

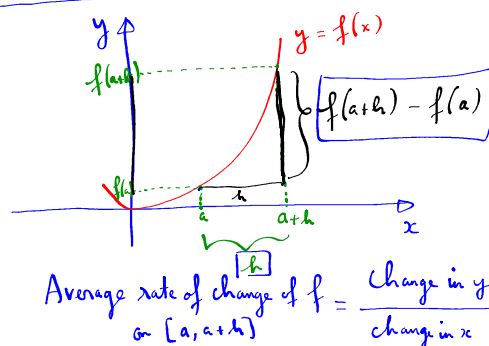
3.4 - Derivatives as Rates of Change.

Goals: Interpret the derivative as a rate of change and solve applications

- ① Motion along a line.
- ② Population Change
- ③ Cost and Revenue.

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Derivative as a rate of change.



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$$\text{Average Rate of change of } f \text{ on } [a, a+h] = \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$\text{Instantaneous rate of Change of } f \text{ at the point } x=a = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$\text{Inst. R.O.C. of } f \text{ at } x=a = f'(a)$$

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Motion along a line



$s(t)$: position of the object at time t .

$s(1) = 2$ at $t = 1$, the object is 2 units from the origin.

$v(t)$: velocity of the object at time t .

$$v(t) = s'(t)$$

$v(t) > 0$ means object is moving from left to right.

$v(t) < 0$ means object is moving from right to left.

$|v(t)|$: speed of the object at time t .

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$a(t)$: acceleration of the object at time t .

$$a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t)$$

$a(t) > 0$: object is speeding up

$a(t) < 0$: object is slowing down.

E.g. A particle moves along a line in the positive direction.
 8:35 Its position at time t is given by
 $s(t) = t^3 - 4t + 2$.

(a) Find $v(1)$ and $a(1)$

(b) Is the particle moving from left to right or from right to left?

(c) Is the particle speeding up or slowing down?

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$$v(t) = s'(t) = 3t^2 - 4$$

$$s(t) = t^3 - 4t + 2$$

$$a(t) = v'(t) = 6t$$

$$v(1) = -1; a(1) = 6$$

$v(1) < 0$ (b) It moves from right to left.

$a(1) > 0$ (c) It is speeding up.

E.g. Position function: $s(t) = t^3 - 9t^2 + 24t + 4$; $t \geq 0$

(a) At what time(s) is the particle at rest?

(b) Find the intervals on which the particle is moving from left to right? right to left?

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(c) Find the intervals on which the particle is speeding up? slowing down?

$$v(t) = 3t^2 - 18t + 24$$

Particle is at rest means $v(t) = 0$

$$3t^2 - 18t + 24 = 0$$

$$3(t-2)(t-4) = 0$$

$$t=2; t=4$$

(b) From left to right: $v(t) > 0$; $3t^2 - 18t + 24 > 0$
 From right to left: $v(t) < 0$; $3t^2 - 18t + 24 < 0$

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t	0	2	4	5
v(t)	+	0	-	0

$3t^2 - 18t + 24 > 0$ at $t=1$

$v(t) > 0$ on $[0, 2)$ and $(4, \infty)$
 $v(t) < 0$ on $(2, 4)$

it is moving from left to right on $[0, 2)$ and $(4, \infty)$
 it is moving from right to left on $(2, 4)$.

(c) $a(t) = v'(t) = 6t - 18 = 0$; $t=3$

t	0	3	4	
a(t)	-	0	+	

$a(t) > 0$ on $(3, \infty)$
 $a(t) < 0$ on $(0, 3)$

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Speeding up on: $(3, \infty)$
 slowing down on: $[0, 3)$.

Population change.

$P(t)$: # of entities in a population at time t .
 $P'(t)$: growth rate of the population at t .

Ex 3.23: The current population of a mosquito colony is known to be 3000. $P(0) = 3000$

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If $P'(0) = 100$, estimate the size of the population in 3 days, t is measured in days. $P(3)$

$$\frac{P(3) - P(0)}{3 - 0} \approx P'(0)$$

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$$P(3) - P(0) \approx 3P'(0)$$

$$P(3) \approx P(0) + 3P'(0) = 3300$$

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

when h is small

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} \approx f'(a)$$

$$f(a+h) \approx f(a) + h f'(a)$$

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