

## Study goals:

- Review on definition (use the idea of **limit**)
- **Differentiation rules** (i.e. How to differentiate:)
  - Polynomials  $ax^n$  -  $n$  can be positive, negative or fractions
  - Products  $f(x)g(x)$
  - Fractions  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$
- Equations of **tangents & normals** to the curve
- How to judge a function is **increasing or decreasing**
- ★ • **Turning (i.e. Stationary) points + maximum/minimum points**
  - Second-order derivative
- Real-world problem application

### A13

Core content	Extension content
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. understand and use the gradient function <math>\frac{dy}{dx}</math></li> <li>2. differentiation of <math>kx^n</math> where <math>n</math> is a positive integer or 0, and the sum of such functions</li> </ol>

**Notes:** including expressions which need to be simplified first.

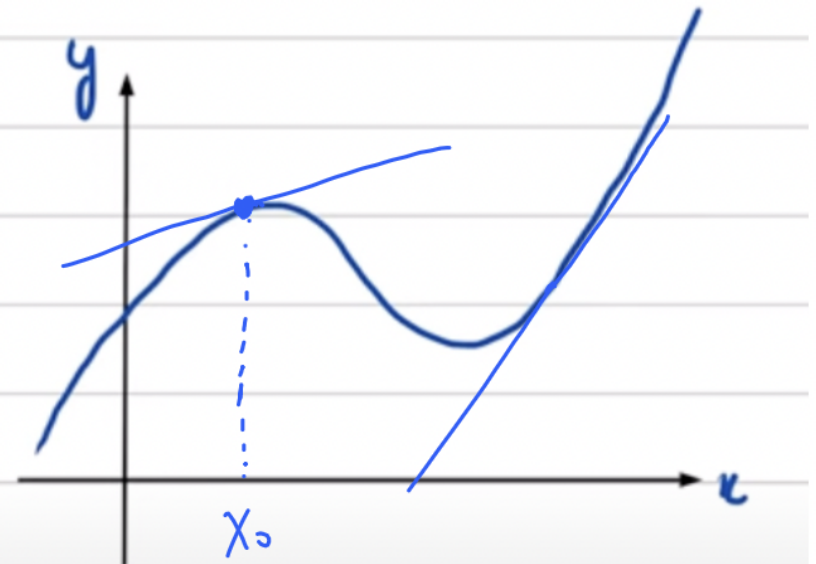
### A15

Core content	Extension content
	<p>use of differentiation to find <u>stationary points</u> on a curve: maxima, minima and <u>points of inflection</u></p> <p>sketch a curve with known stationary points</p>

positive  
negative  
fraction.

## Lecture 1:

### 1. Review on definition



- The gradient of a line segment is  
$$\frac{\text{Change in the y direction}}{\text{Change in the x direction}}$$

### Question:

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^3$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ .

limit  $\leftarrow$  When  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

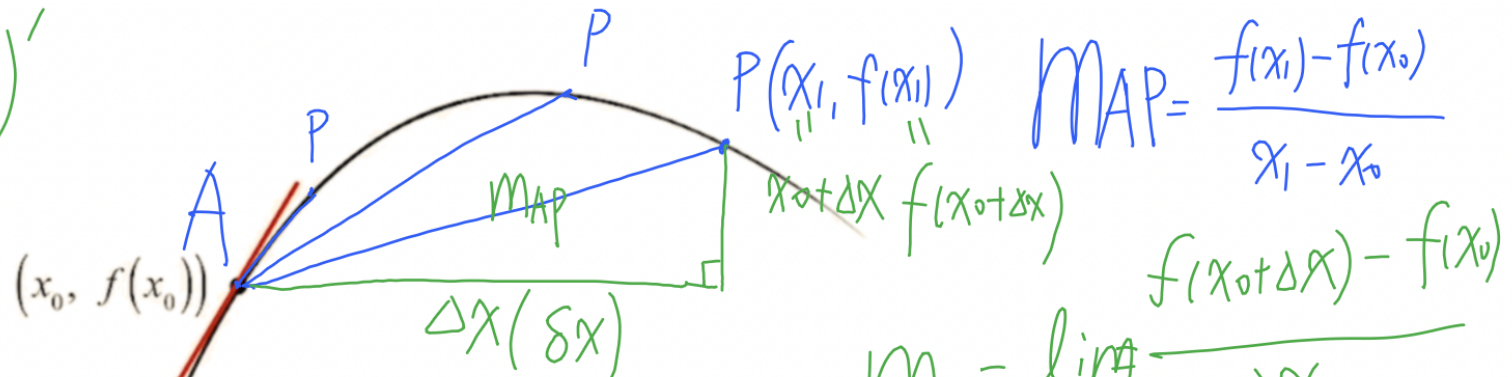
### Solution:

