

Figure 22  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2x & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x - 2 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$

(b) See Figure 22. The function  $g$  is continuous at 1, which you should verify. To determine whether  $g$  is differentiable at 1, examine the one-sided limits at 1 using Form (1).

For  $x < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{g(x) - g(1)}{x - 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(1 - 2x) - (-1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{2 - 2x}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{-2(x - 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (-2) = -2 \end{aligned}$$

For  $x > 1$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{g(x) - g(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{(x - 2) - (-1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x - 1}{x - 1} = 1$$

The one-sided limits are not equal, so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{g(x) - g(1)}{x - 1}$  does not exist. That is,  $g$  is not differentiable at 1. ■

Notice in Figure 21 the tangent lines to the graph of  $f$  turn smoothly around the origin. On the other hand, notice in Figure 22 the tangent lines to the graph of  $g$  change abruptly at the point  $(1, -1)$ , where the graph of  $g$  has a corner.

**NOW WORK** Problem 41 and AP<sup>®</sup> Practice Problems 3, 4, 6, and 7.

## 2.2 Assess Your Understanding

### Concepts and Vocabulary

- True or False** The domain of a function  $f$  and the domain of its derivative function  $f'$  are always equal.
- True or False** If a function is continuous at a number  $c$ , then it is differentiable at  $c$ .
- Multiple Choice** If  $f$  is continuous at a number  $c$  and if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$  is infinite, then the graph of  $f$  has

[(a) a horizontal (b) a vertical (c) no]

tangent line at  $c$ .

- The instruction, "Differentiate  $f$ ," means to find the \_\_\_\_\_ of  $f$ .

### Skill Building

In Problems 5–10, find the derivative of each function  $f$  at any real number  $c$ . Use Form (1) on page 171.

- $f(x) = 10$
- $f(x) = -4$
- $f(x) = 2x + 3$
- $f(x) = 3x - 5$
- $f(x) = 2 - x^2$
- $f(x) = 2x^2 + 4$

In Problems 11–16, differentiate each function  $f$  and determine the domain of  $f'$ . Use Form (2) on page 172.

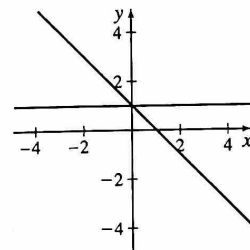
- $f(x) = 5$
- $f(x) = -2$
- $f(x) = 3x^2 + x + 5$
- $f(x) = 2x^2 - x - 7$
- $f(x) = 5\sqrt{x - 1}$
- $f(x) = 4\sqrt{x + 3}$

In Problems 17–22, differentiate each function  $f$ . Graph  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f'(x)$  on the same set of coordinate axes.

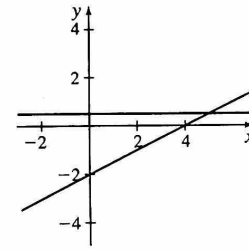
- $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x + 1$
- $f(x) = -4x - 5$
- $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x$
- $f(x) = -3x^2 + 2$
- $f(x) = x^3 - 8x$
- $f(x) = -x^3 - 8$

In Problems 23–26, for each figure determine if the graphs represent a function  $f$  and its derivative  $f'$ . If they do, indicate which is the graph of  $f$  and which is the graph of  $f'$ .

