

Precalc 15.2

Quiz 15.1 tomorrow

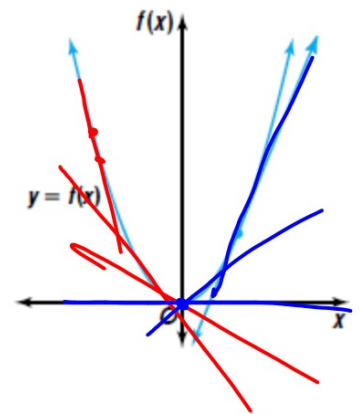
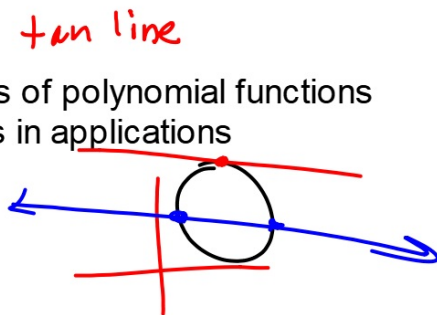
Find derivatives of polynomial functions  
Use derivatives in applications

\* tangent line

⊗ secant line

derivative

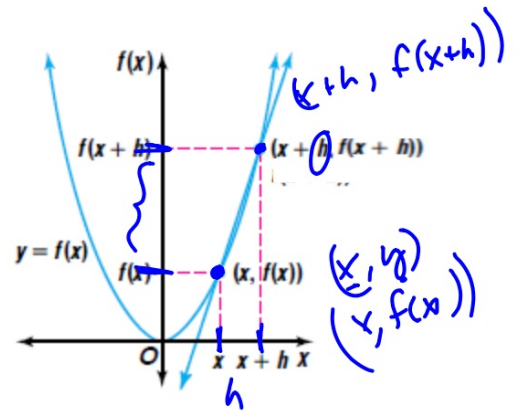
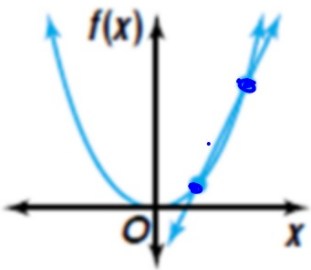
differentiation

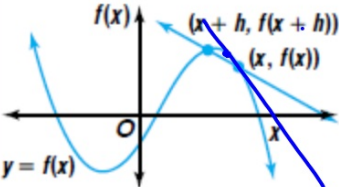


activity: boat and waves

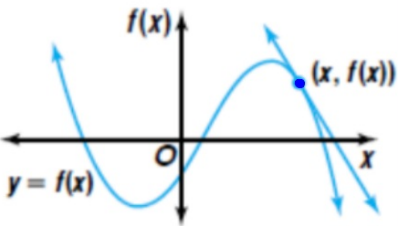
What is slope?

$$m = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta H}$$



Type of Line	Points of Intersection with Graph	Example	Slope
Secant	2		$m = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$$(x+h) - x$$

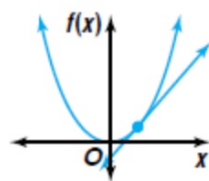
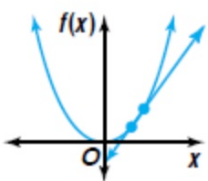
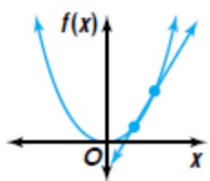
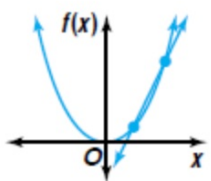
Type of Line	Points of Intersection with Graph	Example	Slope
Tangent	1		$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) =$ $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$$y = \text{wavy line}$$

