

Q101.BC.NOTES: Chapter 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 3.2

Define  $\sqrt{x^2}$  :

Definition of  $|x|$  :

**PART 1: IS  $f$  CONTINUOUS AT  $x = a$ ?**

Definition of a function continuous at  $x = a$ :

Theorem:

1. 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**  $x = 1$ . Support graphically.

2. Let  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2}; & x \neq 2 \\ 0; & x = 2 \end{cases}$ . Prove that  $g$  is or is not continuous **at**  $x = 2$ . Support graphically.

3. Let  $p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-1}{x+1}; & x \neq -1 \\ 4; & x = -1 \end{cases}$ . Prove that  $p$  is or is not continuous **at**  $x = -1$ .

**PART 2: DERIVATIVE DEFINITION**

***DERIVATIVE INTRODUCTION***

***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  $x = a$  ...  
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  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$
- Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[0, 8]$
  - Using the alternate definition of a derivative at  $x = a \dots$   
Find the instantaneous rate of change in  $f$  at  $x = 3$ . (*Precede your answer with Lagrange notation*).
  - 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  $x = a \dots$

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  $x = 1$ .

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  $x = 0$ .



**LESSON 1 – HW:**

1. Prove that  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 3$  is or is not continuous at  $x = 1$ .

2. 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  $x = 0$ .

3. Prove that  $r(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2; & x \neq -1 \\ 5; & x = -1 \end{cases}$  is or is not continuous at  $x = -1$ .

4. Prove that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2; & x \geq 0 \\ 1/x; & x < 0 \end{cases}$  is or is not continuous at  $x = 0$ .

5. A. Prove that  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$  is not continuous at  $x = 3$ .

B. Extend  $g(x)$ , making it a piecewise function that is continuous at  $x = 3$ .

6. A. Prove that  $d(x) = \frac{x - 4}{\sqrt{x} - 2}$  is not continuous at  $x = 4$ .

B. Extend  $d(x)$ , making it a piecewise function that is continuous at  $x = 4$ .

7. Prove that  $h(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$  is or is not continuous at  $x = 0$ .

Hint: See the Sandwich Theorem of Limits.

8. 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  $x = 2$ .

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

- Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[-2, 4]$
- Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ , i.e. the derivative of  $f$  at  $x = 1$ .
- Write an equation of the tangent line  $\ell$  to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ .

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

- Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[-2, 4]$
- Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 0$ , i.e. the derivative of  $f$  at  $x = 0$ .
- Write an equation of the tangent line  $\ell$  to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 0$ .

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

- Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[-4, 0]$
- 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  $x = -2$ .

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

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

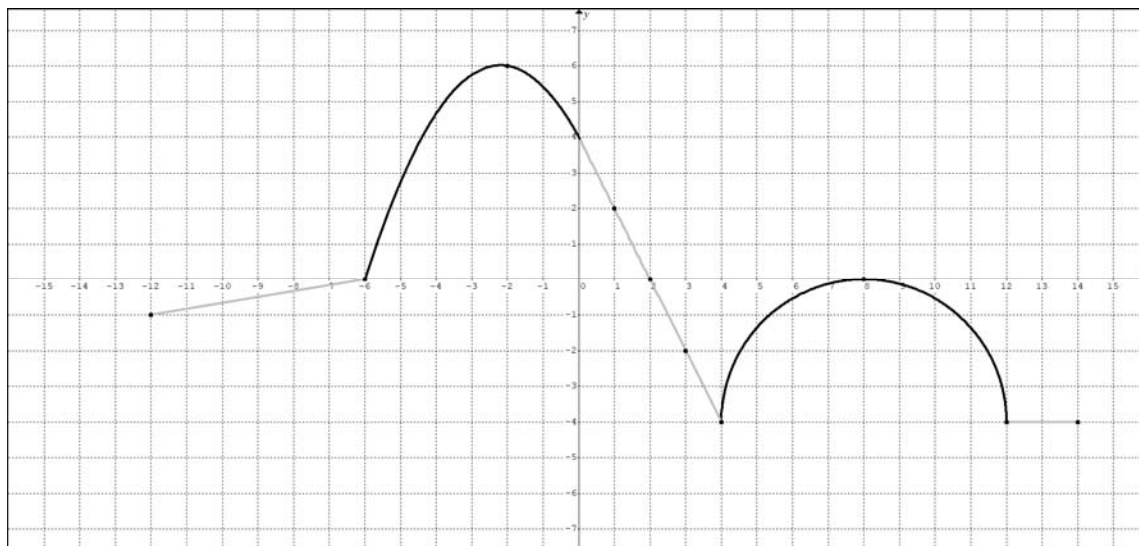
- Find  $g'(2)$  using the standard definition of the derivative at  $x = a$ .
- Find  $g'(2)$  using the alternate definition of the derivative at  $x = a$ .