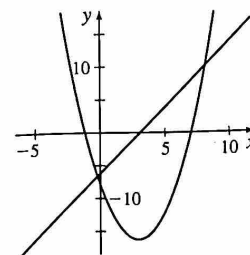
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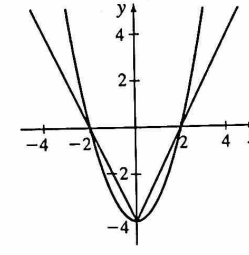
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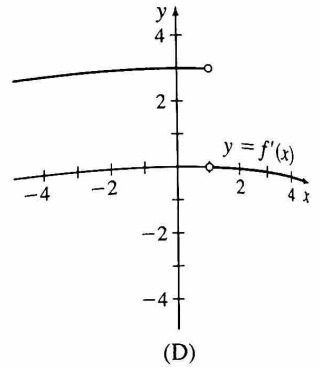
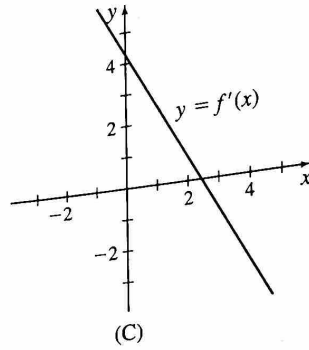
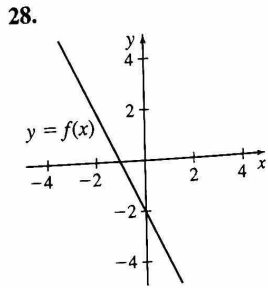
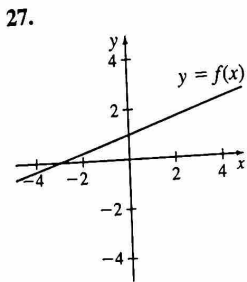
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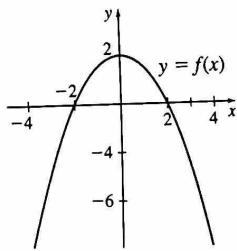
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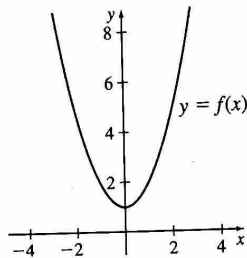
In Problems 27–30, use the graph of  $f$  to obtain the graph of  $f'$ .



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In Problems 35–44, determine whether each function  $f$  has a derivative at  $c$ . If it does, what is  $f'(c)$ ? If it does not, give the reason why.

35.  $f(x) = x^{2/3}$  at  $c = -8$       36.  $f(x) = 2x^{1/3}$  at  $c = 0$   
 37.  $f(x) = |x^2 - 4|$  at  $c = 2$       38.  $f(x) = |x^2 - 4|$  at  $c = -1$

PAGE 176 39.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ x^2 + 4 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$  at  $c = 1$

40.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 - 4x & \text{if } x < -1 \\ 2x + 9 & \text{if } x \geq -1 \end{cases}$  at  $c = -1$

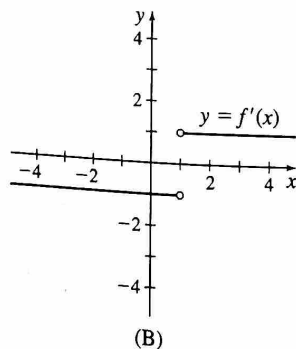
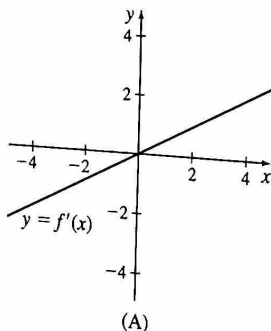
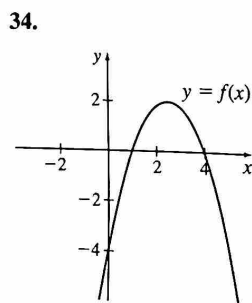
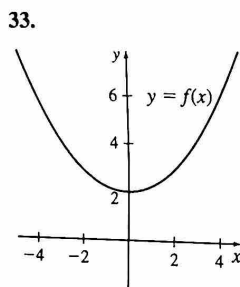
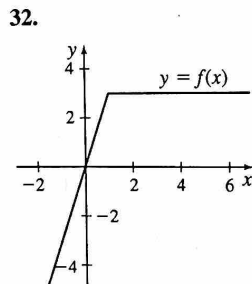
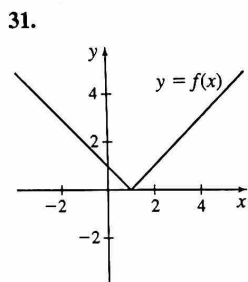
PAGE 178 41.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -4 + 2x & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 4x^2 - 4 & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$  at  $c = \frac{1}{2}$

