



## DEFINITION DEVELOPMENT

Average rate of change of  $f$  on  $[a,b]$   
Slope of the secant line through curve  $f$  on  $[a, b]$

Standard:

Alternate:

Instantaneous rate of change of  $f$  at  $x = a$   
Slope of the line tangent to the curve of  $f$  at  $x = a$   
Derivative of  $f$  at  $x = a$

Standard:

Alternate:

1. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2$ 
  - a. Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[-1, 2]$
  - b. Using the standard definition of a derivative at  $x = a \dots$   
Find the instantaneous rate of change in  $f$  at  $x = 1$ . (*Precede your answer with Lagrange notation*).
  - c. Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ .

2. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$

a. Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[0, 8]$

b. Using the alternate definition of a derivative at  $x = a$  ...

Find the instantaneous rate of change in  $f$  at  $x = 3$ . (*Precede your answer with Lagrange notation*).

c. Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 3$ .

3. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 - 2x; & x \geq 1 \\ 6 - 4x + x^2; & x < 1 \end{cases}$

a. Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$

b. Using the standard definition of a derivative at  $x = a$  ...

Find the instantaneous rate of change in  $f$  at  $x = 1$ . (*Precede your answer with Lagrange notation*).

c. Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ .

4. Consider the function  $y = g(x)$  where  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 5 - x; & x \geq 0 \\ 2x + 5; & x < 0 \end{cases}$

a. Find the average rate of change in  $g$  on the interval  $[-2, 5]$

b. Using the standard definition of a derivative at  $x = a$  ...

Find the instantaneous rate of change in  $g$  at  $x = 0$ . (*Precede your answer with Lagrange notation*).

c. Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $g(x)$  at  $x = 0$ .

## *Details and Summary*

What is the derivative of  $f$  at  $x = a$ ?

DEF (Sandard): The derivative of the function  $f$  at the point  $x = a$  is

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}, \text{ provided it exists.}$$

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Is the function differentiable at  $x = a$ ?

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**AB.Q103.LESSON 1 – HW:**

1. If  $f(2) = 3$  and  $f'(2) = 5$ , find an equation of (a) the tangent line, and (b) the normal line to the graph of  $y = f(x)$  at the point where  $x = 2$ .

2. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x$

a. Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[-2, 4]$

b. Find the instantaneous rate of change in  $f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ .

Classify  $f(x)$  as either smooth, a corner, a cusp, a vertical line tangent, or discontinuous at  $x = 1$ .

c. Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ .

3. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x; & x < 0 \\ x^2 - x; & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

a. Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[-2, 4]$

b. Find the instantaneous rate of change in  $f(x)$  at  $x = 0$ .

Classify  $f(x)$  as either smooth, a corner, a cusp, a vertical line tangent, or discontinuous at  $x = 0$ .

c. Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 0$ .

4. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2; & x \geq -2 \\ 2x; & x < -2 \end{cases}$

a. Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[-4, 0]$

b. Find the instantaneous rate of change in  $f(x)$  at  $x = -2$ .

Classify  $f(x)$  as either smooth, a corner, a cusp, a vertical line tangent, or discontinuous at  $x = -2$ .

c. Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = -2$ .

5. Consider the function  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .

a. Find  $g'(2)$  using the standard definition of the derivative at  $x = a$ .

b. Find  $g'(2)$  using the alternate definition of the derivative at  $x = a$ .

6. Let  $p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1}; & x \neq -1 \\ \sec(\pi x) - \ln(x^2); & x = -1 \end{cases}$ . Prove that  $p$  is or is not continuous at  $x = -1$ .



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2. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 - 2x; & x \geq 1 \\ x^2 + 1; & x < 1 \end{cases}$ . Prove that  $f$  is or is not continuous at  $x = 1$ .