Solve the tangential problem with the idea of limit

极限

chord 弦

$$(Kx^n)'$$

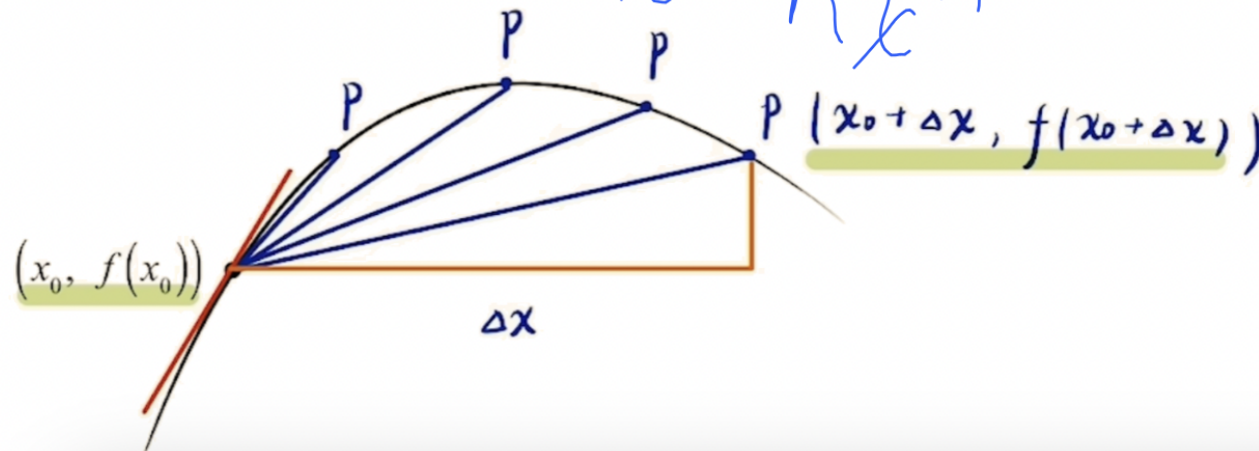


$\Delta/\delta$ : small change

$$m_l = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

$$(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$$

$\Delta x$   
 $\Delta y$   
 $\Delta t$



- Still look at this example:

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^2$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ .

$$f(x) = x^2$$

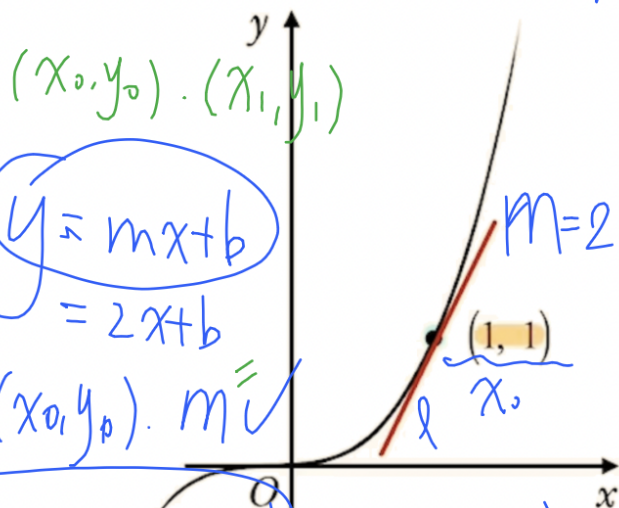
~~A~~  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$m = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x_0 + \Delta x)^2 - x_0^2}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x_0^2 + 2x_0\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2 - x_0^2}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (2x_0 + \Delta x) = 2x_0 = 2$$



$$y = mx + b$$

$$= 2x + b$$

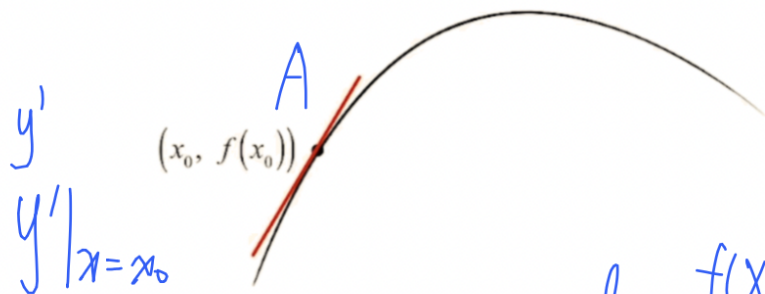
$$(x_0, y_0) \cdot m$$

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

$$y - 1 = 2(x - 1)$$

$$y = 2x - 1$$

**Definition:**



$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_0} \text{ or } y' \Big|_{x=x_0}$$

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0)}{\Delta x}$$

Hence,  $k = f'(x_0) = y' \Big|_{x=x_0} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0)}{\Delta x}$ .



And  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is called the **gradient function**.

The symbol,  $\delta$ , is used to mean a small change.

