

Chapter 1: Analytic Geometry

1.1 Lines

- We use **delta (Δ)** to denote the change in a variable: $\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$
- The **slope between two points**, $A(x_1, y_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2)$ is $m = \Delta y / \Delta x$
- **Standard equation of a line**: $y = mx + b$
- **Point slope form**: $(y - y_1) = m(x - x_1)$
 - Can be used to find the y-intercept by subbing in either point and letting $x = 0$, or $y = 0$ for the x-intercept
 - The logic is that m made with either A or B and an intercept should be the same as m between A and B

1.2 Distance Between Two Points; Circles

- Between two points in 2D space a triangle can be formed from Δx and Δy .
Thus the **positive distance** between them is $\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}$
- The distance between point A to the origin is $r = \sqrt{(x - 0)^2 + (y - 0)^2}$, which becomes $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$; the *equation of a circle* centred at the origin
 - The special case $r = 1$ is called the **unit circle**
- The **equation of a circle** centred to $C(h, k)$ is $r^2 = (x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2$

EXAMPLE 1.2.1

Graph the circle $x^2 - 2x + y^2 + 4y - 11 = 0$.

We first have to complete the squares:

$$(x^2 - 2x + (\frac{2}{2})^2 - (\frac{2}{2})^2) + (y^2 + 4y + (\frac{4}{2})^2 - (\frac{4}{2})^2) - 11 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 2x + 1 - 1) + (y^2 + 4y + 4 - 4) - 11 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 2x + 1) + (y^2 + 4y + 4) - 11 - 1 - 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 16$$

$\therefore$ The circle has a radius of $\sqrt{16} = 4$ and centre of $C(1, -2)$

1.3 Functions

- Given a value of x , a **function** must give at most one value of y
 - Only multiple values are an issue; if x has no y for a value, no issue
- **Domain**: the *set* of x -values we're allowed to evaluate for the function
 - E.g. $x \geq 0$, $\{x \in R \mid x \geq 0\}$, or $[0, \infty)$

- Limited normally due to undefined behaviour, but "story problems" may imply additional non-pure math restrictions
- In "story problems" x often plays the role of the **independent variable** and y the **dependent variable**

EXAMPLE 1.3.1

An open-top box is made from an $a \times b$ rectangular piece of cardboard by cutting out a square of side x from each of the four corners, and then folding the sides up and sealing them with duct tape. Find a formula for the volume V of the box as a function of x , and find the domain of this function.

$$V(x) = x * (a - 2x) * (b - 2x)$$

$\therefore$ We know that the cut cannot be negative, nor can it be half of one the cardboard pieces measurements, thus $\{x \in R \mid 0 < x < \frac{1}{2} \min(a, b)\}$.

EXAMPLE 1.3.3

Find the domain of $y = f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4x - x^2}}$

Since the denominator cannot be 0 and you cannot take the square of a negative, we need to find where $4x - x^2 > 0$:

$$4x - x^2 > 0$$

$$x(4 - x) > 0, \text{ thus } x > 0 \text{ and } x < 4$$

$$\therefore \{x \in R \mid x > 0\}$$

1.4 Shifts and Dilations

- They cover the standard vertical and horizontal shift of parabolas
- You can also move a circle's centre: $r^2 = (x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2$
- You can also do horizontal and vertical dilation by multiplying/dividing y and x respectively by a value
 - A coefficient above 0 compresses and a below stretches
- With this we can create an **ellipse equation**: $(\frac{x}{a} - h)^2 + (\frac{y}{b} - k)^2 = 1$

Chapter 2: Instantaneous Rate of Change: The Derivative

2.1 The Slope of a Function

- **Chord**: a line between two points on a circle
- The derivative of $f(x)$ is found using the **difference quotient**: $\frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$

Finding the Derivative of a Square Root Function

Find the Derivative of $y = f(x) = \sqrt{625 - x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{625-(x+\Delta x)^2} - \sqrt{625-x^2}}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{625-(x+\Delta x)^2} - \sqrt{625-x^2}}{\Delta x} * \frac{\sqrt{625-(x+\Delta x)^2} + \sqrt{625-x^2}}{\sqrt{625-(x+\Delta x)^2} + \sqrt{625-x^2}} \\
&= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(625-(x+\Delta x)^2) - (625-x^2)}{\Delta x(\sqrt{625-(x+\Delta x)^2} + \sqrt{625-x^2})} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(x^2 + 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2) + x^2}{\Delta x(\sqrt{625-(x+\Delta x)^2} + \sqrt{625-x^2})} \\
&= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2x\Delta x - \Delta x^2}{\Delta x(\sqrt{625-(x+\Delta x)^2} + \sqrt{625-x^2})} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2x - \Delta x}{\sqrt{625-(x+\Delta x)^2} + \sqrt{625-x^2}} \\
&= \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{625-x^2}} = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{625-x^2}}
\end{aligned}$$

Finding the Derivative of a Parabolic Function (2.2 An Example)

Suppose that the height of a dropped object can be measured with an equation of the form:

$h(t) = h_0 - kt^2$. If $h_0 = 100$ metres and $k = 4.9$ metres/second, find the derivative $h'(t)$.