BC: Q101 LESSON 2

Review Illustration (What does it mean for a function to be differentiable at  $x = a$ ?)

### PART 3: DERIVATIVE ESTIMATION

1. The function  $y = f(x)$  is shown below. This function consists of line segments (in gray) and other non-linear curves (in black). Integer coordinates have been highlighted.



A) Find or estimate  $f'(1)$

B) Find or estimate  $f'(-1)$

C) Find or estimate  $f'(4)$

D) Find or estimate  $f'(0)$

E) Find or estimate  $f'(8)$

F) Find or estimate  $f'(10)$

G) Find or estimate  $f'(-9)$

H) Find or estimate  $f'(13)$

I) Find or estimate  $f'(-12)$

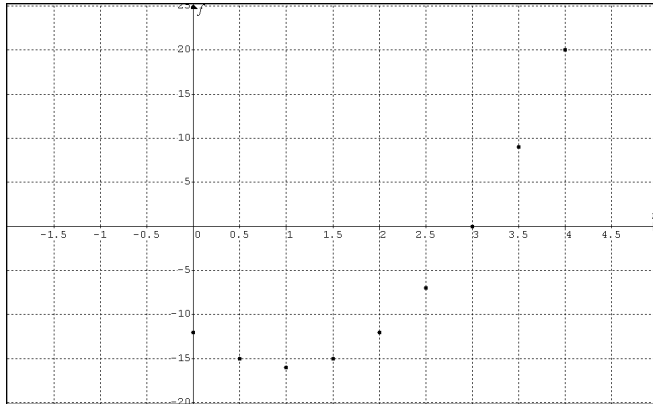
J) Find or estimate all values of  $x$  where  $f(x)$  has a horizontal tangent.

## 2. Estimating the derivative with “an average on a small neighborhood.”

The coordinates of  $f$  for various values of  $x$  are given.

$x$	0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0
$f$	-12	-15	-16	-15	-12	-7	0	9	20

Assuming a smooth curve representation of  $f(x)$ .



A) Eyeball estimate  $f'(1)$

B) Eyeball estimate  $f'(2.5)$

C) Use a standard estimation of  $f'(1)$ . Show your work.

D) Use a standard estimation of  $f'(2.5)$ . Show your work.

**PART 4: SPIRAL REVIEW AND THE CONTINUITY AND DIFFERENTIABILITY CONNECTION**

3. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = x^{2/3}$

a. Find the average rate of change in  $f$  on the interval  $[-1, 1]$

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

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

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

4. Consider the function  $p(x) = \begin{cases} 2x; & x \geq 1 \\ x+3; & x < 1 \end{cases}$

A. Use the standard definition of a derivative at  $x = a$  to prove that  $p$  is or is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ . In other words, prove that the function  $p$  does or does not have a derivative at  $x = 1$ .

