

UNIT 5A


Particle motion $x(t)$ or $y(t)$

$$\text{position} = s(t)$$

$$\text{velocity} = s'(t) \text{ or } v(t)$$


$$\text{acceleration} = s''(t) \text{ or } v'(t) \text{ or } a(t)$$

$$\text{speed} = |v(t)|$$

$x(t)$ 

left/right movement

increasing = right
decreasing = left
change direction = max/min

$y(t)$ 

increasing = up
decreasing = down
change direction = max/min

speed increasing if velocity and acceleration have same sign

speed decreasing if velocity and acceleration have opposite sides.

Alternative form of a derivative

Some functions you can't determine derivative at a point with the derivative rules,

(like absolute value functions)

So we check to see if slopes on both sides match

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$$

Example $f(x) = |x-3|$ find $f'(3)$

no rule so use

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{|x-3| - 0}{x-3}$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{|x-3|}{x-3}$$

Left side

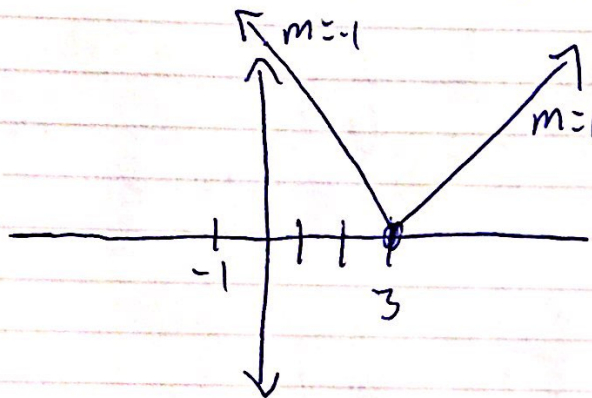
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{|x-3|}{x-3} = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{|x-3|}{x-3} = 1$$

"create a table to see"

lim from left \neq lim from right so DNE

Think about the picture/graph $y = |x-3|$



slope of
tan line
to right of 3
is +1

slope of tan
line to left
of 3 is -1

Ex 2 $f(x) = |x-3|$ find $f'(-1)$

By looking at graph above the left and right
slope of $x = -1$ is -1

so $f'(-1) = -1$

L'Hopital's Rule for Limits

When plugging in c for a limit, if answer results in $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ you can use L'Hopital's Rule

$$\text{If } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ or } \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ can be applied.

$$\text{Ex) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \frac{\sin(0)}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\text{Apply Rule } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{1} = \cos(0) = \boxed{1}$$

$$\text{Ex) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = \frac{1 - \cos(0)}{(0)} = \frac{1 - 1}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\text{Apply Rule } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0 + \sin x}{1} = \sin x = \sin(0) = \boxed{0}$$

Log Differentiation

You can apply log properties to simplify the process of finding derivatives

* Use when the exponent is a variable * Log Both sides

$$\ln ab = \ln a + \ln b$$

$$\ln \frac{a}{b} = \ln a - \ln b$$

$$\ln a^n = n \ln a$$

Remember

$$y = \ln u \quad y' = \frac{u'}{u}$$

Ex 1) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $y = \ln \sqrt{x^2+4}$

so $y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+4)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x}{x^2+4} = \frac{x}{x^2+4} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Ex 2)

$y = x^x$ find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$\ln y = \ln x^x$

so $\ln y = x \ln x$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x$$

$$= 1 + \ln x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(1 + \ln x)$$

$$\rightarrow = x^x(1 + \ln x)$$