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If f continuous at c and $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+\Delta x) - f(c)}{\Delta x} = \pm \infty$, then there is a vertical tangent line at $(c, f(c))$

The derivative of f is given by:

@ x : $f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$ or

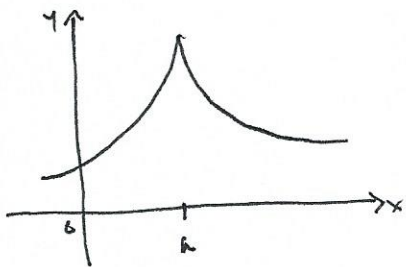
@ $x=c$: $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$

* This is also known as the instantaneous rate of change.

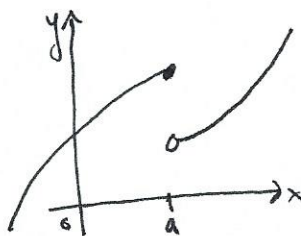
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Notations for derivative: y' $f'(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)]$ $D_x y$

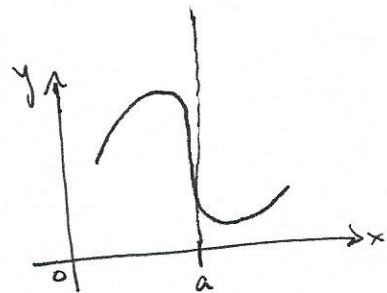
Three ways for f to not be differentiable:



corner



break



vertical tangent

Compute $g'(t)$ for $g(t) = \frac{2}{t}$

$$g'(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(t+\Delta t) - g(t)}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{t+\Delta t} - \frac{2}{t}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left[\frac{2t - 2t - 2\Delta t}{\Delta t(t+\Delta t)} \right] = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2\Delta t}{(\Delta t)(t+\Delta t)} \frac{1}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{t(t+\Delta t)} = \frac{-2}{t^2}$$