

V EXAMPLE 8 If $f(x) = e^x - x$, find f' and f'' . Compare the graphs of f and f' .

SOLUTION Using the Difference Rule, we have

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x - x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) - \frac{d}{dx}(x) = e^x - 1$$

In Section 2.8 we defined the second derivative as the derivative of f' , so

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x - 1) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) - \frac{d}{dx}(1) = e^x$$

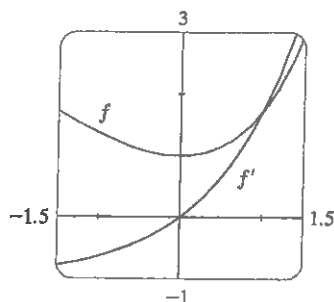


FIGURE 8

The function f and its derivative f' are graphed in Figure 8. Notice that f has a horizontal tangent when $x = 0$; this corresponds to the fact that $f'(0) = 0$. Notice also that, for $x > 0$, $f'(x)$ is positive and f is increasing. When $x < 0$, $f'(x)$ is negative and f is decreasing.

EXAMPLE 9 At what point on the curve $y = e^x$ is the tangent line parallel to the line $y = 2x$?

SOLUTION Since $y = e^x$, we have $y' = e^x$. Let the x -coordinate of the point in question be a . Then the slope of the tangent line at that point is e^a . This tangent line will be parallel to the line $y = 2x$ if it has the same slope, that is, 2. Equating slopes, we get

$$e^a = 2 \quad a = \ln 2$$

Therefore the required point is $(a, e^a) = (\ln 2, 2)$. (See Figure 9.)

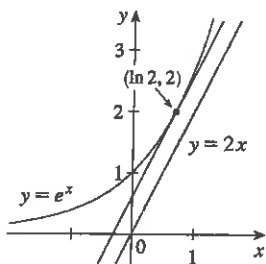


FIGURE 9

3.1 Exercises

1. (a) How is the number e defined?
 (b) Use a calculator to estimate the values of the limits

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2.7^h - 1}{h} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2.8^h - 1}{h}$$

correct to two decimal places. What can you conclude about the value of e ?

2. (a) Sketch, by hand, the graph of the function $f(x) = e^x$, paying particular attention to how the graph crosses the y -axis. What fact allows you to do this?
 (b) What types of functions are $f(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = x^e$? Compare the differentiation formulas for f and g .
 (c) Which of the two functions in part (b) grows more rapidly when x is large?

3–32 Differentiate the function.

3. $f(x) = 186.5$

4. $f(x) = \sqrt{30}$

5. $f(x) = 5x - 1$

6. $F(x) = -4x^{10}$

7. $f(x) = x^3 - 4x + 6$

8. $f(t) = 1.4t^5 - 2.5t^2 + 6.7$

9. $g(x) = x^2(1 - 2x)$

10. $h(x) = (x - 2)(2x + 3)$

11. $y = x^{-2/5}$

12. $B(y) = cy^{-6}$

13. $A(s) = -\frac{12}{s^5}$

14. $y = x^{5/3} - x^{2/3}$

15. $R(a) = (3a + 1)^2$

16. $h(t) = \sqrt[3]{t} - 4e^t$

17. $S(p) = \sqrt{p} - p$

18. $y = \sqrt{x}(x - 1)$

19. $y = 3e^x + \frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

20. $S(R) = 4\pi R^2$

21. $h(u) = Au^3 + Bu^2 + Cu$

22. $y = \frac{\sqrt{x} + x}{x^2}$

23. $y = \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{\sqrt{x}}$

24. $g(u) = \sqrt{2}u + \sqrt{3}u$

25. $j(x) = x^{2.4} + e^{2.4}$

26. $k(r) = e^r + r^e$

27. $H(x) = (x + x^{-1})^3$

28. $y = ae^v + \frac{b}{v} + \frac{c}{v^2}$

Graphing calculator or computer required

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$$29. w = \sqrt[3]{t} + 4\sqrt{t^5} \quad 30. v = \left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \right)^2$$


$$31. z = \frac{A}{y^{10}} + Be^y \quad 32. y = e^{x+1} + 1$$

33–34 Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point.