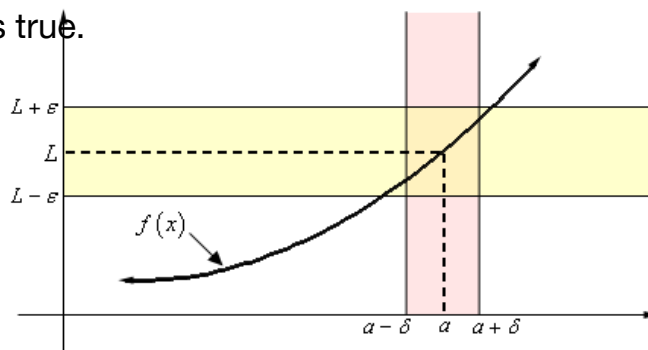
$$h'(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(100 - 4.9t^2) - (100 - 4.9(t+\Delta t)^2)}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-4.9\Delta t^2 - 9.8t\Delta t}{\Delta t} = -9.8t$$

2.3 Limits

- **Definition of a limit:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ if for every number $\varepsilon > 0$ there is

some number $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ whenever $0 < |x - a| < \delta$.

- What this is really saying is given our error bars δ and ε , which must be greater than zero, that x must be within the error bars for δ and the value at x , $f(x)$, must be within the error bars for ε . If we can find a relation between ε and δ that makes this true close to both being zero, the limit is true.



EXAMPLE 2.3.3

Prove: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x + 4) = 6$

If $\delta > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, and if $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$ then $|x + 4 - 6| < \varepsilon$

This example is simple as $|x + 4 - 6| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |x - 2| < \varepsilon$, thus $\varepsilon = \delta$

Proving the Limit of a Linear Function using the Definition of a Limit

Prove: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (2x + 3) = 11$. That is, show that if $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ then $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

If $|x - 4| < \delta$ then $|(2x + 3) - 11| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow$

$$|2x - 8| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |2(x - 4)| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |(x - 4)| < \varepsilon/2$$

Let $\delta = \varepsilon/2$,

Now just reverse steps to prove the limit (some steps removed here)

$$\text{If } |(x - 4)| < \delta \Rightarrow |(x - 4)| < \varepsilon/2 \Rightarrow |2x - 11| < \varepsilon$$

Then $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

EXAMPLE 2.3.4

Prove: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2) = 4$

If $\delta > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, and if $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$ then $|x^2 - 4| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow$

$$|(x - 2)(x + 2)| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow$$

Proving the Limit of a Quadratic Function using the Definition of a Limit (1)

Prove: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 4x + 5) = 1$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given; find $\delta > 0$:

$$|x^2 - 4x + 5 - 1| < \varepsilon \text{ if } |x - 2| < \delta$$

$$|(x - 2)(x - 2)| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |(x - 2)^2| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |x - 2| < \sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

Let $\delta = \sqrt{\varepsilon}$ (reversing steps left out for brevity, but must be done in actual work):

$$|x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow |x - 2| < \sqrt{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow |x^2 - 4x + 5 - 1| < \varepsilon$$

Proving the Limit of a Quadratic Function using the Definition of a Limit (2)

- Stefan said this will not be on exams or quizzes.

Prove: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 + 5x + 6) = 1$.

- $\forall$ means "for all", $\exists$ means "there exists", s.t. Means "such that"

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ then $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

Proof:

$$|x^2 + 5x + 6 - 12| < \varepsilon \text{ if } 0 < |x - 1| < \delta$$

$$|x^2 + 5x - 6| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |(x + 6)(x - 1)| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow$$

$$|x + 6| * |x - 1| < \varepsilon$$

Problem: we control $|x - 1|$ through δ , but not $|x + 6|$.

Say $|x - 1| < 1$ (1 is arbitrary but small). We need to get this to be $x + 6$

$$|x - 1| < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < x < 2 \Rightarrow 6 < x + 6 < 8 \Rightarrow$$

$$|x + 6| < 8$$

So we know $|x + 6|$ must be less than 8 if within 1 unit of the limit

Proof Continued:

$$8|x - 1| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |x - 1| < \varepsilon/8$$

Let $\delta = \min(1, \varepsilon/8)$

General "Practical" Rules for Calculating the Limit

Given $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$

1. **Sum/Difference Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L \pm M$
2. **Constant Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} k = k$, where k is a constant
3. **Multiplication by Constant:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) * k] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) * k = L * k$
4. **Product Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) * g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) * \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L * M$
5. **Quotient Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \div g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \div \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L \div M$
6. **Power Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^k = [\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)]^k$
7. **Base Rule:** for any real number $b > 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} b^{f(x)} = b^{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}$
8. **Polynomial Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} p(x) = p(a)$, where $p(x)$ is a polynomial
9. **Log Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [\log_b f(x)] = \log_b [\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)]$ if $0 < b < 1$ or $b > 1$ and $f(x) > 0$
10. **Root Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{a}$, provided that $a \geq 0$ if n is even
11. **Squeeze Theorem:** if $f(x) \leq h(x) \leq g(x)$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$

