2 □ LIMITS AND DERIVATIVES

2.1 The Tangent and Velocity Problems

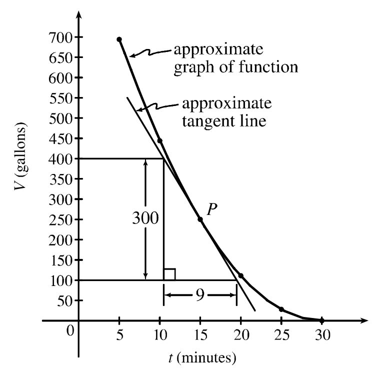
1. (a) Using $P(15, 250)$, we construct the following table:

t	Q	slope $= m_{PQ}$
5	$(5, 694)$	$\frac{694-250}{5-15} = -\frac{444}{10} = -44.4$
10	$(10, 444)$	$\frac{444-250}{10-15} = -\frac{194}{5} = -38.8$
20	$(20, 111)$	$\frac{111-250}{20-15} = -\frac{139}{5} = -27.8$
25	$(25, 28)$	$\frac{28-250}{25-15} = -\frac{222}{10} = -22.2$
30	$(30, 0)$	$\frac{0-250}{30-15} = -\frac{250}{15} = -16.\overline{6}$

(b) Using the values of t that correspond to the points closest to P ($t = 10$ and $t = 20$), we have

$$\frac{-38.8 + (-27.8)}{2} = -33.3$$

(c) From the graph, we can estimate the slope of the tangent line at P to be $\frac{-300}{9} = -33.\overline{3}$.



2. (a) Slope $= \frac{2948 - 2530}{42 - 36} = \frac{418}{6} \approx 69.67$

(b) Slope $= \frac{2948 - 2661}{42 - 38} = \frac{287}{4} = 71.75$

(c) Slope $= \frac{2948 - 2806}{42 - 40} = \frac{142}{2} = 71$

(d) Slope $= \frac{3080 - 2948}{44 - 42} = \frac{132}{2} = 66$

From the data, we see that the patient's heart rate is decreasing from 71 to 66 heartbeats/minute after 42 minutes. After being stable for a while, the patient's heart rate is dropping.

3. (a) $y = \dfrac{1}{1-x}$, $P(2, -1)$

	x	$Q(x, 1/(1-x))$	m_{PQ}
(i)	1.5	$(1.5, -2)$	2
(ii)	1.9	$(1.9, -1.111\,111)$	1.111 111
(iii)	1.99	$(1.99, -1.010\,101)$	1.010 101
(iv)	1.999	$(1.999, -1.001\,001)$	1.001 001
(v)	2.5	$(2.5, -0.666\,667)$	0.666 667
(vi)	2.1	$(2.1, -0.909\,091)$	0.909 091
(vii)	2.01	$(2.01, -0.990\,099)$	0.990 099
(viii)	2.001	$(2.001, -0.999\,001)$	0.999 001

(b) The slope appears to be 1.

(c) Using $m = 1$, an equation of the tangent line to the curve at $P(2, -1)$ is $y - (-1) = 1(x - 2)$, or $y = x - 3$.

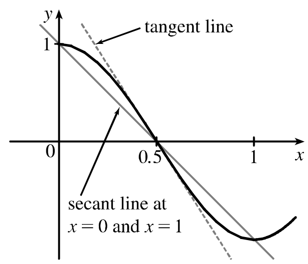
4. (a) $y = \cos \pi x$, $P(0.5, 0)$

	x	Q	m_{PQ}
(i)	0	$(0, 1)$	-2
(ii)	0.4	$(0.4, 0.309017)$	-3.090170
(iii)	0.49	$(0.49, 0.031411)$	-3.141076
(iv)	0.499	$(0.499, 0.003142)$	-3.141587
(v)	1	$(1, -1)$	-2
(vi)	0.6	$(0.6, -0.309017)$	-3.090170
(vii)	0.51	$(0.51, -0.031411)$	-3.141076
(viii)	0.501	$(0.501, -0.003142)$	-3.141587

(b) The slope appears to be $-\pi$.