42.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ -1 - 4x & \text{if } x \geq -1 \end{cases}$  at  $c = -1$

PAGE 178 43.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ 2 + 2x & \text{if } x \geq -1 \end{cases}$  at  $c = -1$

44.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 - 2x & \text{if } x < 2 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$  at  $c = 2$

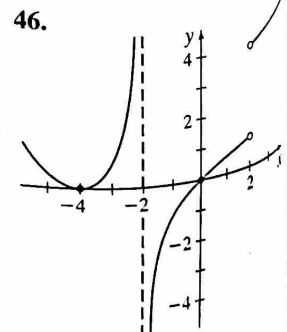
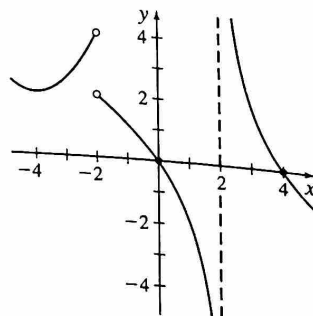
In Problems 31–34, the graph of a function  $f$  is given. Match each graph to the graph of its derivative  $f'$  in A–D.

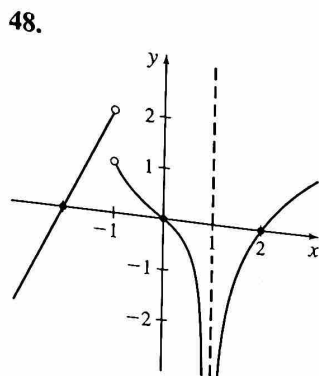
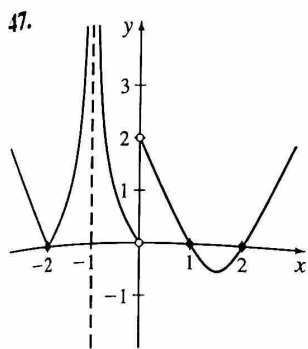


In Problems 45–48, each function  $f$  is continuous for all real numbers, and the graph of  $y = f'(x)$  is given.

- (a) Does the graph of  $f$  have any horizontal tangent lines? If yes, explain why and identify where they occur.  
 (b) Does the graph of  $f$  have any vertical tangent lines? If yes, explain why, identify where they occur, and determine whether the point is a cusp of  $f$ .  
 (c) Does the graph of  $f$  have any corners? If yes, explain why and identify where they occur.

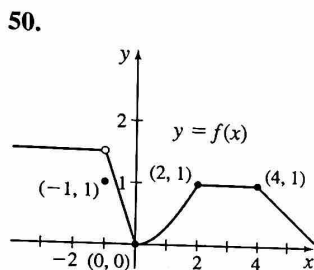
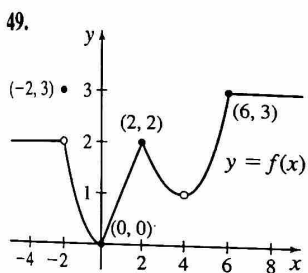
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In Problems 49 and 50, use the given points  $(c, f(c))$  on the graph of the function  $f$ .

- (a) For which numbers  $c$  does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exist but  $f$  is not continuous at  $c$ ?
- (b) For which numbers  $c$  is  $f$  continuous at  $c$  but not differentiable at  $c$ ?



In Problems 51–54, find the derivative of each function.

51.  $f(x) = mx + b$
52.  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
53.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$
54.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

### Applications and Extensions

In Problems 55–66, each limit represents the derivative of a function  $f$  at some number  $c$ . Determine  $f$  and  $c$  in each case.