### 3. THEOREM:

## 4. OVERVIEW

5.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x; & x < 0 \\ x^2 - x; & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

A. Prove that  $f$  is or is not continuous **at**  $x = 0$ .

B. Prove that  $f$  is or is not differentiable **at**  $x = 0$ .

6.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3-x, & x \geq -1 \\ x^2 + 3, & x < -1 \end{cases}$

A. Prove that  $f$  is or is not continuous **at**  $x = -1$ .

B. Prove that  $f$  is or is not differentiable **at**  $x = -1$ .

7.  $p(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & x \geq 1 \\ 2x+3, & x < 1 \end{cases}$

A. Prove that  $p$  is or is not continuous **at**  $x=1$ .

B. Prove that  $p$  is or is not differentiable **at**  $x=1$ .

**AB.Q103.LESSON 2 – HW:**

1. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1; & x > 1 \\ -x^2 + 3x; & x \leq 1 \end{cases}$

- Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[-1, 2]$
- Using the standard definition of a derivative at  $x = a$  ...  
Find the instantaneous rate of change in  $f$  at  $x = 1$ . (*Precede your answer with Lagrange notation*).
- Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ .

2. Consider the function  $b(x) = \begin{cases} x; & x > 1 \\ -2 + x; & x \leq 1 \end{cases}$

- Prove that  $b$  is or is not continuous at  $x = 1$ .
- Using the standard definition of a derivative at  $x = a$ , prove that  $b$  is not differentiable  $x = 1$ .
- Explain how you could have used part (a) to prove that  $b$  is not differentiable  $x = 1$ .

3. Use the table below to estimate a)  $f'(1.57)$  and b)  $f'(3)$

$t$	0.00	0.56	0.92	1.19	1.30	1.39	1.57	1.74	1.98	2.18	2.41	2.64	3.24
$f(t)$	1577	1512	1448	1384	1319	1255	1191	1126	1062	998	933	869	805

4. Using the definition for a derivative at  $x = a$ ,

prove that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x; & x \leq 1 \\ 1/x; & x > 1 \end{cases}$  is or is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

Classify  $f(x)$  as either smooth, a corner, a cusp, a vertical line tangent, or discontinuous at  $x = 1$ .

5. Prove that  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 2 + \sqrt{x}; & x > 0 \\ 1 + e^{-x}; & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$  is or is not continuous at  $x = 0$ .





Definition: The derivative of the function  $f$  with respect to the variable  $x$  is the function  $f'(x)$  whose value at  $x$  is  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ , provided it exists.

NO ALTERNATE DEFINITION FOR  $f'(x)$

1. Consider the function  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2$ .

A. Find  $f'(x)$ .

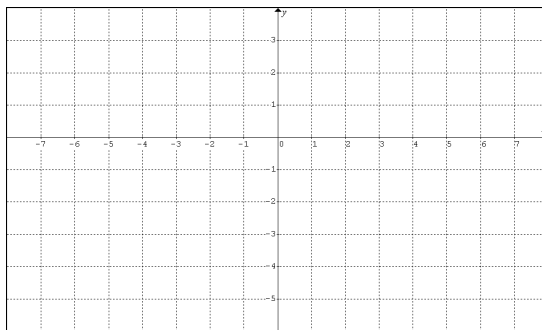
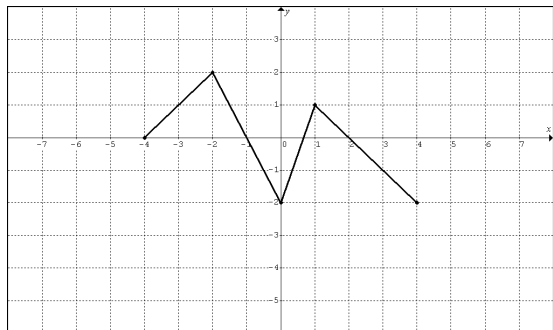
B. Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 5$ .