(c) $y - 0 = -\pi(x - 0.5)$ or $y = -\pi x + \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(d)



5. (a) $y = y(t) = 40t - 16t^2$. At $t = 2$, $y = 40(2) - 16(2)^2 = 16$. The average velocity between times 2 and $2 + h$ is

$$v_{\text{ave}} = \frac{y(2+h) - y(2)}{(2+h) - 2} = \frac{\left[40(2+h) - 16(2+h)^2\right] - 16}{h} = \frac{-24h - 16h^2}{h} = -24 - 16h, \text{ if } h \neq 0.$$

(i) $[2, 2.5]$: $h = 0.5$, $v_{\text{ave}} = -32$ ft/s

(ii) $[2, 2.1]$: $h = 0.1$, $v_{\text{ave}} = -25.6$ ft/s

(iii) $[2, 2.05]$: $h = 0.05$, $v_{\text{ave}} = -24.8$ ft/s

(iv) $[2, 2.01]$: $h = 0.01$, $v_{\text{ave}} = -24.16$ ft/s

(b) The instantaneous velocity when $t = 2$ (h approaches 0) is -24 ft/s.

6. (a) $y = y(t) = 10t - 1.86t^2$. At $t = 1$, $y = 10(1) - 1.86(1)^2 = 8.14$. The average velocity between times 1 and $1 + h$ is

$$v_{\text{ave}} = \frac{y(1+h) - y(1)}{(1+h) - 1} = \frac{\left[10(1+h) - 1.86(1+h)^2\right] - 8.14}{h} = \frac{6.28h - 1.86h^2}{h} = 6.28 - 1.86h, \text{ if } h \neq 0.$$

(i) $[1, 2]$: $h = 1$, $v_{\text{ave}} = 4.42$ m/s

(ii) $[1, 1.5]$: $h = 0.5$, $v_{\text{ave}} = 5.35$ m/s

(iii) $[1, 1.1]$: $h = 0.1$, $v_{\text{ave}} = 6.094$ m/s

(iv) $[1, 1.01]$: $h = 0.01$, $v_{\text{ave}} = 6.2614$ m/s

(v) $[1, 1.001]$: $h = 0.001$, $v_{\text{ave}} = 6.27814$ m/s

(b) The instantaneous velocity when $t = 1$ (h approaches 0) is 6.28 m/s.

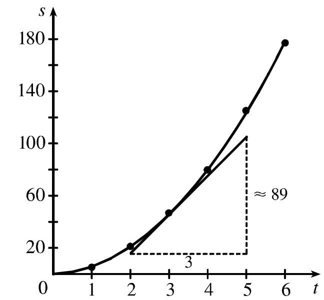
7. (a) (i) On the interval $[2, 4]$, $v_{\text{ave}} = \dfrac{s(4) - s(2)}{4 - 2} = \dfrac{79.2 - 20.6}{2} = 29.3$ ft/s.

(ii) On the interval $[3, 4]$, $v_{\text{ave}} = \dfrac{s(4) - s(3)}{4 - 3} = \dfrac{79.2 - 46.5}{1} = 32.7$ ft/s.

(iii) On the interval $[4, 5]$, $v_{\text{ave}} = \dfrac{s(5) - s(4)}{5 - 4} = \dfrac{124.8 - 79.2}{1} = 45.6$ ft/s.

(iv) On the interval $[4, 6]$, $v_{\text{ave}} = \dfrac{s(6) - s(4)}{6 - 4} = \dfrac{176.7 - 79.2}{2} = 48.75$ ft/s.

(b) Using the points $(2, 16)$ and $(5, 105)$ from the approximate tangent line, the instantaneous velocity at $t = 3$ is about $\dfrac{105 - 16}{5 - 2} = \dfrac{89}{3} \approx 29.7$ ft/s.



8. (a) (i) $s = s(t) = 2\sin\pi t + 3\cos\pi t$. On the interval $[1, 2]$, $v_{\text{ave}} = \dfrac{s(2) - s(1)}{2 - 1} = \dfrac{3 - (-3)}{1} = 6$ cm/s.

(ii) On the interval $[1, 1.1]$, $v_{\text{ave}} = \dfrac{s(1.1) - s(1)}{1.1 - 1} \approx \dfrac{-3.471 - (-3)}{0.1} = -4.71$ cm/s.

(iii) On the interval $[1, 1.01]$, $v_{\text{ave}} = \dfrac{s(1.01) - s(1)}{1.01 - 1} \approx \dfrac{-3.0613 - (-3)}{0.01} = -6.13$ cm/s.

