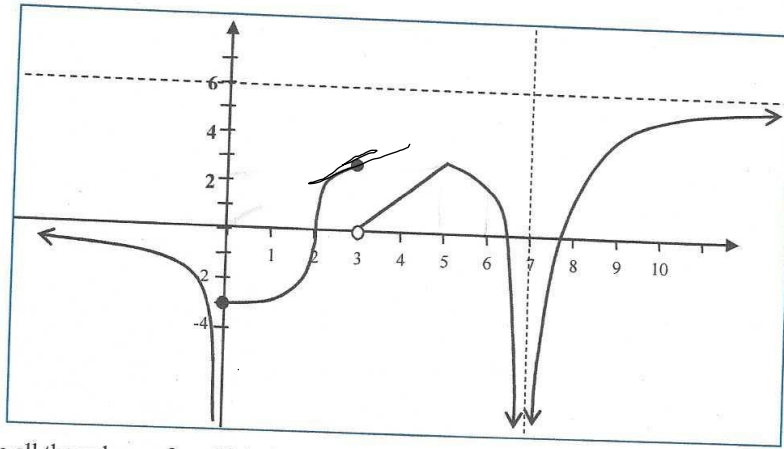
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left(\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} (x - x_0) + f(x_0) \right) = f(x_0)$$

Graphically

f is not differentiable at x_0 if

- f is not continuous at x_0
- The graph of f has a corner at x_0
- The graph of f is vertical at x_0 (tangent line is vertical).
infinite slope
- Problem from Win09 mid1 (Nichifor)

2 (12 pts=3+3+2+4) Below is the graph of a function, $y = f(x)$. Use it to answer the following questions, no justification needed:



a) State all the values a for which $f(x)$ is not continuous at $x=a$.

0, 3, 7

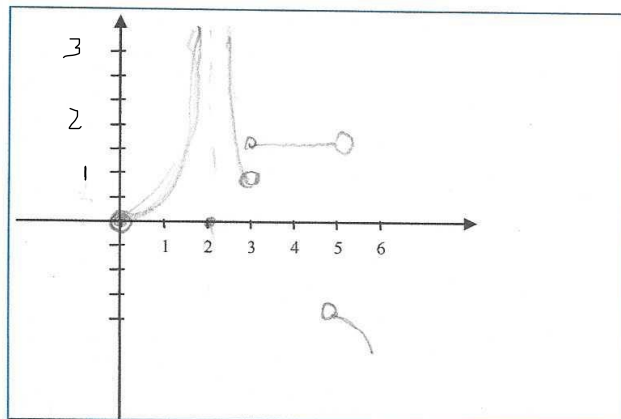
b) State all the values a for which $f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x=a$.

0, 3, 7, 2, 5

c) Evaluate the two limits at infinity:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \infty$$

d) Sketch the portion of the graph of the derivative function $f'(x)$ corresponding to the interval $0 \leq x \leq 6$.



- Is the following function $f(x)$ differentiable at 0?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \frac{h^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right)}{h}$$

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$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right)$$

$$-1 \leq \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) \leq 1 \quad \text{implies}$$

$$-h \leq h \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) \leq h$$

if $h > 0$

The squeeze th tells me

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) = 0$$

$-1 \leq \sin \frac{1}{h} \leq 1$ implies

$$-h \geq h \sin \frac{1}{h} \geq h$$

↙ 0 ↘ 0

if $h < 0$

The squeeze th tells me

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

Therefore $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin \frac{1}{h} = 0 = f'(0)$

yes differentiable at 0

Tangent line problem

- Given $y=f(x)$ and $P=(x_0, y_0)$ on the graph of f the line tangent to the graph of $f(x)$ at P has slope $f'(x_0)$ and equation:

$$y - y_0 = f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

$$y = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

Tangent line Problem

(P not on curve)

- Given $y=f(x)$ and $P=(x_0,y_0)$ NOT on the graph of f , to find the line(s) tangent to the graph of $f(x)$ passing through P :
- Call $Q(x,y)=(x,f(x))$ the unknown point of tangency
- Write the slope m of the tangent line in two different ways and set them equal

$$m = \frac{f(x) - y_0}{x - x_0} = f'(x)$$

- Solve for x ; for any solution x_1 , you have a corresponding tangent line
- $y = f(x_1) + f'(x_1)(x - x_1)$

- Is $f(x)=|x|$ differentiable at 0 ? Graphical interpretation and calculations