55.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^2 - 4}{h}$
56.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h}$
57.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$
58.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^4 - 1}{x - 1}$
59.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9+h} - 3}{h}$
60.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(8+h)^{1/3} - 2}{h}$
61.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/6} \frac{\sin x - \frac{1}{2}}{x - \frac{\pi}{6}}$
62.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \frac{\cos x - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{x - \frac{\pi}{4}}$
63.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2(x+2)^2 - (x+2) - 6}{x}$
64.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^3 - 2x}{x}$
65.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+h)^2 + 2(3+h) - 15}{h}$
66.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3(h-1)^2 + h - 3}{h}$

67. **Units** The volume  $V$  (in cubic feet) of a balloon is expanding according to  $V = V(t) = 4t$ , where  $t$  is the time (in seconds). Find the rate of change of the volume of the balloon with respect to time. What are the units of  $V'(t)$ ?

68. **Units** The area  $A$  (in square miles) of a circular patch of oil is expanding according to  $A = A(t) = 2t$ , where  $t$  is the time (in hours). At what rate is the area changing with respect to time? What are the units of  $A'(t)$ ?

69. **Units** A manufacturer of precision digital switches has a daily cost  $C$  (in dollars) of  $C(x) = 10,000 + 3x$ , where  $x$  is the number of switches produced daily. What is the rate of change of cost with respect to  $x$ ? What are the units of  $C'(x)$ ?

70. **Units** A manufacturer of precision digital switches has daily revenue  $R$  (in dollars) of  $R(x) = 5x - \frac{x^2}{2000}$ , where  $x$  is the number of switches produced daily. What is the rate of change of revenue with respect to  $x$ ? What are the units of  $R'(x)$ ?

71.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$

- (a) Determine whether  $f$  is continuous at 0.
- (b) Determine whether  $f'(0)$  exists.
- (c) Graph the function  $f$  and its derivative  $f'$ .

72. For the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$

- (a) Determine whether  $f$  is continuous at 0.
- (b) Determine whether  $f'(0)$  exists.
- (c) Graph the function  $f$  and its derivative  $f'$ .

73. **Velocity** The distance  $s$  (in feet) of an automobile from the origin at time  $t$  (in seconds) is given by the position function

$$s = s(t) = \begin{cases} t^3 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 5 \\ 125 & \text{if } t \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

(This could represent a crash test in which a vehicle is accelerated until it hits a brick wall at  $t = 5$  s.)

- (a) Find the velocity just before impact (at  $t = 4.99$  s) and just after impact (at  $t = 5.01$  s).
- (b) Is the velocity function  $v = s'(t)$  continuous at  $t = 5$ ?
- (c) How do you interpret the answer to (b)?

74. **Population Growth** A simple model for population growth states that the rate of change of population size  $P$  with respect to time  $t$  is proportional to the population size. Express this statement as an equation involving a derivative.

75. **Atmospheric Pressure** Atmospheric pressure  $p$  decreases as the distance  $x$  from the surface of Earth increases, and the rate of change of pressure with respect to altitude is proportional to the pressure. Express this law as an equation involving a derivative.

76. **Electrical Current** Under certain conditions, an electric current  $I$  will die out at a rate (with respect to time  $t$ ) that is proportional to the current remaining. Express this law as an equation involving a derivative.

77. **Tangent Line** Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 2$ . Find all points on the graph of  $f$  for which the tangent line passes through the origin.

78. **Tangent Line** Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$ . Find all points on the graph of  $f$  for which the tangent line passes through the point  $(1, -1)$ .

**79. Area and Circumference of a Circle** A circle of radius  $r$  has area  $A = \pi r^2$  and circumference  $C = 2\pi r$ . If the radius changes from  $r$  to  $r + \Delta r$ , find the:

- (a) Change in area.
- (b) Change in circumference.
- (c) Average rate of change of area with respect to radius.
- (d) Average rate of change of circumference with respect to radius.
- (e) Rate of change of circumference with respect to radius.

