

# Lecture 1 : Calculus II (MITES 09)

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## Functions

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Def<sup>n</sup> : A function is a rule which assigns, to each of certain real numbers, some other single real number.

Ex1 : The rule which assigns to each number the square of that number

(i.e.  $x \xrightarrow[\text{"f"}]{\text{rule}}$   $x^2$  : can write this as  $f(x) = x^2$  )  
"f" takes "x" and turns it into  $x^2$ "

Ex2 : The rule which assigns to each number  $y$  the number  $\frac{y^3 + 3y + 5}{y^2 + 1}$

(i.e.  $y \xrightarrow[\text{"g"}]{\text{rule}}$   $\frac{y^3 + 3y + 5}{y^2 + 1}$  : can write this as  $g(y) = \frac{y^3 + 3y + 5}{y^2 + 1}$  )  
"g" takes "y" and turns it into  $\frac{y^3 + 3y + 5}{y^2 + 1}$ "

Ex3 : The rule which assigns to each number  $x$  satisfying  $-17 \leq x \leq \pi/3$  the number  $x^2$ .

(i.e. If  $-17 \leq x \leq \pi/3$  then  $x \xrightarrow[\text{"h"}]{\text{rule}}$   $x^2$  : can write this as  $h(x) = x^2$ , if  $-17 \leq x \leq \pi/3$  )

Notice that in this example, nothing is said about what the "rule" is if  $x$  does not meet the condition  $-17 \leq x \leq \pi/3$ .

This does not mean that  $h$  assigns zero for  $x > \pi/3$  and  $x < -17$ .

It simply means that we do not know what to do when  $x$  is not part of the interval  $[-17, \pi/3]$ .

Here, we say that the domain of function  $h$  is :  $-17 \leq x \leq \pi/3$

Def<sup>n</sup> : The set of numbers to which a function does apply is called the domain of the function.

Ex 4. The rule which assigns to each number "a" the number 0 if "a" is irrational, and the number 1 if "a" is rational.

~~Ex 4.~~ (i.e. we can write this as:  $f(a) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a \text{ irrational} \\ 1, & \text{if } a \text{ rational} \end{cases}$ )

Note: A rational number is a number that can be written as a fraction of two integers.

An irrational number is one that cannot be written as a fraction of any two integers.

e.g.  $2 = \frac{2}{1}$  (so 2 is a rational #.)

$\frac{3}{4}$  is a rational #.

$\pi$  is an irrational #.

~~Ex 5.~~

Ex 5. The following is NOT a function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ x^{98}, & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Because if  $1 \leq x \leq 2$ , we don't know what to do.  $f$  gives 2 possible values:  $x^2$ ,  $x^{98}$  when  $1 \leq x \leq 2$ .

So,  $f$  is NOT a function because it should only assign a single number for  $x$ , not two or more.

We can also have a composition of ~~2~~ 2 or more different functions. Consider the following examples:

Ex 6:  $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ ,  $g(x) = x^{1/2} + 3$  ← 2 functions.

The composition of these 2 functions:

$$f \circ g(x) \text{ (or also written as } f(g(x)) \text{)}$$

$$= f(g(x)) \text{ is a rule that assigns "x" to } \underline{(x^{1/2} + 3)^3 + 1}.$$

To see this, notice that:

$$f(g(x)) = \underline{(\dots)^3} + 1 = (x^{1/2} + 3)^3 + 1.$$

↑ plug in  $g(x)$  here

Another possible composition is:  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$

$$= \underline{(\dots)^{1/2}} + 3$$

↑ plug in  $f(x)$  here

$$= (x^3 + 1)^{1/2} + 3.$$

so  $g(f(x)) = (x^3 + 1)^{1/2} + 3$

Ex 7:  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$  : Then  $f \circ f(x) = f(f(x))$

 ~~$f(f(x)) = \sin(\sin(x^2))$~~ 

$$= \sin(\underline{(\dots)^2})$$

↑ plug in  $f(x)$  here

$$= \sin((\sin(x^2))^2)$$

$$= \boxed{\sin(\sin^2(x^2))}$$

Notice that  $f \circ f(x) \neq f^2(x)$

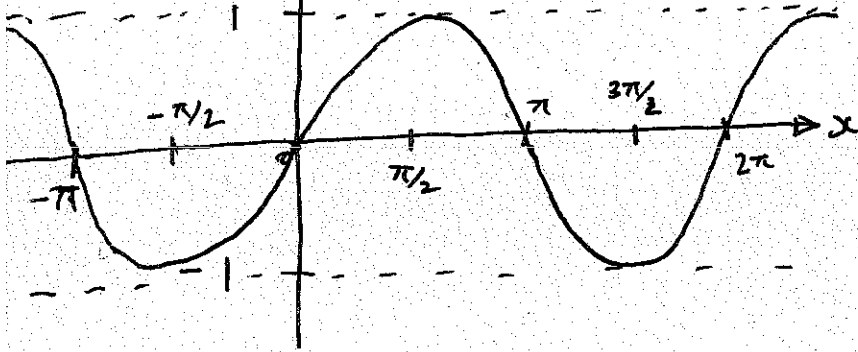
( $f^2(x) = \sin^2(x^2)$ .)

Graphs: Now that we know what a function is, it helps to visualize the function to see the relationship between  $x$  and  $f(x)$  graphically.

