

→ The limit as x approaches 2 of $\frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x - 2}$.

1. Fill Table 1 with values with which you can infer the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x - 2}$.

State your conclusion using a complete sentence.

Table 1 shows that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x - 2} = -2.$$

(see page 9)

Table 1: $y = \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x - 2}$

x	y
1.9	-2.1
1.99	-2.01
1.999	-2.001
2.001	-1.999
2.01	-1.99
2.1	-1.9

one-sided limit

→ The limit as x approaches 0 from the left of $\frac{\sin(x)}{x}$

2. Fill Table 2 with values with which you can infer the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$. State your conclusion using a complete sentence.

Table 2 infers that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1.$$

Table 2: $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$

x	$f(x)$
-0.1	0.9983
-0.01	0.999983
-0.001	0.99999983

3. Fill Table 3 with values with which you can infer the value of $\lim_{t \rightarrow 4^+} (\ln(t-4) \cdot \sqrt{t-4})$. State your conclusion using a complete sentence.

Table implies that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 4^+} (\ln(t-4) \cdot \sqrt{t-4}) = 0.$$

Table 3: $g(t) = \ln(t-4) \cdot \sqrt{t-4}$

t	$g(t)$
4.00001	-0.036
4.000001	-0.005
4.0000001	-0.0007

4. Figure 1 shows the function $y = g(t)$. Find each of the following values.

$g(-1) = 3$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow -1^+} g(t) = 3$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow -1^-} g(t) = -3$

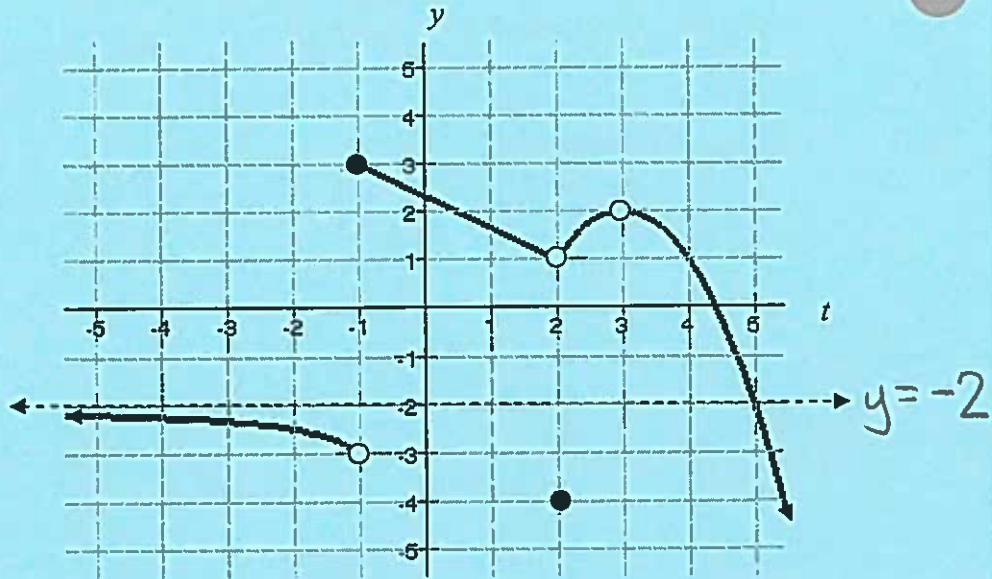


Figure 1: $y = g(t)$

$g(3)$ is undefined

$g(2) = -4$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t) = -\infty$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3^+} g(t) = 2$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} g(t) = 1$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} g(t) = -2$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3^-} g(t) = 2$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} g(t) = 1$

For each of the following limits state the value of the limit or state that the limit does not exist as well as the reason the limit does not exist.

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3} g(t)$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow -1} g(t)$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} g(t)$, and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t)$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3} g(t) = 2$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow -1} g(t)$ does not exist because $\lim_{t \rightarrow -1^+} g(t) \neq \lim_{t \rightarrow -1^-} g(t)$.

$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} g(t) = -2$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t)$ does not exist because as t increases without bound, $g(t)$ decreases without bound.

as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $g(t) \rightarrow -\infty$

A tangent line to a circle touches the circle at exactly one point.