**80. Volume of a Sphere** The volume  $V$  of a sphere of radius  $r$  is  $V = \frac{4\pi r^3}{3}$ . If the radius changes from  $r$  to  $r + \Delta r$ , find the:

- (a) Change in volume.
- (b) Average rate of change of volume with respect to radius.
- (c) Rate of change of volume with respect to radius.

**81.** Use the definition of the derivative to show that  $f(x) = |x|$  is not differentiable at 0.

**82.** Use the definition of the derivative to show that  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$  is not differentiable at 0.

**83.** If  $f$  is an even function that is differentiable at  $c$ , show that its derivative function is odd. That is, show  $f'(-c) = -f'(c)$ .

**84.** If  $f$  is an odd function that is differentiable at  $c$ , show that its derivative function is even. That is, show  $f'(-c) = f'(c)$ .

**85. Tangent Lines and Derivatives** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions each with derivatives at  $c$ . State the relationship between their tangent lines at  $c$  if:

(a)  $f'(c) = g'(c)$       (b)  $f'(c) = -\frac{1}{g'(c)}$        $g'(c) \neq 0$

**Challenge Problems**

**86.** Let  $f$  be a function defined for all real numbers  $x$ . Suppose  $f$  has the following properties:

$f(u + v) = f(u)f(v)$        $f(0) = 1$        $f'(0)$  exists

- (a) Show that  $f'(x)$  exists for all real numbers  $x$ .
- (b) Show that  $f'(x) = f'(0)f(x)$ .

**87.** A function  $f$  is defined for all real numbers and has the following three properties:

$f(1) = 5$        $f(3) = 21$        $f(a + b) - f(a) = kab + 2b^2$

for all real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  where  $k$  is a fixed real number independent of  $a$  and  $b$ .

- (a) Use  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$  to find  $k$ .
- (b) Find  $f'(3)$ .
- (c) Find  $f'(x)$  for all real  $x$ .

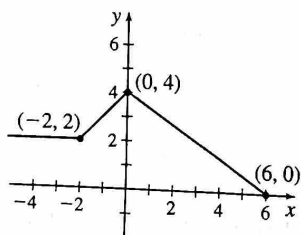
**88.** A function  $f$  is **periodic** if there is a positive number  $p$  so that  $f(x + p) = f(x)$  for all  $x$ . Suppose  $f$  is differentiable. Show that if  $f$  is periodic with period  $p$ , then  $f'$  is also periodic with period  $p$ .

**AP® Practice Problems**



**PAGE 176** **1.** The function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - ax & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ ax + b & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants. If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$ , then  $a + b =$   
 (A) -3    (B) -2    (C) 0    (D) 2

**PAGE 172** **2.** The graph of the function  $f$ , given below, consists of three line segments. Find  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h}$ .



- (A) -1    (B)  $-\frac{2}{3}$     (C)  $-\frac{3}{2}$     (D) does not exist

**PAGE 179** **3.** If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5} & \text{if } x \neq 5 \\ 5 & \text{if } x = 5 \end{cases}$  which of the following statements about  $f$  are true?

- I.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f$  exists.
  - II.  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 5$ .
  - III.  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 5$ .
- (A) I only                      (B) I and II only  
 (C) I and III only          (D) I, II, and III

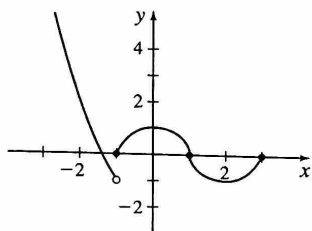
**PAGE 179** **4.** Suppose  $f$  is a function that is differentiable on the open interval  $(-2, 8)$ . If  $f(0) = 3$ ,  $f(2) = -3$ , and  $f(7) = 3$ , which of the following must be true?