EX 8:

$f(x)$

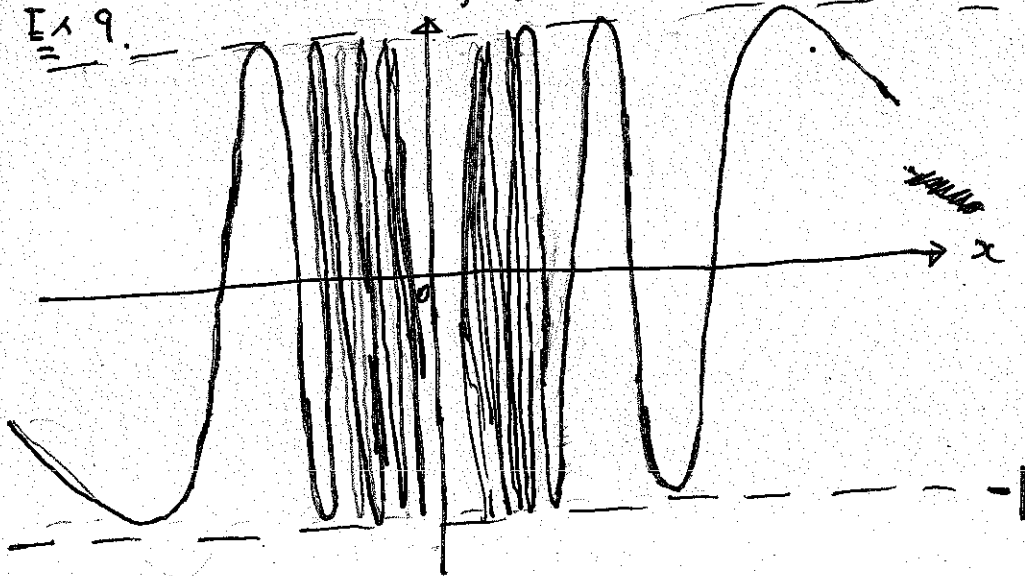
$f(x) = \sin(x)$ .



EX 9:

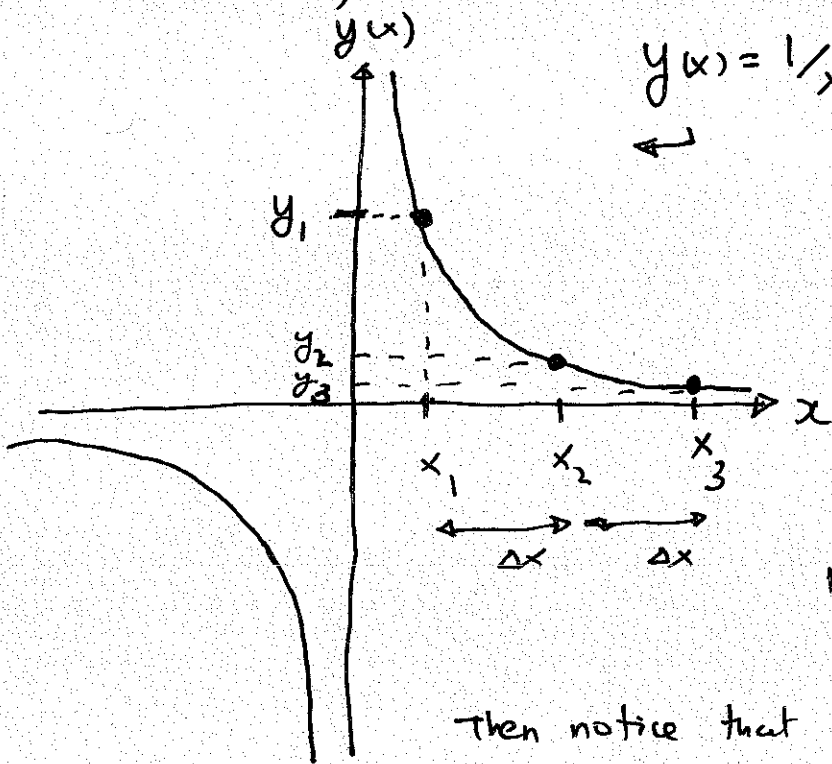
$f(x)$

$f(x) = \sin(1/x)$



- Notice that  $f$  is undefined at  $x=0$ . (because  $|1/x| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|x| \rightarrow 0$ )
- As  $x$  approaches zero either from the right ( $x > 0$ ) or left ( $x < 0$ ) of  $x=0$ ,  $\sin(1/x)$  wiggles faster & faster. (more "violently".)

To see this, notice that



And  $\boxed{\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \sin(y(x))}$

Consider 3 Equally spaced values of  $x$ :  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ .

i.e.  $x_3 - x_2 = \Delta x$   
 $x_2 - x_1 = \Delta x$  ← equally spaced

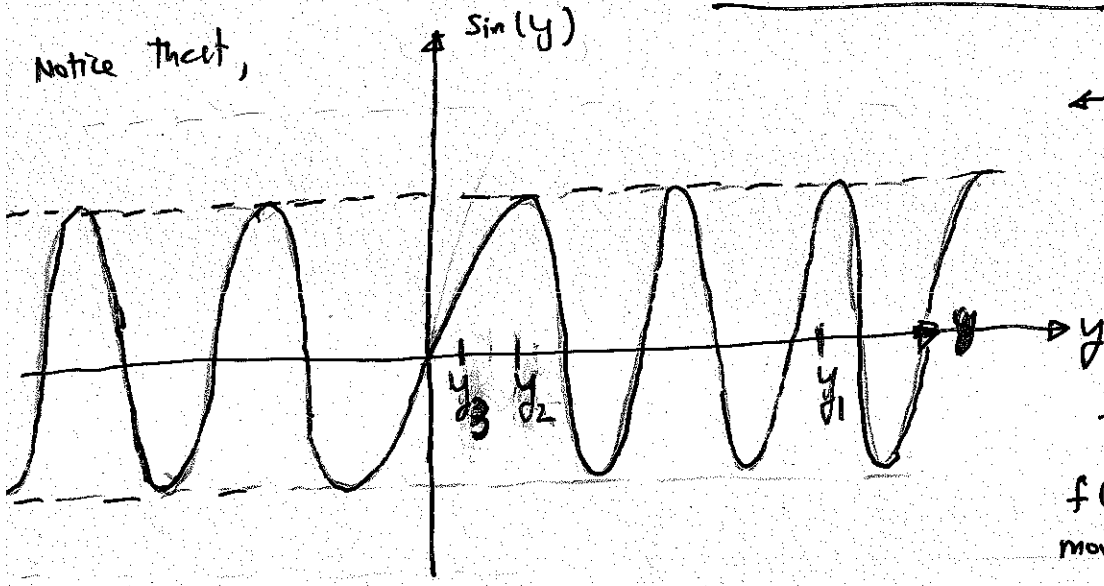
Let  $y_1 = y(x_1)$     $y_2 = y(x_2)$     $y_3 = y(x_3)$   
 $= \frac{1}{x_1}$     $= \frac{1}{x_2}$     $= \frac{1}{x_3}$

Then notice that unlike the  $x$ 's, the  $y$ 's are NOT equally spaced out.