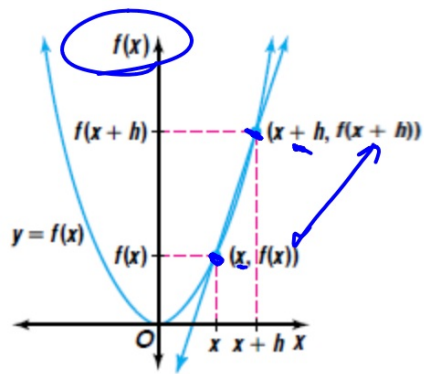
$$f(x) = \text{wavy line}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$f'(x)$$



$$f'(x)$$



slope (m) =

**Derivative of  
a Function**

The derivative of the function  $f(x)$  is the function  $f'(x)$  given by

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

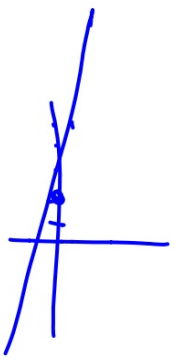


Use the definition of derivative to find the derivative of each function.

4.  $f(x) = 3x + 2$

5.  $f(x) = x^2 + x$

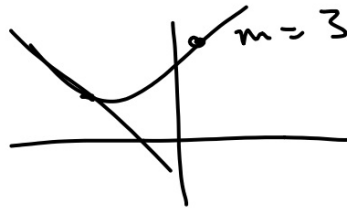
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{(x+h) - (x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3(x+h) + 2 - (3x + 2)}{h}$$



$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{3x} + 3h + \cancel{2} - \cancel{3x} - \cancel{2}}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3h}{h} = 3$$

5.  $f(x) = x^2 + x$



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

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x + h + 1}{1} = 2x + 0 + 1 = 2x + 1$$

$$2 \cdot 1 + 1 = 3$$

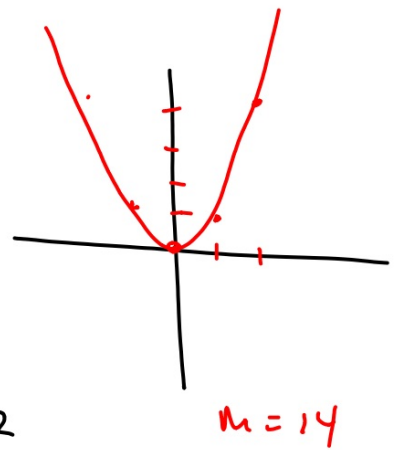
definition of derivative

$$f'(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y = x^2 \quad (f(x+h)) - (f(x))}{h}$$

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

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



1 a. Find an expression for the slope of the tangent line to the graph of  $y = x^2 - 4x + 2$  at any point. That is, compute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

② b. Find the slopes of the tangent lines when  $x = 0$  and  $x = 3$ .

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2hx + h^2 - 4x - 4h + 2 - x^2 + 4x - 2}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 + 2hx - 4h}{h} = \frac{h(0 + 2x - 4)}{h} = 2x - 4$$

$$= 2x - 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 4$$

b) if  $x = 0$   $m = -4$   
if  $x = 3$   $m = 2$

(What's the rule?)

**Derivative  
Rules**

Constant Rule: The derivative of a constant function is zero.  
If  $f(x) = c$ , then  $f'(x) = 0$ .

Power Rule: If  $f(x) = x^n$ , where  $n$  is a rational number, then  
 $f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$ .

Constant Multiple  
of a Power Rule: If  $f(x) = cx^n$ , where  $c$  is a constant and  $n$  is a  
rational number, then  $f'(x) = cnx^{n-1}$ .

Sum and  
Difference Rule: If  $f(x) = g(x) \pm h(x)$ , then  $f'(x) = g'(x) \pm h'(x)$ .

**2** Find the derivative of each function.

a.  $f(x) = x^6$

b.  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2$



c.  $f(x) = 2x^4 - 7x^3 + 12x^2 - 8x - 10$

Use the derivative rules to find the derivative of each function.

6.  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 5$

7.  $f(x) = -x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x + 6$

d.  $f(x) = x^3 (x^2 + 5)$

e.  $f(x) = (x^2 + 4)^2$

Use the definition of derivative vs. Use the derivative rules