

Example Find the equation of the line tangent to $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 8$ at $x = 3$.

1. Slope $f'(3) = 3$ $f'(x) = 2x - 3$
 2. point $(3, 8)$ $f'(3) = 2(3) - 3 = 3$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - 3(x+h) + 8 - (x^2 - 3x + 8)}{h}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - 3x - 3h + 8 - x^2 + 3x - 8}{h}$$

$$\frac{2xh + h^2 - 3h}{h}$$

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

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \quad (3, 8)$$

$$y - 8 = 3(x - 3) \quad m = 3$$

$$y - 8 = 3x - 9$$

$$+8 \quad \quad +8$$

$$y = 3x - 1$$

equation of tangent line

Find the equation of the ~~line tangent~~ to $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 8$ at $x = 3$.

normal line = \perp
to
tangent
line

1. slope $m = -1/3$

2. point $(3, 8)$

$$y - 8 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 3)$$

$$y - \cancel{8} = -\frac{1}{3}x + 1 + \cancel{8}$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 3$$

$$f'(3) = 3 \leftarrow \text{slope of tangent}$$

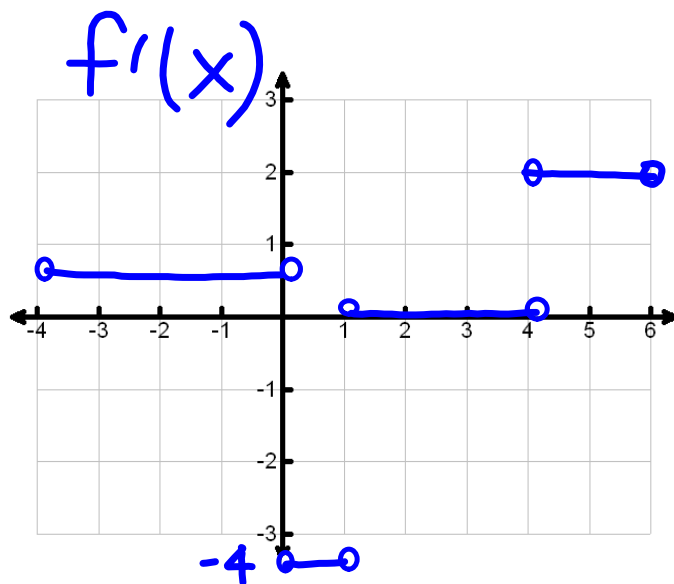
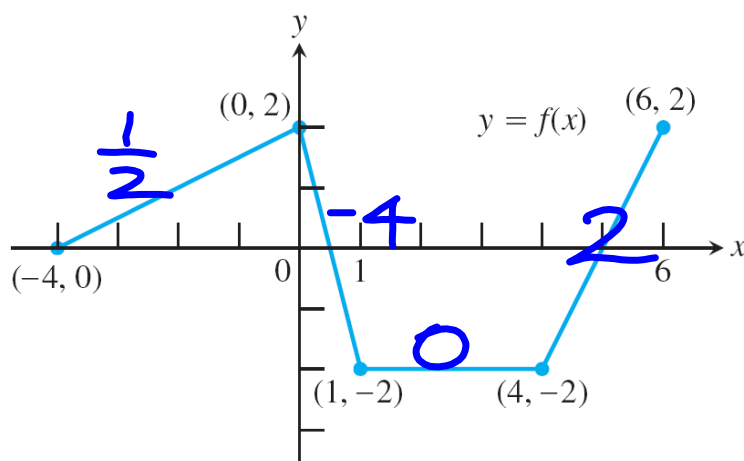
$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 9$$

normal line

Example

Sketch a graph of $f'(x)$.

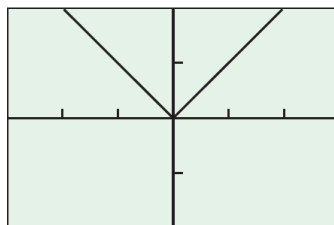
$f'(x) = \text{slope}$



When is a function NOT differentiable?

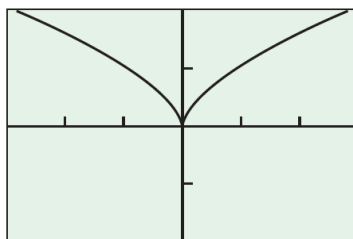
... when the limit of the difference quotient does not exist at a value $x = a$.

1. **Corner** (the one-sided ^{slopes} limits differ)



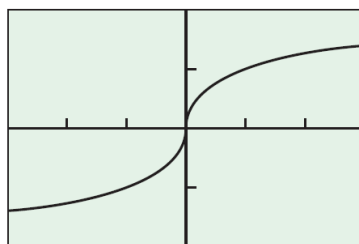
$[-3, 3]$ by $[-2, 2]$

2. **Cusp** (the limit of the difference quotient approaches ∞ from one side and $-\infty$ from the other side)



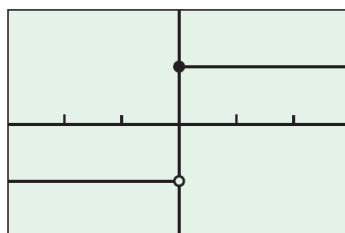
$[-3, 3]$ by $[-2, 2]$

3. **Vertical Tangent** (the limit of the difference quotient approaches ∞ or $-\infty$ from both sides)



$[-3, 3]$ by $[-2, 2]$

4. **Discontinuity** (one or both sides of the difference quotient will not exist)



$[-3, 3]$ by $[-2, 2]$

* Look at a graph to determine differentiability.

Example

Describe the x -values at which the function is differentiable.

not

$$f(x) = |x^2 - 16|$$

$$x = \pm 4 \quad \underline{\underline{\text{corner}}}$$

Example

Describe the x -values at which the function is differentiable.

not

$$f(x) = \frac{2x - 4}{x + 3}$$

$x = -3$ infinite discontinuity

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Solve for the derivative
using the limit definition.

$$f(x) = x^2 + 5x + 6$$

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

$$\frac{(x+h)^2 + 5(x+h) + 6 - (x^2 + 5x + 6)}{h}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 5x + 5h + 6 - x^2 - 5x - 6}{h}$$

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

$$2x + 0 + 5 = 2x + 5$$

Attachments

Graphs Differentiability.tii

Graph 2.1 Limit Tangent Line.tii