(iv) On the interval $[1, 1.001]$, $v_{\text{ave}} = \dfrac{s(1.001) - s(1)}{1.001 - 1} \approx \dfrac{-3.00627 - (-3)}{0.001} = -6.27$ cm/s.

(b) The instantaneous velocity of the particle when $t = 1$ appears to be about -6.3 cm/s.

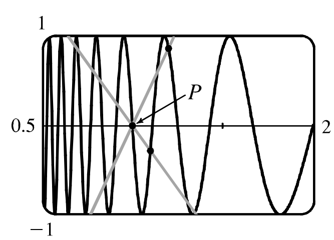
9. (a) For the curve $y = \sin(10\pi/x)$ and the point $P(1, 0)$:

x	Q	m_{PQ}
2	$(2, 0)$	0
1.5	$(1.5, 0.8660)$	1.7321
1.4	$(1.4, -0.4339)$	-1.0847
1.3	$(1.3, -0.8230)$	-2.7433
1.2	$(1.2, 0.8660)$	4.3301
1.1	$(1.1, -0.2817)$	-2.8173

x	Q	m_{PQ}
0.5	$(0.5, 0)$	0
0.6	$(0.6, 0.8660)$	-2.1651
0.7	$(0.7, 0.7818)$	-2.6061
0.8	$(0.8, 1)$	-5
0.9	$(0.9, -0.3420)$	3.4202

As x approaches 1, the slopes do not appear to be approaching any particular value.

(b)



We see that problems with estimation are caused by the frequent oscillations of the graph. The tangent is so steep at P that we need to take x-values much closer to 1 in order to get accurate estimates of its slope.

(c) If we choose $x = 1.001$, then the point Q is $(1.001, -0.0314)$ and $m_{PQ} \approx -31.3794$. If $x = 0.999$, then Q is $(0.999, 0.0314)$ and $m_{PQ} = -31.4422$. The average of these slopes is -31.4108. So we estimate that the slope of the tangent line at P is about -31.4.

2.2 The Limit of a Function

1. As x approaches 2, $f(x)$ approaches 5. [Or, the values of $f(x)$ can be made as close to 5 as we like by taking x sufficiently close to 2 (but $x \neq 2$).] Yes, the graph could have a hole at $(2, 5)$ and be defined such that $f(2) = 3$.

2. As x approaches 1 from the left, $f(x)$ approaches 3; and as x approaches 1 from the right, $f(x)$ approaches 7. No, the limit does not exist because the left- and right-hand limits are different.

3. (a) $\lim\limits_{x \to -3} f(x) = \infty$ means that the values of $f(x)$ can be made arbitrarily large (as large as we please) by taking x sufficiently close to -3 (but not equal to -3).

(b) $\lim\limits_{x \to 4^+} f(x) = -\infty$ means that the values of $f(x)$ can be made arbitrarily large negative by taking x sufficiently close to 4 through values larger than 4.

4. (a) As x approaches 2 from the left, the values of $f(x)$ approach 3, so $\lim\limits_{x \to 2^-} f(x) = 3$.

(b) As x approaches 2 from the right, the values of $f(x)$ approach 1, so $\lim\limits_{x \to 2^+} f(x) = 1$.

(c) $\lim\limits_{x \to 2} f(x)$ does not exist since the left-hand limit does not equal the right-hand limit.

(d) When $x = 2$, $y = 3$, so $f(2) = 3$.

(e) As x approaches 4, the values of $f(x)$ approach 4, so $\lim\limits_{x \to 4} f(x) = 4$.

(f) There is no value of $f(x)$ when $x = 4$, so $f(4)$ does not exist.

5. (a) As x approaches 1, the values of $f(x)$ approach 2, so $\lim\limits_{x \to 1} f(x) = 2$.

(b) As x approaches 3 from the left, the values of $f(x)$ approach 1, so $\lim\limits_{x \to 3^-} f(x) = 1$.

(c) As x approaches 3 from the right, the values of $f(x)$ approach 4, so $\lim\limits_{x \to 3^+} f(x) = 4$.

(d) $\lim\limits_{x \to 3} f(x)$ does not exist since the left-hand limit does not equal the right-hand limit.

(e) When $x = 3$, $y = 3$, so $f(3) = 3$.

6. (a) $h(x)$ approaches 4 as x approaches -3 from the left, so $\lim\limits_{x \to -3^-} h(x) = 4$.