C. Write an equation of the normal to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 5$ .

D. Find the points on the graph of  $f$  where the slope of the tangent line is parallel to  $y = 4x + 5$ .

## 2. Graph $f'(x)$ from $f(x)$

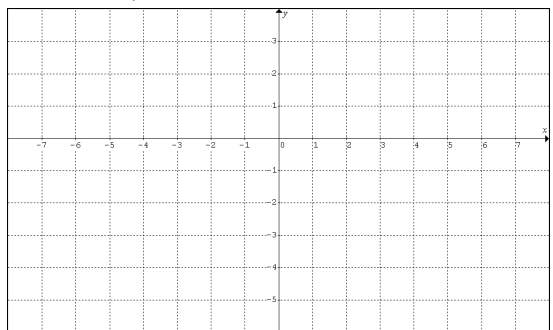
The graph of  $y = g(x)$  shown here is made of line segments joined end to end. Graph the function's derivative.



## 3. Graph $f(x)$ from $f'(x)$

Sketch a possible graph of a continuous function  $f$  that has domain  $[-3, 3]$ , where  $f(-1) = -2$  and the equation of  $y = f'(x)$  is shown below.

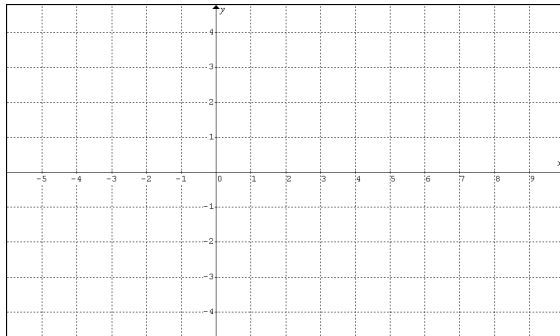
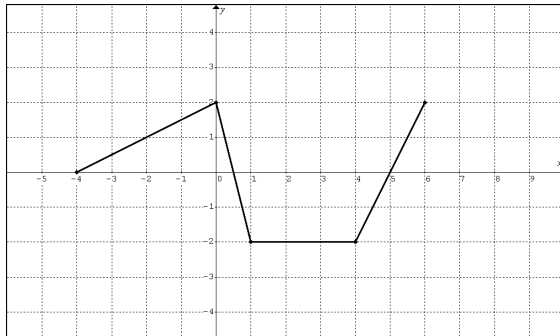
$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} -1; & x < -1 \\ 0; & -1 < x < 2 \\ 3; & x > 2 \end{cases}$$



**AB.Q103.LESSON 3 – HW:**

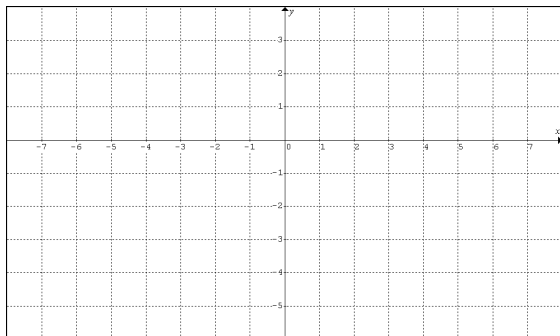
1. The graph of the function  $y = f(x)$  shown here is made of line segments joined end to end.

Graph  $y = f'(x)$  and state its domain.



2. Sketch the graph of a continuous function with domain  $[-2, 2]$ ,  $f(0) = -1$ , and

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 1; & x < -1 \\ -2; & x > -1 \end{cases}.$$



3. Using the information from problem 2, write an equation of the line tangent to  $f$  at  $x = 0$ .

4. Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 2x + 1$  using the appropriate definition.
5. Find the value of  $x$  for which the tangent to  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 2x + 1$  is horizontal.
6. Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$  using the appropriate definition.
7. Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+1}$  using the appropriate definition.

8. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1; & x > 1 \\ -x^2 + 3x; & x \leq 1 \end{cases}$ .

Find  $f'(x)$ .

9. Using the definition for a derivative at  $x = a$ ,

prove that  $m(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x}; & x \geq 1 \\ \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2}; & x < 1 \end{cases}$  is or is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

Classify  $m(x)$  as either smooth, a corner, a cusp, a vertical line tangent, or discontinuous at  $x = 1$ .