In fact, you can see graphically that  $y_1 > y_2 > y_3 > 0$

and  $\boxed{y_1 - y_2 > y_2 - y_3}$

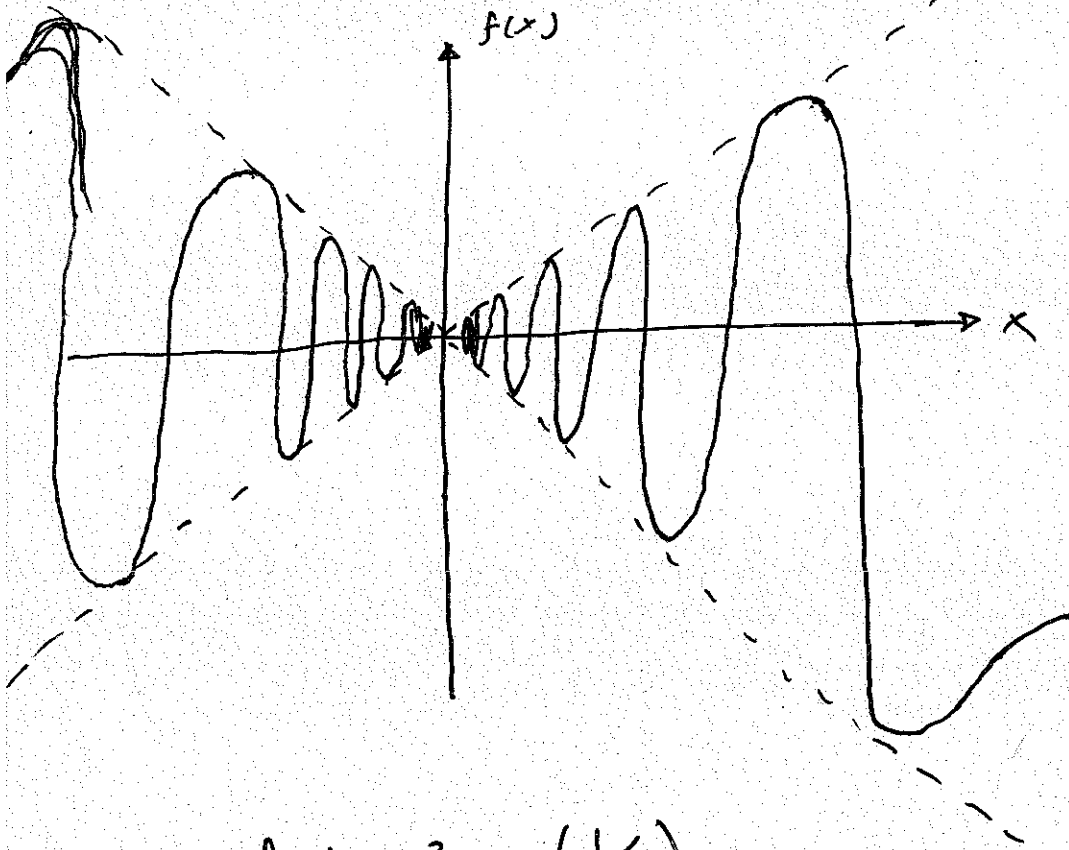
Notice that,



so,  
 ←  $\sin(y)$  crosses lot more zeros between  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  than it does between  $y_2$  &  $y_3$

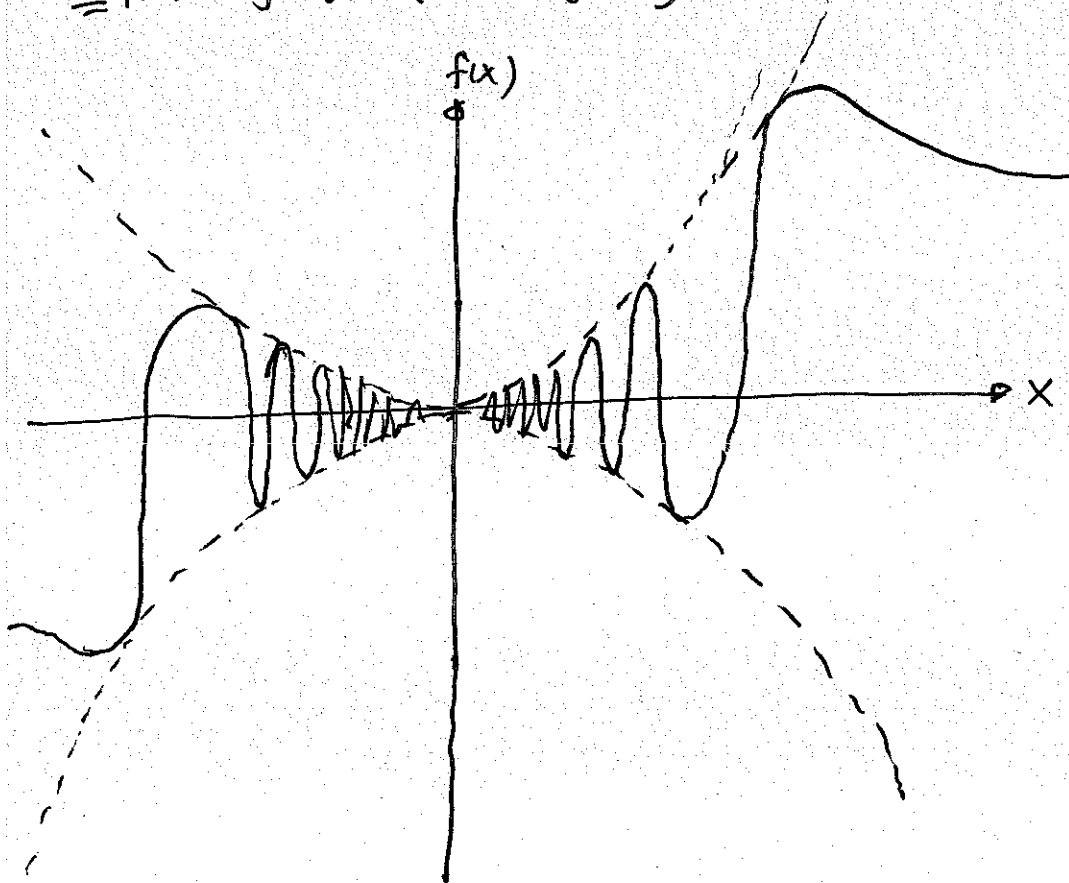
And since  $f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \sin(y(x))$   
 $f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  crosses more zeros between  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  than it does between  $x_2$  &  $x_3$

Ex 10 :  $f(x) = x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$



Dashed lines represent  
 $f(x) = \pm |x|$ .  
↑  
Absolute  
value sign.