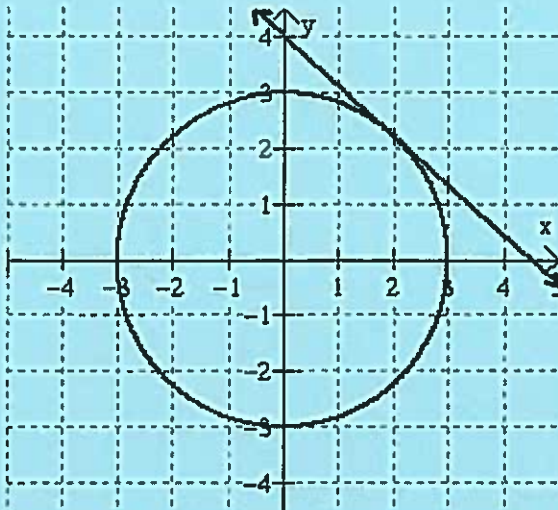


Figure 2: A tangent line to a circle

A tangent line to a curve is a little bit harder to define. We will spend the next couple of weeks developing a formal method for finding the slope of a tangent line to a curve at a particular point. We will start with a definition of a secant line. A secant line to a curve is a line determined by two points on a curve. Figure 3 shows an example of a secant line to a curve through the points $(1,0)$ and $(2,-3)$. We might use this secant line to help us approximate the slope of the tangent line to the curve at the point $(1,0)$.

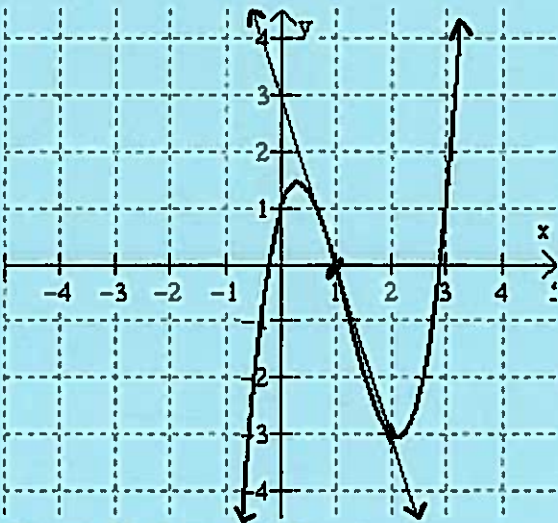


Figure 3: A secant line to a curve

Velocity is a speed with a direction

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$$|\text{velocity}| = \text{speed}$$

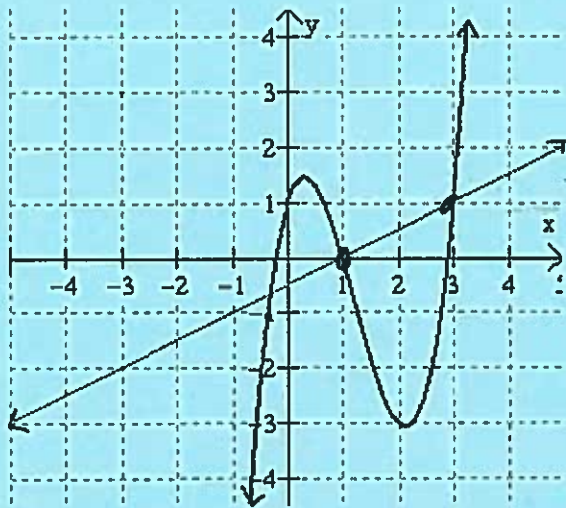


Figure 4: Secant Line through $(1, f(1))$ and $(3, f(3))$

The slope of this secant line is the average velocity from 1 to 3 seconds.

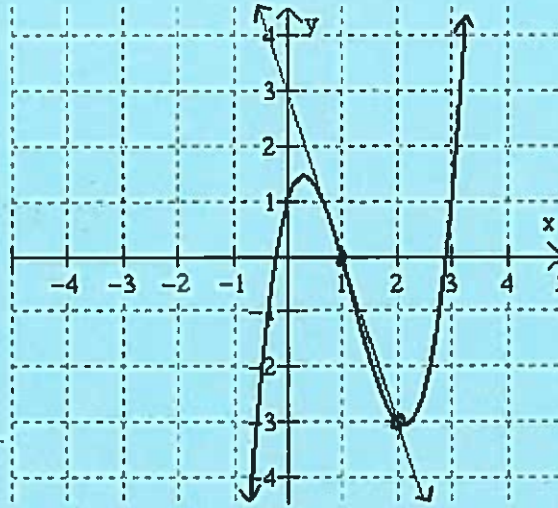


Figure 5: Secant Line through $(1, f(1))$ and $(2, f(2))$

The slope of this secant line is the average velocity from 1 to 2 seconds.

Figures 4 through 7 show the position (in feet) of an object, $y = f(x)$, at time x (in seconds).

