

1) Use the General Limit Definition of a derivative to find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = 4x^2 + 6x - 3$

2) Use the Alternative definition of the derivative to find  $G'(2)$  if  $G(x) = \sqrt{2x - 1}$

3) Use the Limit Definition of a Derivative to find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = \sqrt{8 - x}$

4) Use the General Limit Definition of a derivative to find  $f'(2)$  if  $f(x) = \frac{9}{5-x}$

5) Use either general or alternative method above to find the equation of the tangent line to  $f(x) = 2 - 5x - 3x^2$  at  $x = 2$ .

1) Use the General Limit Definition of a derivative to find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = 4x^2 + 6x - 3$

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

$$f(x+h) = 4(x+h)^2 + 6(x+h) - 3$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4(x+h)^2 + 6(x+h) - 3 - (4x^2 + 6x - 3)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) + 6x + 6h - 3 - 4x^2 - 6x + 3}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2 + 8xh + 4h^2 + 6x + 6h - 3 - 4x^2 - 6x + 3}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8xh + 4h^2 + 6h}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(8x + 4h + 6)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = 8x + 6$$

2) Use the Alternative definition of the derivative to find  $G'(2)$  if  $G(x) = \sqrt{2x-1}$

$$G'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{G(x) - G(c)}{x - c}$$

$$G(2) = \sqrt{2(2)-1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$G'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{G(x) - G(2)}{x - 2}$$

$$G'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{2x-1} - \sqrt{3}}{x - 2}$$

$$G'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(\sqrt{2x-1} - \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2x-1} + \sqrt{3})}{(x - 2)(\sqrt{2x-1} + \sqrt{3})}$$

$$G'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x - 1 - 3}{(x - 2)(\sqrt{2x-1} + \sqrt{3})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x - 4}{(x - 2)(\sqrt{2x-1} + \sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2(x - 2)}{(x - 2)(\sqrt{2x-1} + \sqrt{3})} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

3) Use the Limit Definition of a Derivative to find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = \sqrt{8-x}$

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

$$f(x+h) = \sqrt{8 - (x+h)} = \sqrt{8-x-h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{8-x-h} - \sqrt{8-x})(\sqrt{8-x-h} + \sqrt{8-x})}{h(\sqrt{8-x-h} + \sqrt{8-x})}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8-x-h - (8-x)}{h(\sqrt{8-x-h} + \sqrt{8-x})}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h(\sqrt{8-x-h} + \sqrt{8-x})}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{8-x-h} + \sqrt{8-x}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{8-x}}$$

$$G'(2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

4) Use the General Limit Definition of a derivative to find  $f'(2)$  if  $f(x) = \frac{9}{5-x}$  \* Find  $f'(x)$  first!!

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

$$f(x+h) = \frac{9}{5-(x+h)}$$

$$f(x+h) = \frac{9}{5-x-h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{9}{5-x-h} - \frac{9}{5-x}}{h} \cdot \frac{(5-x-h)(5-x)}{(5-x-h)(5-x)}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{9(5-x) - 9(5-x-h)}{h(5-x-h)(5-x)}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{45 - 9x - 45 + 9x + 9h}{h(5-x-h)(5-x)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{9h}{h(5-x-h)(5-x)}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{9}{(5-x-h)(5-x)} = \frac{9}{(5-x)(5-x)}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{9}{(5-x)^2}$$

$$f'(2) = \frac{9}{(5-2)^2} = \frac{9}{3^2} = 1$$

$$f'(2) = 1$$

5) Use either general or alternative method above to find the equation of the tangent line to  $f(x) = 2 - 5x - 3x^2$  at  $x = 2$ .

$$f(x+h) = 2 - 5(x+h) - 3(x+h)^2$$

General Method:  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 - 5(x+h) - 3(x+h)^2 - (2 - 5x - 3x^2)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 - 5x - 5h - 3(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - 2 + 5x + 3x^2}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 - 5x - 5h - 3x^2 - 6xh - 3h^2 - 2 + 5x + 3x^2}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-5h - 6xh - 3h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h(-5 - 6x - 3h)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -5 - 6x - 3h = -5 - 6x$$

$$f'(x) = -5 - 6x$$

point:  $f(2) = 2 - 5(2) - 3(2)^2 = -20$

slope:  $f'(2) = -5 - 6(2) = -17$

Alternative Method:  $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} \leftarrow f(2) = -20$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2 - 5x - 3x^2 - (-20)}{x - 2}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-3x^2 - 5x + 22}{x - 2}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-(3x^2 + 5x - 22)}{x - 2} \quad \frac{11 \cancel{6} / 6}{3 \cancel{5} / 3}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-(3x+11)(x-2)}{(x-2)}$$

$$f'(2) = -(3(2) + 11)$$

$$f'(2) = -17$$

point:  $(2, -20)$

slope:  $m = -17$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y + 20 = -17(x - 2)$$