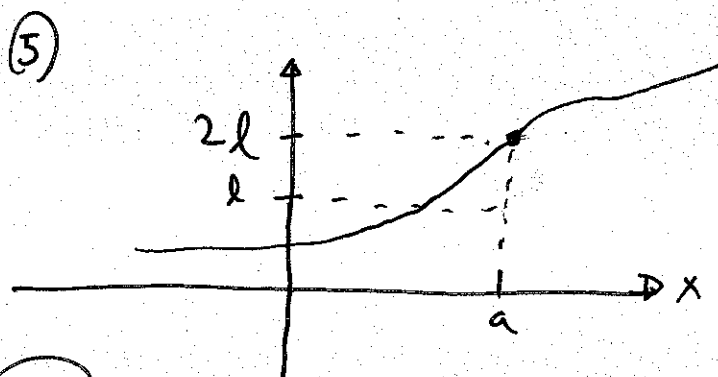
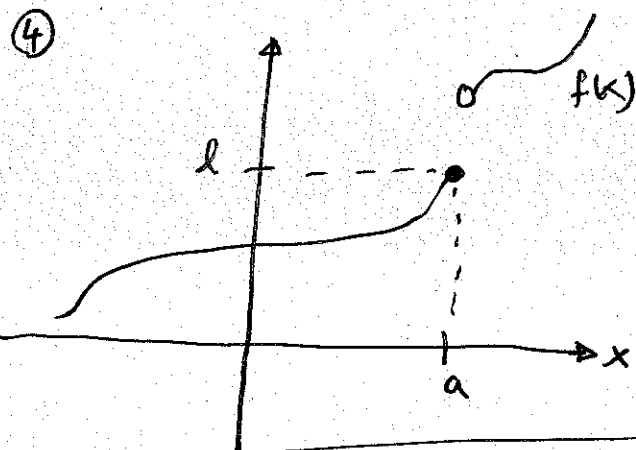
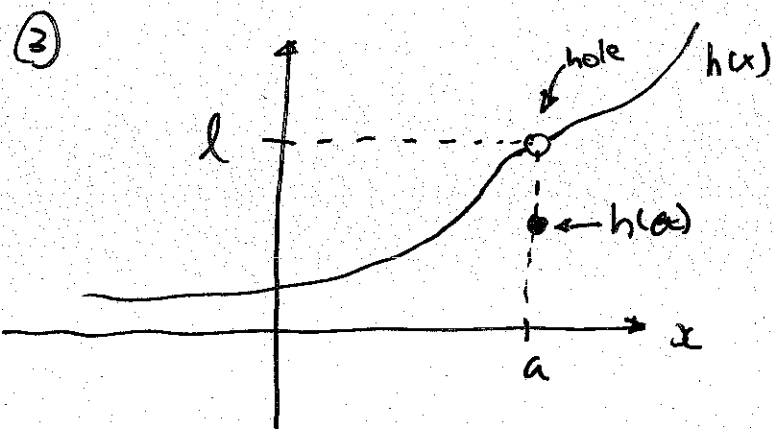
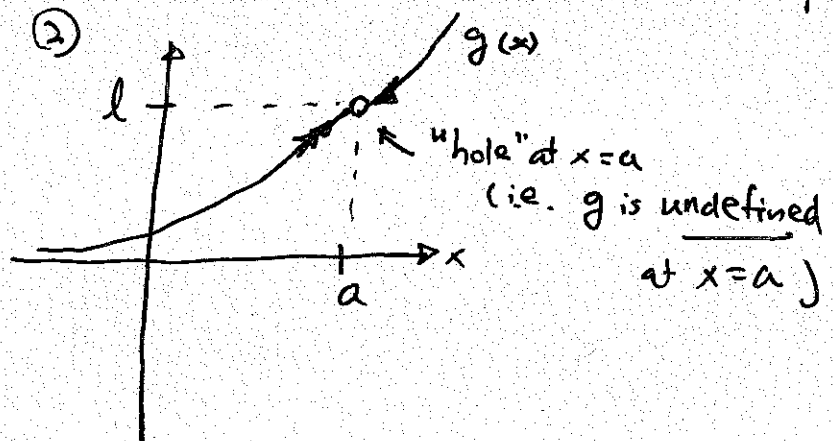
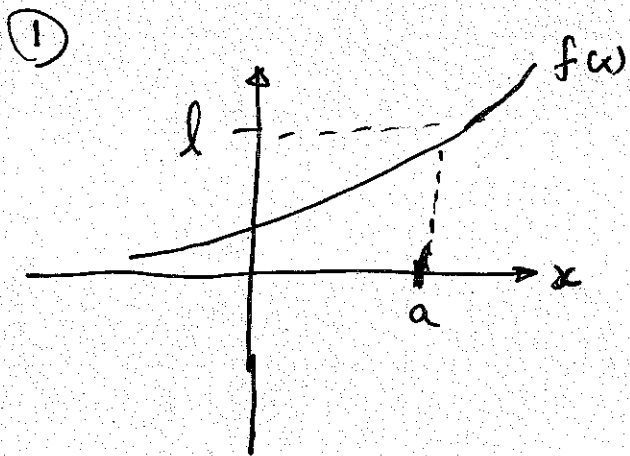
Ex 11 :  $f(x) = x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$



Dashed curves represent  
 $f(x) = \pm x^2$ .

• Limits : This tells us how a function  $f(x)$  "behavior" near a particular value of  $x$ .  
(but not exactly at  $x$ ).