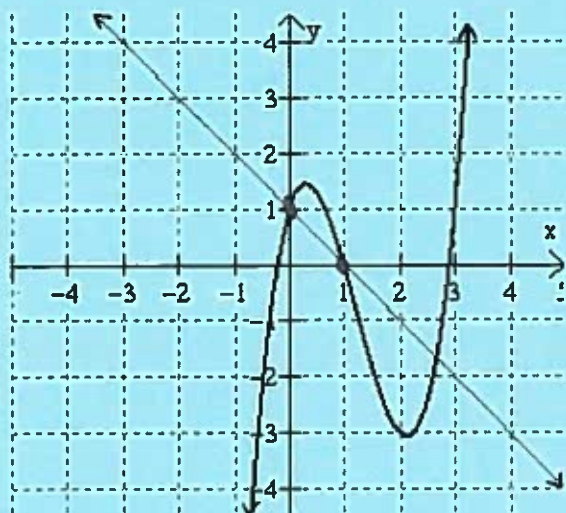


Figure 6: Secant Line through $(1, f(1))$ and $(0, f(0))$

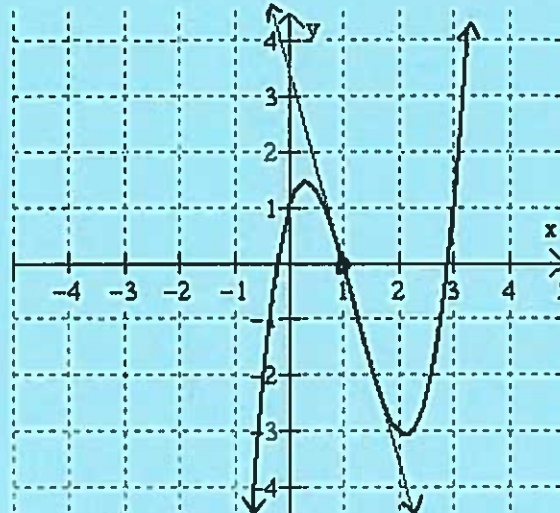


Figure 7: Tangent Line through $(1, f(1))$

The slope of this tangent line is the instantaneous velocity of the object at 1 second.

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

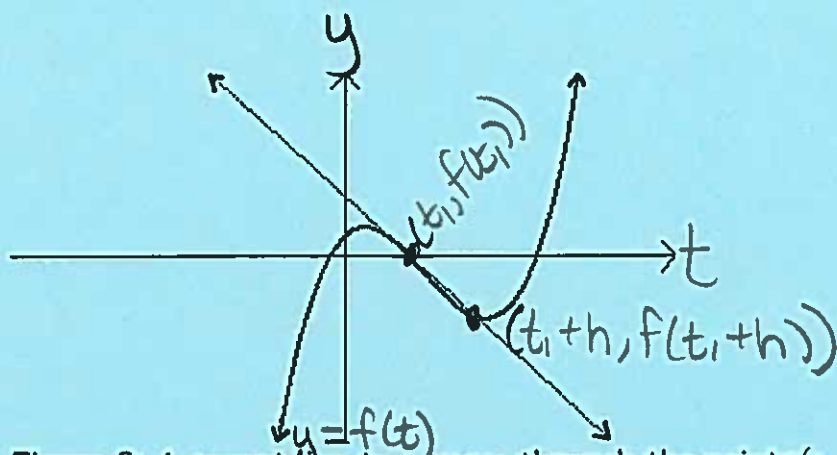


Figure 8: A secant line to a curve through the points $(t_1, f(t_1))$ and $(t_1 + h, f(t_1 + h))$

The slope of the secant line from the point $(t_1, f(t_1))$ to $(t_1 + h, f(t_1 + h))$ is

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{sec}} &= \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{f(t_1 + h) - f(t_1)}{t_1 + h - t_1} \\ &= \frac{f(t_1 + h) - f(t_1)}{h} \end{aligned}$$

Δ read "delta"
means "change in"

This slope is the average rate of change of the function on the interval t_1 to $t_1 + h$.

$$m = \frac{f(t+h) - f(t)}{h}$$

This is called the difference quotient.

Find the difference quotient of each function *paying attention to your presentation.*

a. $f(t) = t^2 + 4t - 7$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(t+h) - f(t)}{h} &= \frac{[(t+h)^2 + 4(t+h) - 7] - (t^2 + 4t - 7)}{h} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{t^2} + 2th + h^2 + \cancel{4t} + 4h - \cancel{7} - \cancel{t^2} - \cancel{4t} + \cancel{7}}{h} \\ &= \frac{2th + h^2 + 4h}{h} \\ &= \frac{h(2t + h + 4)}{h} \\ &= 2t + h + 4, \text{ for } h \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$A^2 - B^2 = (A+B)(A-B)$$