(b) $h(x)$ approaches 4 as x approaches -3 from the right, so $\lim\limits_{x \to -3^+} h(x) = 4$.

(c) $\lim\limits_{x \to -3} h(x) = 4$ because the limits in part (a) and part (b) are equal.

(d) $h(-3)$ is not defined, so it doesn't exist.

(e) $h(x)$ approaches 1 as x approaches 0 from the left, so $\lim\limits_{x \to 0^-} h(x) = 1$.

(f) $h(x)$ approaches -1 as x approaches 0 from the right, so $\lim\limits_{x \to 0^+} h(x) = -1$.

(g) $\lim\limits_{x \to 0} h(x)$ does not exist because the limits in part (e) and part (f) are not equal.

(h) $h(0) = 1$ since the point $(0, 1)$ is on the graph of h.

(i) Since $\lim\limits_{x \to 2^-} h(x) = 2$ and $\lim\limits_{x \to 2^+} h(x) = 2$, we have $\lim\limits_{x \to 2} h(x) = 2$.

(j) $h(2)$ is not defined, so it doesn't exist.

(k) $h(x)$ approaches 3 as x approaches 5 from the right, so $\lim_{x \to 5^+} h(x) = 3$.

(l) $h(x)$ does not approach any one number as x approaches 5 from the left, so $\lim_{x \to 5^-} h(x)$ does not exist.

7. (a) $\lim_{t \to 0^-} g(t) = -1$ (b) $\lim_{t \to 0^+} g(t) = -2$

(c) $\lim_{t \to 0} g(t)$ does not exist because the limits in part (a) and part (b) are not equal.

(d) $\lim_{t \to 2^-} g(t) = 2$ (e) $\lim_{t \to 2^+} g(t) = 0$

(f) $\lim_{t \to 2} g(t)$ does not exist because the limits in part (d) and part (e) are not equal.

(g) $g(2) = 1$ (h) $\lim_{t \to 4} g(t) = 3$

8. (a) $\lim_{x \to -3} A(x) = \infty$ (b) $\lim_{x \to 2^-} A(x) = -\infty$

(c) $\lim_{x \to 2^+} A(x) = \infty$ (d) $\lim_{x \to -1} A(x) = -\infty$

(e) The equations of the vertical asymptotes are $x = -3$, $x = -1$ and $x = 2$.

9. (a) $\lim_{x \to -7} f(x) = -\infty$ (b) $\lim_{x \to -3} f(x) = \infty$ (c) $\lim_{x \to 0} f(x) = \infty$

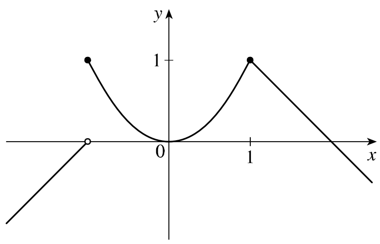
(d) $\lim_{x \to 6^-} f(x) = -\infty$ (e) $\lim_{x \to 6^+} f(x) = \infty$

(f) The equations of the vertical asymptotes are $x = -7$, $x = -3$, $x = 0$, and $x = 6$.

10. $\lim_{t \to 12^-} f(t) = 150$ mg and $\lim_{t \to 12^+} f(t) = 300$ mg. These limits show that there is an abrupt change in the amount of drug in the patient's bloodstream at $t = 12$ h. The left-hand limit represents the amount of the drug just before the fourth injection. The right-hand limit represents the amount of the drug just after the fourth injection.

11. From the graph of

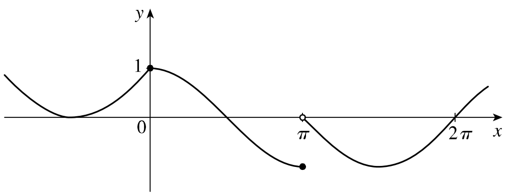
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + x & \text{if } x < -1 \\ x^2 & \text{if } -1 \le x < 1, \\ 2 - x & \text{if } x \ge 1 \end{cases}$$



we see that $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$ exists for all a except $a = -1$. Notice that the right and left limits are different at $a = -1$.

12. From the graph of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + \sin x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \cos x & \text{if } 0 \le x \le \pi, \\ \sin x & \text{if } x > \pi \end{cases}$$



we see that $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$ exists for all a except $a = \pi$. Notice that the right and left limits are different at $a = \pi$.