Def<sup>n</sup> (Physical "loose" definition) : The function  $f$  approaches the limit " $l$ " near " $a$ ", if we can make  $f(x)$  as close as we like to " $l$ " by requiring that " $x$ " be sufficiently close to, but unequal to, " $a$ ".



of these, only ①, ②, and ③ have a function approaching  $l$  ~~near~~ at  $x=a$ .

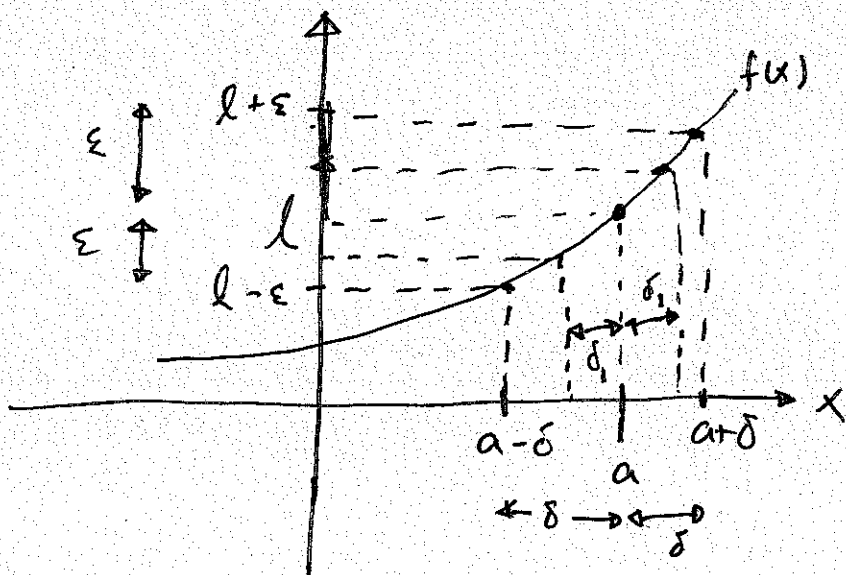
Looking at ② & ③, notice that we simply do not care what the function does exactly at  $x=a$ ; only what happens near it.

We need to be much more rigorous about our definition of a limit. (In mathematics, we need to be rigorous.)

To motivate a rigorous def<sup>n</sup> of "limit", look at ~~the~~ our physical "loose" def<sup>n</sup> of limit on previous page.

It says "The function  $f(x)$  approaches the limit " $l$ ", near " $x=a$ "

• We can be more specific by asking ① "how closely does  $f(x)$  approach  $l$ "  
 and → ② "how ~~near~~ much near ~~"a"~~ does  $x$  need to be in order for that to happen?"



← This shows that  $f(x)$  is within distance " $\epsilon$ " of  $l$  as long as  $x$  is within distance  $\delta$  of  $a$ .

(Note:  $\epsilon$  and  $\delta$  are some positive numbers.)

That is:

$$|f(x) - l| < \epsilon \text{ as long as } |x - a| < \delta.$$

But notice also that  $\delta_1$  qualifies ~~as~~

that is:  $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon$  as long as  $|x - a| < \delta_1$ ,

In fact you can pick any  $\tilde{\delta} > 0$  (where  $\tilde{\delta} < \delta$ )

and you'd get  $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon$  for  $|x - a| < \tilde{\delta}$ .

The smaller you make  $\tilde{\delta}$  (some # you pick), the tighter the bound  $|f(x) - l|$  becomes.



The idea behind "limit" is that ~~for whatever~~ if indeed  $f(x)$  approaches  $l$  as  $x$  gets near " $a$ ", then it means that

for whatever number  $\epsilon$  ( $\epsilon > 0$ ) I give you, you should be able to find some number  $\delta$  ( $\delta > 0$ ) such that the following condition is satisfied:

$$|f(x) - l| < \epsilon \text{ as long as } |x - a| < \delta$$

\* Formal def<sup>n</sup> of limit:

The function  $f$  approaches the limit  $l$  near  $a$  means: for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is some  $\delta > 0$  such that, for all  $x$ , if  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon$ .

↑ called " $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  def<sup>n</sup> of limit"

Ex 12:

Consider  ~~$f(x) = x$~~ .

Question:  $f(x) = \sqrt{2}x$ .

Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \sqrt{2}a$

Proof: Looking at the def<sup>n</sup> ( $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ ) of limit, ~~we need to find~~ given an arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ , we need to find an appropriate small positive number  $\delta$  ( $\delta > 0$ ) such that

$$|f(x) - \sqrt{2}a| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } |x - a| < \delta.$$

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so, suppose we're given some positive  $\epsilon > 0$ .

then,  $|\sqrt{2}x - \sqrt{2}a| < \epsilon$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{2}|x-a| < \epsilon$$

this arrow means "implies" (in both directions)

$$\Leftrightarrow |x-a| < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}} < \epsilon \text{ since } \sqrt{2} > 1 \right)$$

so we can pick this number to be our  $\delta$ .

That is,  $|\sqrt{2}x - \sqrt{2}a| < \epsilon$  whenever  $0 < |x-a| < \delta$   
(where  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}}$ )

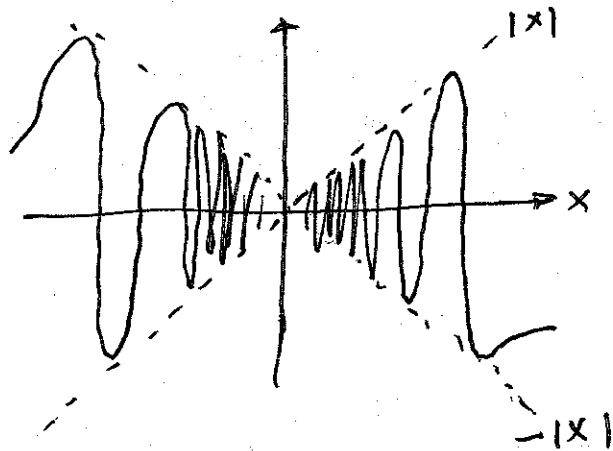
In fact, we can even pick  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{3}}$  (since  $\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{3}} < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}}$ )

or  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{100}}$  (since  $\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{100}} < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}}$ )

and so on. There are infinite # of possible values of  $\delta$  we could pick.

