

Secant and Tangent Lines

I. Find the equation of the secant line through the indicated points for each.

1. $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 5$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 3$

$(0, f(0)) = (0, 5)$
 $(3, f(3)) = (3, 5)$
 $y - 5 = 0(x - 0)$
 $y = 5$
 $m = \frac{5-5}{3-0} = 0$

2. $f(x) = x^3 + 10$ from $x = -1$ to $x = 1$

$(-1, f(-1)) = (-1, 9)$
 $(1, f(1)) = (1, 11)$
 $y - 9 = 1(x + 1)$
 $y = x + 1 + 9$ or
 $y = x + 10$
 $m = \frac{11-9}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$

3. $f(x) = x^4 + 10$ from $x = -1$ to $x = 1$

$(-1, f(-1)) = (-1, 11)$
 $(1, f(1)) = (1, 11)$
 $y = 11$
 $m = \frac{11-11}{1-(-1)} = 0$

4. $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3} + 2$ from $x = 7$ to $x = 12$

$(7, f(7)) = (7, 4)$
 $(12, f(12)) = (12, 5)$
 $y - 4 = \frac{1}{5}(x - 7)$ or
 $y = \frac{1}{5}x - \frac{7}{5} + \frac{20}{5}$
 $y = \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{13}{5}$
 $m = \frac{5-4}{12-7} = \frac{1}{5}$

5. $f(x) = \cos x$ from $x = 0$ to $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$(0, \cos 0) = (0, 1)$
 $(\frac{3\pi}{2}, \cos \frac{3\pi}{2}) = (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 0)$
 $y - 1 = -\frac{2}{3}\pi(x - 0)$
 $y = -\frac{2}{3}\pi x + 1$ or
 $m = \frac{0-1}{\frac{3\pi}{2}-0} = \frac{-1}{\frac{3\pi}{2}} = -\frac{2}{3\pi}$

6. Using the following table, find the equation of the secant line through $x = 10, x = 17$

x	-4	0	3	10	13	15	17
f(x)	-17	-2	13	19	11	28	34

$(10, 19)$
 $(17, 34)$
 $m = \frac{34-19}{17-10} = \frac{15}{7}$

$y - 19 = \frac{15}{7}(x - 10)$

II. Find the instantaneous rate of change (derivative) for each at the given x value.

7. $f(x) = 3x - 1$; at $x = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3x-1) - (3(0)-1)}{x-0}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x-1+1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{x} = 3$

8. $f(x) = x^2$; at $x = 1$

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

9. $f(x) = x^2 + x - 1$; at $x = 2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^2+x-1) - (2^2+2-1)}{x-2}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2+x-1-5}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2+x-6}{x-2}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x+3)}{(x-2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+3) = 2+3 = 5$

10. $f(x) = \sqrt{x+8} + 3$; at $x = 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(\sqrt{x+8} + 3) - (\sqrt{1+8} + 3)}{x-1}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+8} + 3 - 6}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+8} - 3}{x-1}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(\sqrt{x+8} - 3)(\sqrt{x+8} + 3)}{(x-1)(\sqrt{x+8} + 3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-9}{(x-1)(\sqrt{x+8} + 3)}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-9}{(1-1)(\sqrt{1+8} + 3)} = \frac{-8}{0}$

use to find Instant Rate of change
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$

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III. Find the tangent line of each at the given x value.

11). $f(x) = 2x - 1$; at $x = -35$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -35} \frac{(2x-1) - (2(-35)-1)}{x - (-35)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -35} \frac{2x-1 - (-71)}{x+35}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -35} \frac{2x+70}{x+35}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -35} \frac{2(x+35)}{x+35}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -35} 2 = 2$$

slope \downarrow

pt $\rightarrow (-35, f(-35))$
 $\rightarrow (-35, -71)$

$$y + 71 = 2(x + 35)$$

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* Find the instantaneous rate of change at the given x. Use that slope in the point-slope form.