- I.  $f$  has at least 2 zeros.
  - II.  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[-1, 7]$ .
  - III. For some  $c$ ,  $0 < c < 7$ ,  $f(c) = -2$ .
- (A) I only                      (B) I and II only  
 (C) II and III only          (D) I, II, and III

**PAGE 176** **5.** If  $f(x) = |x|$ , which of the following statements about  $f$  are true?

- I.  $f$  is continuous at 0.
  - II.  $f$  is differentiable at 0.
  - III.  $f(0) = 0$ .
- (A) I only                      (B) III only  
 (C) I and III only          (D) I, II, and III

- PAGE 179** 6. The graph of the function  $f$  shown in the figure has horizontal tangent lines at the points  $(0, 1)$  and  $(2, -1)$  and a vertical tangent line at the point  $(1, 0)$ . For what numbers  $x$  in the open interval  $(-2, 3)$  is  $f$  not differentiable?



- (A)  $-1$  only                      (B)  $-1$  and  $1$  only  
(C)  $-1, 0,$  and  $2$  only        (D)  $-1, 0, 1,$  and  $2$

- PAGE 179** 7. Let  $f$  be a function for which  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = -3$ .

Which of the following must be true?

- I.  $f$  is continuous at  $1$ .  
II.  $f$  is differentiable at  $1$ .  
III.  $f'$  is continuous at  $1$ .

- (A) I only                      (B) II only  
(C) I and II only              (D) I, II, and III

8. At what point on the graph of  $f(x) = x^2 - 4$  is the tangent line parallel to the line  $6x - 3y = 2$ ?

- (A)  $(1, -3)$     (B)  $(1, 2)$     (C)  $(2, 0)$     (D)  $(2, 4)$

- PAGE 176** 9. At  $x = 2$ , the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 4x + 1 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ 3x^2 - 3 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$  is

- (A) Both continuous and differentiable.  
(B) Continuous but not differentiable.  
(C) Differentiable but not continuous.  
(D) Neither continuous nor differentiable.

- PAGE 173** 10. Oil is leaking from a tank. The amount of oil, in gallons, in the tank is given by  $G(t) = 4000 - 3t^2$ , where  $t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 24$  is the number of hours past midnight.

- (a) Find  $G'(5)$  using the definition of the derivative.  
(b) Using appropriate units, interpret the meaning of  $G'(5)$  in the context of the problem.

- PAGE 173** 11. A rod of length  $12$  cm is heated at one end. The table below gives the temperature  $T(x)$  in degrees Celsius at selected numbers  $x$  cm from the heated end.

$x$	0	2	5	7	9	12
$T(x)$	80	71	66	60	54	50

- (a) Use the table to approximate  $T'(8)$ .  
(b) Using appropriate units, interpret  $T'(8)$  in the context of the problem.

## 2.3 The Derivative of a Polynomial Function; The Derivative of $y = e^x$

**OBJECTIVES** When you finish this section, you should be able to:

- 1 Differentiate a constant function (p. 184)
- 2 Differentiate a power function (p. 184)
- 3 Differentiate the sum and the difference of two functions (p. 186)
- 4 Differentiate the exponential function  $y = e^x$  (p. 189)

Finding the derivative of a function from the definition can become tedious, especially if the function  $f$  is complicated. Just as we did for limits, we derive some basic derivative formulas and some properties of derivatives that make finding a derivative simpler.

Before getting started, we introduce other notations commonly used for the derivative  $f'(x)$  of a function  $y = f(x)$ . The most common ones are

$$y' \quad \frac{dy}{dx} \quad Df(x)$$

**Leibniz notation**  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  may be written in several equivalent ways as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}y = \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$$

where  $\frac{d}{dx}$  is an instruction to find the derivative (with respect to the independent variable  $x$ ) of the function  $y = f(x)$ .

In **operator notation**  $Df(x)$ ,  $D$  is said to *operate* on the function, and the result is the derivative of  $f$ . To emphasize that the operation is performed with respect to the independent variable  $x$ , it is sometimes written  $Df(x) = D_x f(x)$ .

We use prime notation or Leibniz notation, or sometimes a mixture of the two, depending on which is more convenient. We do not use the notation  $Df(x)$  in this book.