But notice that any value larger than  $\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}}$  as our  $\delta$  would not work for us:  $\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}}$  is the absolutely largest value of  $\delta$  we can pick. □

Ex 13: Question: prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$



proof: Given some  $\epsilon$  ( $\epsilon > 0$ ), we need to find  $\delta$  ( $\delta > 0$ )

such that  $|x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 0| < \epsilon$

~~where~~ as long as  $0 < |x-0| < \delta$ .

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That is, we need  $\delta$  such that

$$|x \sin(\frac{1}{x})| < \epsilon \quad \text{as long as } 0 < |x| < \delta.$$

To do this:

Notice that  $0 \leq |\sin(\frac{1}{x})| \leq 1$

And so; multiplying both sides by  $|x|$  we get:

$$0 \leq |x| \cdot |\sin(\frac{1}{x})| \leq |x| \cdot 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 \leq |x \sin(\frac{1}{x})| \leq |x|$$

↑ upper bound on  $|x \sin(\frac{1}{x})|$ .

so, if  $|x| < \epsilon$ , then  $|x \sin(\frac{1}{x})| \leq |x| < \epsilon$ .

Hence, if we let  $\delta = \epsilon$ , then:

$$|x \sin(\frac{1}{x})| < \epsilon \quad \text{as long as } |x| < \delta.$$

↑ ( $\delta = \epsilon$  here.)

~~Again,~~

As with eg. 12, this not the only  $\delta$  we could've picked.

We could have picked  $\delta = \epsilon/2$ , for example.

Since:  $0 < |x-0| < \delta$  means  $0 < |x| < \epsilon/2$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < |x| \cdot |\sin(\frac{1}{x})| \leq |x| < \epsilon/2$$

~~$\Rightarrow$~~   ~~$|x \sin(\frac{1}{x})|$~~

$$\Rightarrow |x \sin(\frac{1}{x})| \leq |x| < \epsilon/2 < \epsilon.$$

means "therefore"

∴ Indeed,  $|x \sin(\frac{1}{x}) - 0| < \epsilon$

as long as  $0 < |x-0| < \epsilon/2$  ( $\delta = \epsilon/2$ ).

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" $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ " proofs like the ones you've just seen on previous pages are not easy. Fortunately, we don't have to go through the " $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ " hardly ever to evaluate limits of functions.

To easily evaluate limits of functions, we use the following "Limit Theorem":

(Thm)

Thm 1: If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l_1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = l_2$   
 then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) + g(x)) = l_1 + l_2$

Reason: Since near " $a$ ",  $f(x) \approx l_1$  and  $g(x) \approx l_2$

so:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f+g)(x) = l_1 + l_2$   
 "approximately" near

~~Ex 13~~  
Ex 14:  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 3$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = ?$

Ans:  $\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 sum of 3 functions.

And,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3 = 2^3 = 8$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 = 2^2 = 4$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3 = 3$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 8 + 4 + 3 = 15$$

"implies"



Thm 2: If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l_1$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = l_2$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot g(x) = l_1 \cdot l_2$$

↑  
"times"

Reason: Since near "a",  $f(x) \approx l_1$  and  $g(x) \approx l_2$

So:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot g(x) = l_1 \cdot l_2$

↑  
means "approximately near"

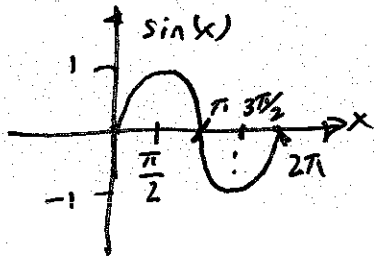
Ex 15:  $f(x) = x \cdot \sin(x) \cdot \cos(x) \cdot \sec(x)$

← product of 4 functions.

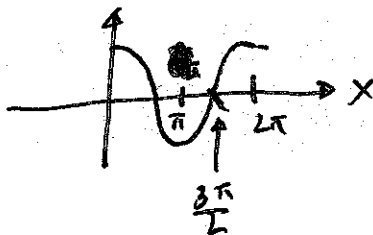
then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} f(x) = ?$

Ans:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} \sin(x) = \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = -1$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} \cos(x) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = 0$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} \sec(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \rightarrow \infty$

↑  
blows up

since  $\cos(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}$

So...  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} f(x) = \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \cdot (-1) \cdot (0) \cdot (\infty)$   
 $= \infty ??$

No!

In fact,  $0 \cdot \infty$  so why ~~not~~?  
 not  $0 \cdot \infty = 0$   
 How do you know  $\infty$  wins out over zero?

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The problem here is that we have just blindly plugged in numbers. Whenever you see products involving "0" or " $\infty$ ", you need to look more carefully. Remember,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  is about how the function behaves when  $x$  approaches  $a$  but we don't actually care what happens when  $x$  is exactly equal to  $a$ .

Going back to our problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} x \sin(x) \cos(x) \sec(x) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2}} x (\sin(x)) \frac{\cos(x)}{\cos(x)} \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{2} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = \boxed{-\frac{3\pi}{2}} \leftarrow \text{Actual answer.} \end{aligned}$$

Thm 3: If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l_1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = l_2$   
and  $l_2 \neq 0$ ; then:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{l_1}{l_2}$

But if  $l_2 = 0$ ; then what? (For the same physical reason as with the previous 2 theorems.)

Case 1: If  $l_1 \neq 0$  and  $l_2 = 0$ ; then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \pm \infty$ .

Which sign you use depends on the sign of  $l_1$ .