b. $g(x) = \frac{1}{(x-3)^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} &= \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h-3)^2} - \frac{1}{(x-3)^2}}{h} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h-3)^2} \cdot \frac{(x-3)^2}{(x-3)^2} - \frac{1}{(x-3)^2} \cdot \frac{(x+h-3)^2}{(x+h-3)^2}}{h} \\ &= \frac{\frac{(x-3)^2 - (x+h-3)^2}{(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2}}{h} \\ &= \frac{[(x-3) + (x+h-3)][(x-3) - (x+h-3)]}{(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Factor the} \\ \text{difference} \\ \text{of squares} \end{array} \\ &= \frac{(x-3+x+h-3)(x-3-x-h+3)}{(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2} \\ &= \frac{(2x+h-6)(-h)}{(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2} \\ &= \frac{-h(2x+h-6)}{(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \\ &= \frac{-(2x+h-6)}{(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2}, \text{ for } h \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(See page 9 & 10)

6. If an arrow is shot upward on the moon with a velocity of 58 m/s, its height in meters after t seconds is given by $h = 58t - 0.83t^2$.

a. Find the average velocity over the given time intervals.

(i) $[1, 2]$ (ii) $[1, 1.5]$ (iii) $[1, 1.1]$ (iv) $[1, 1.01]$ (v) $[1, 1.001]$

b. Estimate the instantaneous velocity one second after the arrow was shot.

$$h(t) = 58t - 0.83t^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{ave}} &= \frac{\Delta h(t)}{\Delta t} \\ V_{\text{ave}} &= \frac{h(2) - h(1)}{2 - 1} \end{aligned}$$

Table 6: $h = 58t - 0.83t^2$

time interval (seconds)	average velocity $\frac{m}{s}$
$[1, 2]$	55.51
$[1, 1.5]$	55.925
$[1, 1.1]$	56.257
$[1, 1.01]$	56.3317
$[1, 1.001]$	56.33917

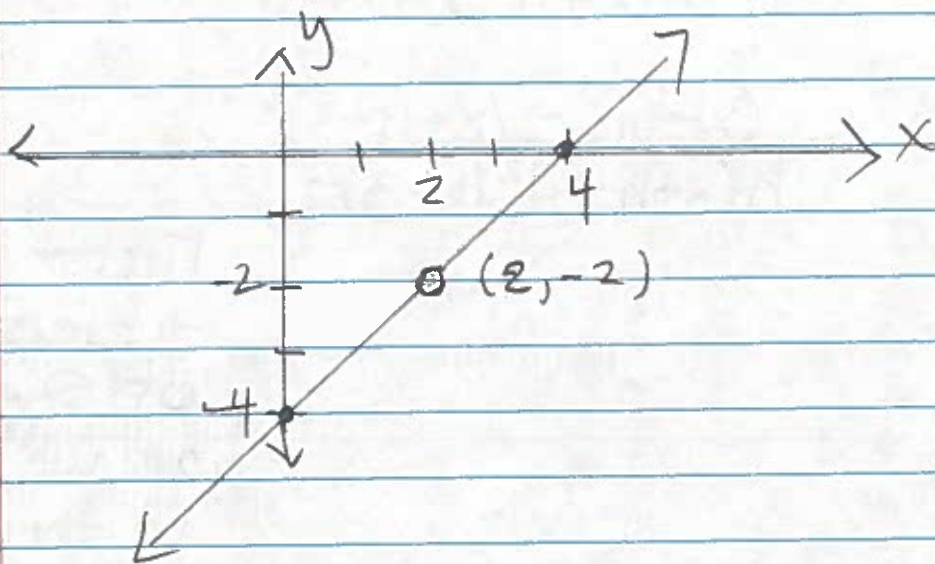
b. Based on Table 6, I estimate the instantaneous velocity one second after the arrow was shot to be about $56.3 \frac{m}{s}$.

page 1 - problem 1 - visual

$$y = \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x - 2}$$

$$= \frac{(x-2)(x-4)}{x-2}$$

$$= x - 4, \text{ for } x \neq 2$$



page 7 - note

The length of the fraction bar makes a difference!

$$\frac{\frac{8}{4}}{2} \neq \frac{8}{\frac{4}{2}} \quad \cdot \quad \frac{\frac{8}{4}}{2} = \frac{2}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\frac{8}{4}}{\frac{2}{2}} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

The equal sign should be inline with the main fraction bar when simplifying a complex fraction.

page 7 - Alternate method

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} &= \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h-3)^2} - \frac{1}{(x-3)^2}}{h} \cdot \frac{(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2}{(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h-3)^2} \cdot (x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2 - \frac{1}{(x-3)^2} \cdot (x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2}{h(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2} \\ &= \frac{(x-3)^2 - (x+h-3)^2}{h(x+h-3)^2(x-3)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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Factor the difference of squares as we did in the first method.