12). $f(x) = x^3$; at $x = -1$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 = -1$$

pt $\rightarrow (-1, -1)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 - f(-1)}{x - (-1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 - (-1)}{x + 1}$$

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x^2 - x + 1$$

$$= (-1)^2 - (-1) + 1 = 3$$

\leftarrow slope

$$y + 1 = 3(x + 1)$$

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13). $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 3$; at $x = -2$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^3 + (-2)^2 - 2(-2) - 3 = -8 + 4 + 4 - 3 = -3$$

pt $\rightarrow (-2, -3)$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2x}{x + 2}$$

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} x(x-1) = -2(-2-1) = 6$$

slope

$$y + 3 = 6(x + 2)$$

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14). $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3} + 6$; at $x = 12$

$$f(12) = \sqrt{12-3} + 6 = 9$$

pt $\rightarrow (12, 9)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 12} \frac{\sqrt{x-3} + 6 - 9}{x - 12}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 12} \frac{\sqrt{x-3} - 3}{x - 12}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 12} \frac{\sqrt{x-3} - 3}{x - 12} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x-3} + 3}{\sqrt{x-3} + 3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 12} \frac{x - 3 - 9}{(x - 12)(\sqrt{x-3} + 3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 12} \frac{x - 12}{(x - 12)(\sqrt{x-3} + 3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 12} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-3} + 3}$$

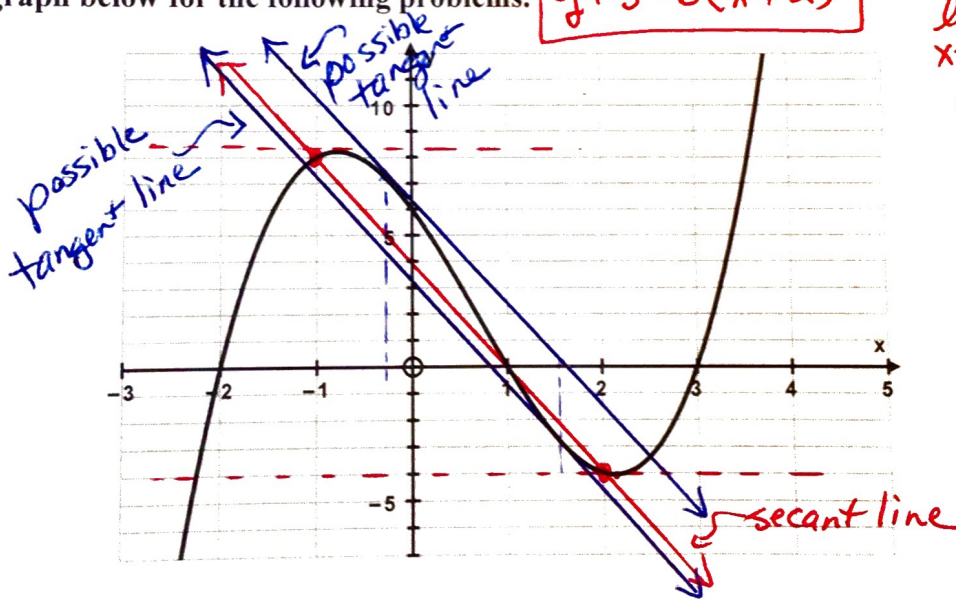
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{12-3} + 3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

slope

$$y - 9 = \frac{1}{6}(x - 12)$$

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IV. Use the graph below for the following problems.



15). Use a rule to draw the secant line from $x = -1$ to $x = 2$ on/for the above function.

16). Estimate at least one value of x in the interval $[-1, 2]$ that would have a tangent line that is parallel to the secant line drawn in #15. Graph the tangent line. $x \approx 0.25$ or $x \approx 1.5$

17). Estimate what values of x (if any) would have tangent lines with slopes of zero. $x \approx -0.8$, $x \approx 2.1$

18). Estimate what value of x would have the largest (positive or negative) slope in the interval $[-1, 2]$. $x \approx 1$