Case 2 : If both  $l_1 = 0$  and  $l_2 = 0$  :

then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

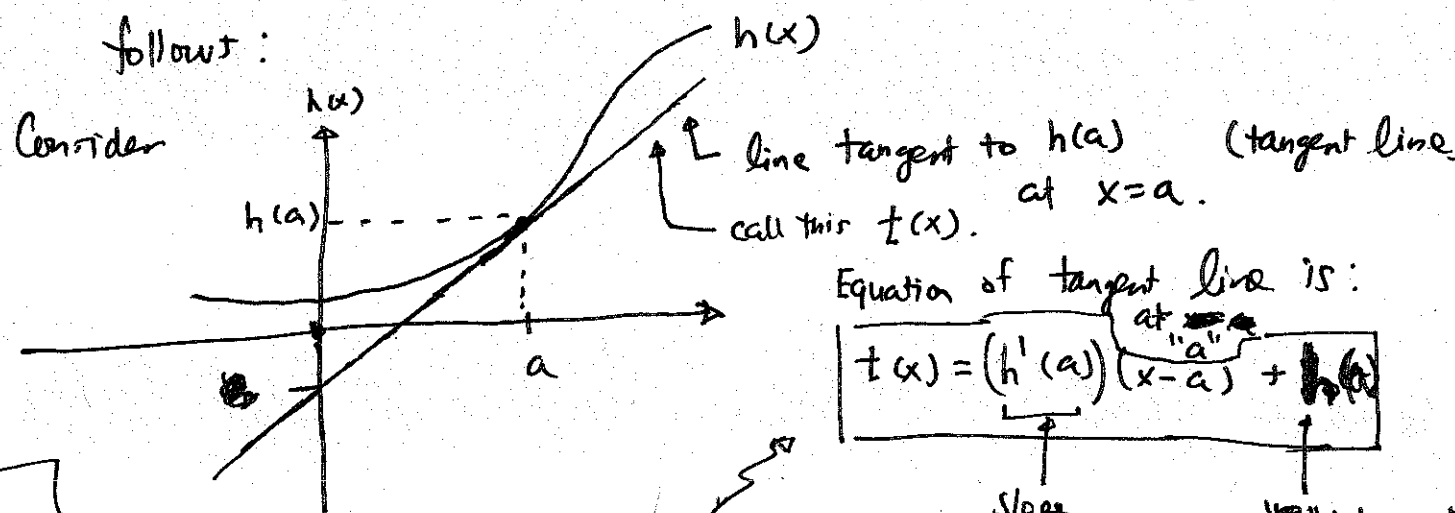
as long as  $f$  &  $g$  are both differentiable. [i.e.  $f'$  &  $g'$  both exist.]

Another way of writing  $\frac{df}{dx}$  and  $\frac{dg}{dx}$ .

called "l'Hôpital's rule"

Question : Why is l'Hôpital's rule true?

Answer : Not a rigorous proof but the physical reasoning is as follows :



Main Idea : When you're sitting near "a", any function  $h(x)$  looks like a straight line passing through  $(a, h(a))$  point.

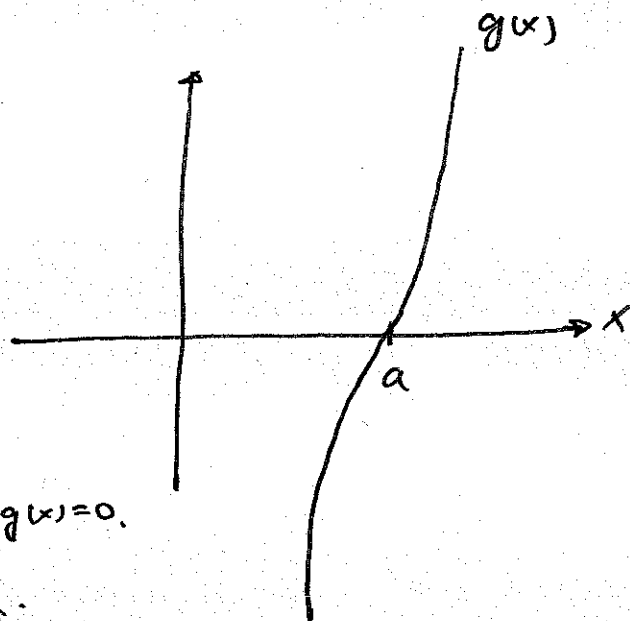
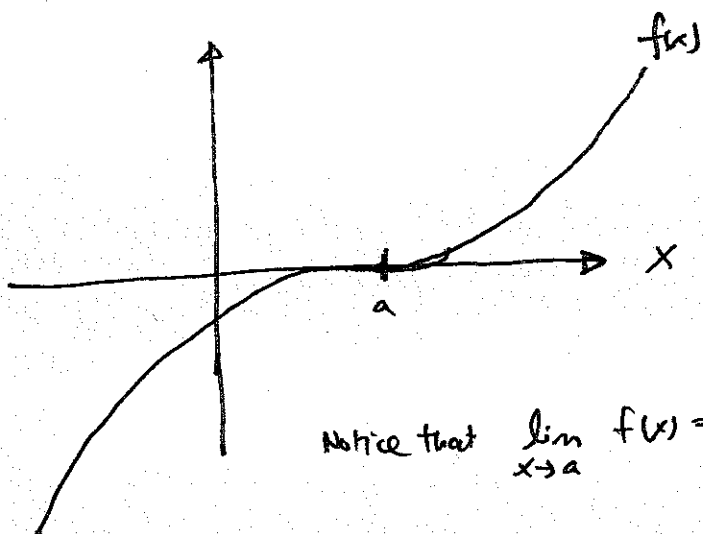
This is just the equation of a straight line applied to describe this particular tangent line.

Then near "a" : (i.e. when  $x \approx a$ ) :

$h(x) \approx [h'(a)](x-a) + h(a)$

means "approximately near"  $(h(x) \approx [h'(a)](x-a) + h(a))$

So going back to our problem:



Notice that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$ .

Using the approximation from previous pg:

$$f(x) \approx f'(a)(x-a) + \underbrace{f(a)}_0 = f'(a)(x-a)$$

$$g(x) \approx g'(a)(x-a) + \underbrace{g(a)}_0 = g'(a)(x-a)$$

When  $x$  is near  $a$ .