$$33. y = \sqrt[3]{x}, (1, 1) \quad 34. y = x^4 + 2x^2 - x, (1, 2)$$

35–36 Find equations of the tangent line and normal line to the curve at the given point.


$$35. y = x^4 + 2e^x, (0, 2) \quad 36. y = x^2 - x^4, (1, 0)$$

 37–38 Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point. Illustrate by graphing the curve and the tangent line on the same screen.

$$37. y = 3x^2 - x^3, (1, 2) \quad 38. y = x - \sqrt{x}, (1, 0)$$


 39–40 Find $f'(x)$. Compare the graphs of f and f' and use them to explain why your answer is reasonable.

$$39. f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 \quad 40. f(x) = x^5 - 2x^3 + x - 1$$

 41. (a) Use a graphing calculator or computer to graph the function $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 - 6x^2 + 7x + 30$ in the viewing rectangle $[-3, 5]$ by $[-10, 50]$.

(b) Using the graph in part (a) to estimate slopes, make a rough sketch, by hand, of the graph of f' . (See Example 1 in Section 2.8.)

(c) Calculate $f'(x)$ and use this expression, with a graphing device, to graph f' . Compare with your sketch in part (b).


 42. (a) Use a graphing calculator or computer to graph the function $g(x) = e^x - 3x^2$ in the viewing rectangle $[-1, 4]$ by $[-8, 8]$.

(b) Using the graph in part (a) to estimate slopes, make a rough sketch, by hand, of the graph of g' . (See Example 1 in Section 2.8.)

(c) Calculate $g'(x)$ and use this expression, with a graphing device, to graph g' . Compare with your sketch in part (b).

43–44 Find the first and second derivatives of the function.

$$43. f(x) = 10x^{10} + 5x^5 - x \quad 44. G(r) = \sqrt{r} + \sqrt[3]{r}$$


 45–46 Find the first and second derivatives of the function. Check to see that your answers are reasonable by comparing the graphs of f , f' , and f'' .

$$45. f(x) = 2x - 5x^{3/4} \quad 46. f(x) = e^x - x^3$$

47. The equation of motion of a particle is $s = t^3 - 3t$, where s is in meters and t is in seconds. Find


- the velocity and acceleration as functions of t ,
- the acceleration after 2 s, and
- the acceleration when the velocity is 0.

48. The equation of motion of a particle is $s = t^4 - 2t^3 + t^2 - t$, where s is in meters and t is in seconds.

- Find the velocity and acceleration as functions of t .
- Find the acceleration after 1 s.
-  Graph the position, velocity, and acceleration functions on the same screen.

49. Boyle's Law states that when a sample of gas is compressed at a constant pressure, the pressure P of the gas is inversely proportional to the volume V of the gas.

- Suppose that the pressure of a sample of air that occupies 0.106 m^3 at 25°C is 50 kPa. Write V as a function of P .
- Calculate dV/dP when $P = 50$ kPa. What is the meaning of the derivative? What are its units?

 50. Car tires need to be inflated properly because overinflation or underinflation can cause premature treadwear. The data in the table show tire life L (in thousands of kilometers) for a certain type of tire at various pressures P (in kPa).

P	179	193	214	242	262	290	311
L	80	106	126	130	119	113	95

- Use a graphing calculator or computer to model tire life with a quadratic function of the pressure.
- Use the model to estimate dL/dP when $P = 200$ and when $P = 300$. What is the meaning of the derivative? What are the units? What is the significance of the signs of the derivatives?


51. Find the points on the curve $y = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 1$ where the tangent is horizontal.

52. For what value of x does the graph of $f(x) = e^x - 2x$ have a horizontal tangent?

53. Show that the curve $y = 2e^x + 3x + 5x^3$ has no tangent line with slope 2.

54. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = x\sqrt{x}$ that is parallel to the line $y = 1 + 3x$.