B. Classify the behavior of  $p(x)$  at  $x = 1$ .

C. Provide a formal proof for whether or not  $p(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 1$ .

LOGIC:

THM:

PROOF:



## PART 5 DERIVATIVE FUNCTION

DEFINITION: The derivative of the function  $f$  with respect to the variable  $x$  is the function

$f'$  whose value at  $x$  is  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ , provided it exists.

*(NO ALTERNATE DEFINITION)*

DEF: Differentiable on an interval

A function is differentiable on an open interval  $(a, b)$  if  $f'(x)$  exists for every  $x$  in that interval.

A function is differentiable on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  if  $f$  is differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$  and if the following limits exist:

$$f'_+(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} \quad \text{and} \quad f'_-(b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(b+h) - f(b)}{h}.$$

THM: Polynomial functions, unless restricted or broken, are differentiable for all values of  $x$ .

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  $f'(x)$ .

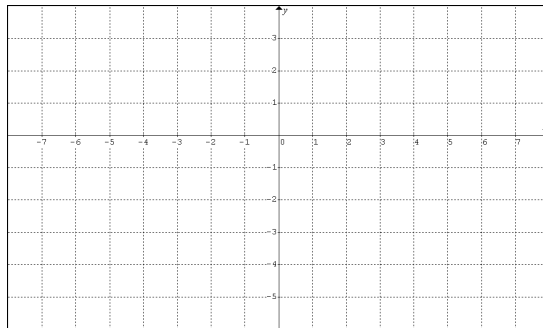
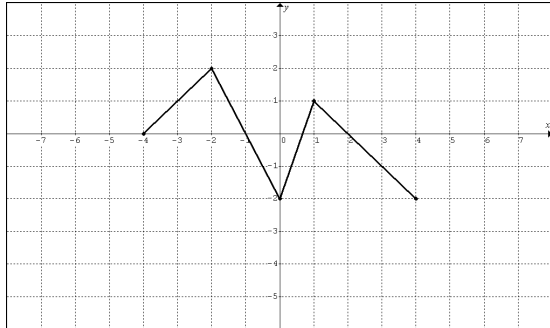
B. Write an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 5$ .

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  $f(x)$

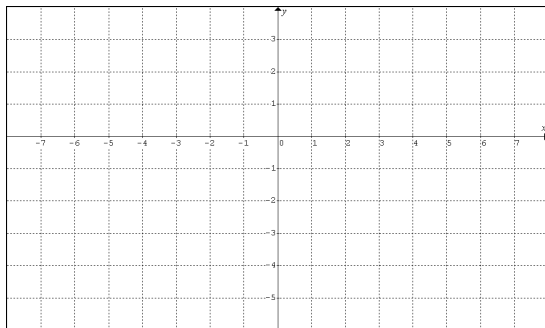
The graph of  $y = g(x)$  shown here is made of line segments joined end to end. Graph the function's derivative.



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.

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



Property Problem

4. Let  $f$  be a function that is differentiable throughout its domain and that has the following properties.

(i)  $f(x + y) = \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{1 - f(x)f(y)}$  for all real numbers  $x, y$ , and  $x + y$  in the domain of  $f$ .

(ii)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h) = 0$                       (iii)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h)}{h} = 1$

(a) Show that  $f(0) = 0$ .

(b) Use the definition of the derivative to show that  $f'(x) = 1 + [f(x)]^2$ . Indicate where properties (i), (ii), and (iii) are used.

**LESSON 2 – HW:**

1. 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

2. 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  $x = 1$ .

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

a. Prove that  $b$  is or is not continuous at  $x = 1$ .

b. Using the standard definition of a derivative at  $x = a$ , prove that  $f$  is not differentiable  $x = 1$ .

c. Explain how you could have used part (a) to prove that  $f$  is not differentiable  $x = 1$ .