### Summary:

- The gradient of a graph at a point is an instantaneous rate of change.
- This instantaneous rate of change is called a derivative.
- The process of finding a derivative is called differentiation.
- If  $y$  is a function given in terms of  $x$ , then the derivative of  $y$  is written either as  $y'$ , or as  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ ,  $f'(x)$

### Examples:

If  $y = x^3$ , find the value of  $y'$  at  $x = 3$

$y|_{x=3}$   $y|_{x=x_0}$  : value  $y' =$  function

$$(a+b)^0 = 1$$

$$(a+b)^1 = a+b$$

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + ba^0$$

$$0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \quad (a+b)^3 = \binom{3}{0} a^3 b^0 + \binom{3}{1} a^2 b^1 + \binom{3}{2} a^1 b^2 + \binom{3}{3} a^0 b^3$$

$$(a+b)^4 = a^4 b^0 + 4a^3 b^1 + 6a^2 b^2 + 4a^1 b^3 + a^0 b^4$$

Pascal Triangle

					$n=1$
	1	1			$n=2$
	1	2	1		$n=3$
	1	3	3	1	$n=4$
1	4	6	4	1	
5	10	10	5	1	

## 2. Differentiating polynomials

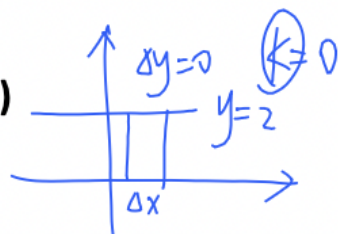
Try this table:

### 3. Differentiating constants and multiples of x

$$a \cdot x^n$$

#### • Constants

$y = c$   <sup>$y=2$</sup>   $\implies$  then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \underline{0}$ . (Think of the graph)



#### • Multiples of x

Now, if  $y$  is a constant multiple of a function of  $x$ ,

i.e.  $y = ax^n$ , what is  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ ?

We can use definition:  $y = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$

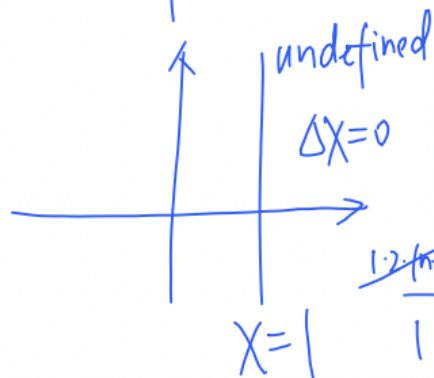
$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$n$  choose  $r$

$$n \cdot a \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$= \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a(x+\delta x)^n - ax^n}{\delta x}$$

$$= a \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^n + \binom{n}{1}x^{n-1}h + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \dots + h^n - x^n}{h}$$



$$\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (n-1)!}{1! \cdot (n-1)!}$$

$$3! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$$

$$= a \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

**Example:**

If  $y = x^3 + 4x^2$ , find the value of  $y'$  when  $x = 3$

For  $4x^2$ ,  $a = \underline{4}$ ,  $n = \underline{2}$ . Then  $\frac{d}{dx} 4x^2 = \underline{8x}$

$$(a \cdot x^n)' = a \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$= a \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \binom{n}{1} x^{n-1} h + \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} h^2 + \dots + h^n \right)$$

$$y' = 3x^2 + 8x$$



## Lecture 2

### 4. Differentiating products and fractions

$\frac{f}{g}$

$$(ax^n)' = a \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

AS level: split into separate terms

Example:

#### 1. Product

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when  $y = (x-3)(x^2+7x-1)$ .

$$y = (x-3)(x^2+7x-1) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 22x + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 8x - 22$$

$$y = c \\ y' = 0$$

#### 2. Fraction

Find  $\frac{dt}{dz}$  when  $t = \frac{6z^2+z-4}{2z}$ .

$$t = \frac{6z^2+z-4}{2z} = \frac{6z^2}{2z} + \frac{z}{2z} - \frac{4}{2z}$$

$$= 3z + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{z}$$

$$\frac{dt}{dz} = 3 + 2z^{-2}$$

$$(ax^n)' = a \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$(z \cdot z^{-1})' = -2z^{-2}$$

$$x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

\*\*Extension: product and quotient rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$$

$$y = \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ vs } \frac{d}{dx}(-)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$$

$$\frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$$

$$\frac{x-3}{x^2+7x-1} = \frac{1 \cdot (x^2+7x-1) - (x-3)(2x+7)}{(x^2+7x-1)^2}$$

Example:

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when  $y = (x-3)(x^2+7x-1)$ .

$$= f'g + f \cdot g' = x^2 + 7x - 1 + (x-3)(2x+7)$$

### Practice:

Differentiate each of the following equations with respect to the variable concerned.

3  $y = (3x - 4)(x + 5)$

4  $y = (4 - z)^2$

5  $s = \frac{t^{-1} + 3t^2}{2t^2}$

6  $s = \frac{t^2 + t}{2t}$

7  $y = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)(x^2 + 1)$

8  $y = \frac{z^3 - z}{\sqrt{z}}$

9  $y = 2x(3x^2 - 4)$

10  $s = (t + 2)(t - 2)$

11  $s = \frac{t^3 - 2t^2 + 7t}{t^2}$

12  $y = \frac{\sqrt{x} + 7}{x^2}$