55. Find equations of both lines that are tangent to the curve $y = 1 + x^3$ and parallel to the line $12x - y = 1$.

 56. At what point on the curve $y = 1 + 2e^x - 3x$ is the tangent line parallel to the line $3x - y = 5$? Illustrate by graphing the curve and both lines.

57. Find an equation of the normal line to the parabola $y = x^2 - 5x + 4$ that is parallel to the line $x - 3y = 5$.

58. Where does the normal line to the parabola $y = x - x^2$ at the point $(1, 0)$ intersect the parabola a second time? Illustrate with a sketch.
59. Draw a diagram to show that there are two tangent lines to the parabola $y = x^2$ that pass through the point $(0, -4)$. Find the coordinates of the points where these tangent lines intersect the parabola.
60. (a) Find equations of both lines through the point $(2, -3)$ that are tangent to the parabola $y = x^2 + x$.
(b) Show that there is no line through the point $(2, 7)$ that is tangent to the parabola. Then draw a diagram to see why.
61. Use the definition of a derivative to show that if $f(x) = 1/x$, then $f'(x) = -1/x^2$. (This proves the Power Rule for the case $n = -1$.)
62. Find the n th derivative of each function by calculating the first few derivatives and observing the pattern that occurs.
(a) $f(x) = x^n$ (b) $f(x) = 1/x$
63. Find a second-degree polynomial P such that $P(2) = 5$, $P'(2) = 3$, and $P''(2) = 2$.
64. The equation $y'' + y' - 2y = x^2$ is called a **differential equation** because it involves an unknown function y and its derivatives y' and y'' . Find constants A , B , and C such that the function $y = Ax^2 + Bx + C$ satisfies this equation. (Differential equations will be studied in detail in Chapter 9.)
65. Find a cubic function $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ whose graph has horizontal tangents at the points $(-2, 6)$ and $(2, 0)$.
66. Find a parabola with equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ that has slope 4 at $x = 1$, slope -8 at $x = -1$, and passes through the point $(2, 15)$.
67. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ x + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Is f differentiable at 1? Sketch the graphs of f and f' .

68. At what numbers is the following function g differentiable?

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 2x - x^2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 2 \\ 2 - x & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Give a formula for g' and sketch the graphs of g and g' .

69. (a) For what values of x is the function $f(x) = |x^2 - 9|$ differentiable? Find a formula for f' .
(b) Sketch the graphs of f and f' .
70. Where is the function $h(x) = |x - 1| + |x + 2|$ differentiable? Give a formula for h' and sketch the graphs of h and h' .
71. Find the parabola with equation $y = ax^2 + bx$ whose tangent line at $(1, 1)$ has equation $y = 3x - 2$.
72. Suppose the curve $y = x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ has a tangent line when $x = 0$ with equation $y = 2x + 1$ and a tangent line when $x = 1$ with equation $y = 2 - 3x$. Find the values of a , b , c , and d .
73. For what values of a and b is the line $2x + y = b$ tangent to the parabola $y = ax^2$ when $x = 2$?
74. Find the value of c such that the line $y = \frac{3}{2}x + 6$ is tangent to the curve $y = c\sqrt{x}$.
75. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ mx + b & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Find the values of m and b that make f differentiable everywhere.

76. A tangent line is drawn to the hyperbola $xy = c$ at a point P .
(a) Show that the midpoint of the line segment cut from this tangent line by the coordinate axes is P .
(b) Show that the triangle formed by the tangent line and the coordinate axes always has the same area, no matter where P is located on the hyperbola.
77. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{1000} - 1}{x - 1}$.
78. Draw a diagram showing two perpendicular lines that intersect on the y -axis and are both tangent to the parabola $y = x^2$. Where do these lines intersect?
79. If $c > \frac{1}{2}$, how many lines through the point $(0, c)$ are normal lines to the parabola $y = x^2$? What if $c \leq \frac{1}{2}$?
80. Sketch the parabolas $y = x^2$ and $y = x^2 - 2x + 2$. Do you think there is a line that is tangent to both curves? If so, find its equation. If not, why not?