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

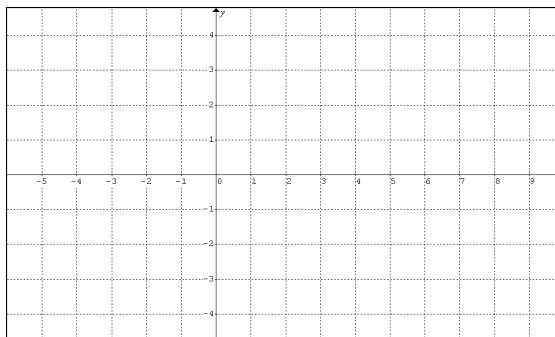
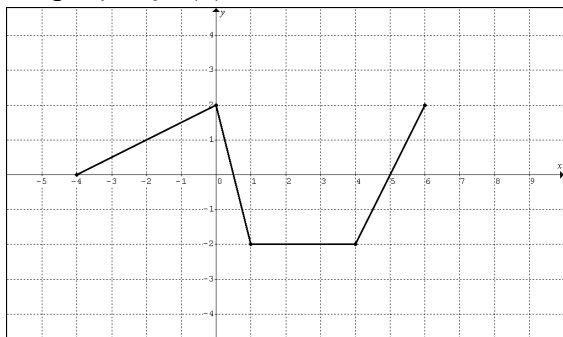
prove that  $m(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x}; & x \geq 1 \\ \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2}; & x < 1 \end{cases}$  is or is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

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

5. Find the unique values of  $a$  and  $b$  that will make  $g$  both continuous and differentiable.

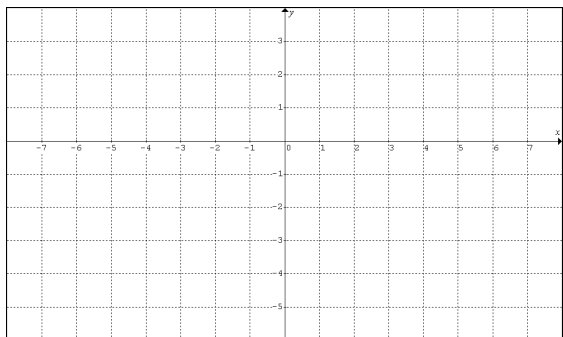
$g(x) = \begin{cases} 3 - x; & x < 1 \\ ax^2 + bx; & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

6. 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.



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

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



8. Using the information from problem 7, write an equation of the line tangent to  $f$  at  $x = 0$ .

9. Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 2x + 1$  using the appropriate definition.

10. Find the value of  $x$  for which the tangent to  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 2x + 1$  is horizontal.

11. Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$  using the appropriate definition.

12. Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+1}$  using the appropriate definition.

13. Suppose that a function  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$ ,  $f(1) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h)}{h} = 5$ . Find  $f'(1)$ .

14. Suppose that  $f$  is a differentiable function with the property that  $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) + 5xy$  and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h)}{h} = 3$ . Find  $f(0)$  and  $f'(x)$ .

## Definitions

Is the function continuous at  $x = a$ ?

DEF: A function  $f$  is continuous at  $x = a$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ .

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

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

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

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

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

Is the function differentiable at  $x = a$ ?

DEF (Std): A function  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = a$  if  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$  exists.

If this limit does not exist then we say that the function is not differentiable at  $x = a$ .

DEF (alt): A function  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = a$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  exists.

If this limit does not exist then we say that the function is not differentiable at  $x = a$ .

DEF: A function  $f$  is differentiable at the left endpoint  $x = a$  iff

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

DEF: A function  $f$  is differentiable at right endpoint  $x = b$  iff

$$f'_-(b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(b+h) - f(b)}{h}.$$

DEF: A continuous function is a function that is continuous at each point in its domain.

DEF: A differentiable function is a function that is differentiable at each point in its domain.

DEF: A function is continuous on an interval I, if it is continuous at each point in the interval I.

DEF: A function is differentiable on an interval I, if  $f$  is differentiable at each point in the interval I.