So: ~~near  $x$~~

when  $x$  is near " $a$ ":  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \approx \frac{f'(a)(x-a)}{g'(a)(x-a)} = \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)}$

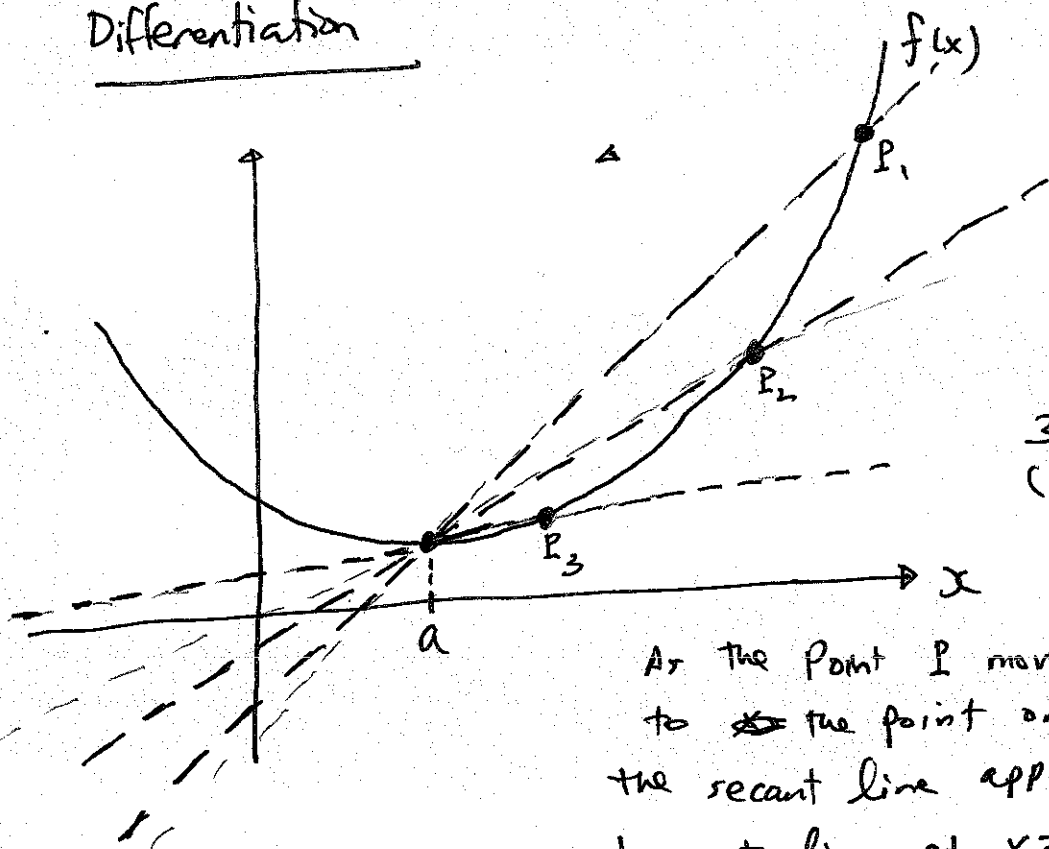
So:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

This is physically why l'Hôpital's rule holds true.





# Differentiation

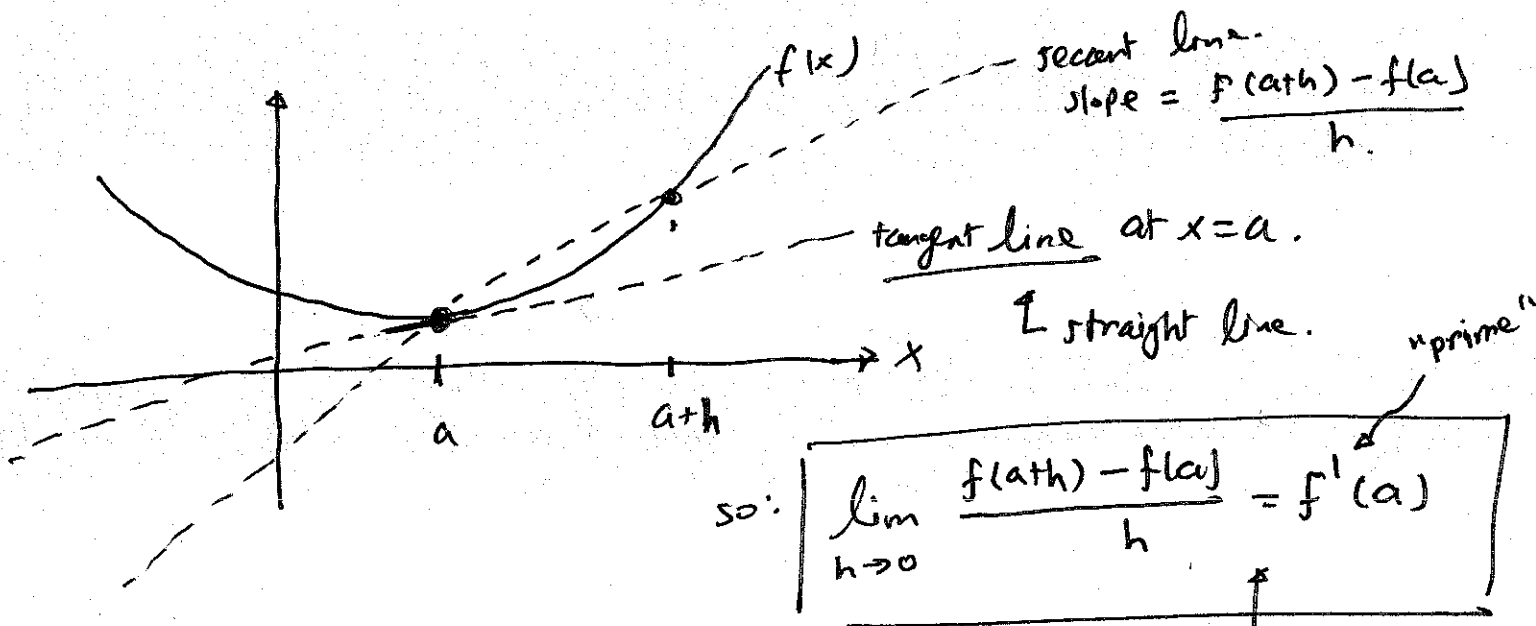


Solid line curve is  $f(x)$ .

Dashed lines are secant lines.

3 secant lines are drawn (passing through points  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_3$ )

As the point  $P$  moves closer and closer to ~~the~~ the point on the curve at  $x=a$ , the secant line approaches the tangent line at  $x=a$ .



secant line  
slope =  $\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$

tangent line at  $x=a$ .

↳ straight line.

so:

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

Also written as  $\frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x=a}$   
sometimes.

Notice that what this is really saying is that any function  $f(x)$  that is differentiable at  $x=a$

looks like a straight line (tangent line) when you zoom in near  $x \approx a$ .