Given $\lim_{x \rightarrow L} f(x) = f(L)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$

12. **Composition Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(g(x)) = f(L)$

EXAMPLE 2.3.7

Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 5}{x - 2}$ using the practical rules for calculating limits.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 5}{x - 2} &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 - 3x + 5)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x - 2)} \\ &= \frac{(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^2) - (\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 3x) + (\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 5)}{(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x) - (\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2)} \\ &= \frac{(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x)^2 - 3(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x) + 5}{(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x) - 2} \\ &= \frac{1^2 - 3 \cdot 1 + 5}{1 - 2} = \frac{1 - 3 + 5}{-1} = -3 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 2.3.8

Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x - 1}$.

We cannot let $x = 1$, but we can factor out the hole.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x+3)}{(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x + 3) = 4$$

EXAMPLE 2.3.11

Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\sqrt{x+5} - 2}{x + 1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\sqrt{x+5} - 2}{x + 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\sqrt{x+5} - 2}{x + 1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+5} + 2}{\sqrt{x+5} + 2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x + 5 - 4}{(x + 1)(\sqrt{x+5} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x + 1}{(x + 1)(\sqrt{x+5} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+5} + 2} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

One-sided limits

- We say that **the limit from the left**, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L$, exists if for every number $\varepsilon > 0$ there is some number $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ whenever $0 < a - x < \delta$.
- We say that **the limit from the right**, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = L$, exists if for every number $\varepsilon > 0$ there is some number $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ whenever $0 < x - a < \delta$.

EXAMPLE 2.3.13

Discuss $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{|x|}$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{|x|}$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{|x|}$

The function is undefined at 0; when $x > 0$, $|x| = x$ and so $f(x) = 1$;

when $x < 0$, $|x| = -x$ and so $f(x) = -1$. Thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{|x|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} -1 = -1$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{|x|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 1 = 1$. Because they aren't equal, the two-sided limit, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{|x|}$, doesn't exist

Infinity Limits

- **Definition of a positive infinite limit:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$ if $\varepsilon > 0$ if $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $x > N$ then $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$
- Same for **negative infinite limit**, except $x < N$

Example: Negative Infinite Limit

Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x \div \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \Rightarrow 0^+ \div -\infty \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x}{x} = 0^-$$

- 0^+ means that it approaches 0 as the functions goes to infinity using positive numbers, and vice versa for 0^-

Special Limits to Memorize (TAKE AS GIVEN)

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1 \quad 2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1 \quad 3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x} = 0$$

2.4 The Derivative Function

- **The Definition of a Derivative:** $\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$
 - Note: the textbook uses Δx instead of h
 - $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is called **Leibniz's notation** and comes from $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$
 - $f'(x)$ is called **prime notation**
- **Existence of a derivative:** f is not **differentiable** at x if
 1. There is a sharp corner, Ex. $\frac{d}{dx}|x|$ doesn't exist at $x = 0$
 - a. Textbook example is that $\frac{d}{dx}x^{2/3}$ doesn't exist at $x = 0$
 2. The slope is vertical, Ex. $\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt[3]{x}$ doesn't exist at $x = 0$
 3. The function is not defined, i.e there is either a
 - a. Jump,
 - b. Asymptote
 - c. or Hole

Example: Derivative of a Linear Function

Find $f'(x)$ for $f(x) = 3x - 4$

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[3(x+h) - 4] - [3x - 4]}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x + 3h - 4 - 3x + 4}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3h}{h}$$
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 3 = 3, \text{ thus } f'(x) = 3$$

Example: Derivative of a Quadratic Function

Find $f'(x)$ for $f(x) = x^2$

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2}{h}$$
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x + h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x + h) = 2, \text{ thus } f'(x) = 2$$

Proof of e^x from Lecture 2 (23 June, 2026)

$$\frac{d}{dx}e^x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x * e^h - e^x}{h} \quad \text{break up term using an exponent}$$

rule

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x(e^h - 1)}{h} = e^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} \quad \text{use special limit 2}$$
$$= e^x * 1 = e^x$$

Proof of $\sin(x)$ from Lecture 2 (23 June, 2026)

$$\frac{d}{dx}\sin(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)\cos(h) + \sin(h)\cos(x) - \sin(x)}{h} \quad \text{trig identity}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)[\cos(h) - 1] + \sin(h)\cos(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)[\cos(h) - 1]}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)\cos(x)}{h}$$
$$= \sin(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\cos(h) - 1]}{h} + \cos(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \quad \text{use special limit 1 \& 3}$$
$$= \sin(x) * 0 + \cos(x) * 1 = \cos(x)$$

2.5 Properties of Functions

- Graphs that pass the **vertical line test** are functional
- A function is **bounded** if its outputs stay within some finite interval.
Mathematically, $\exists \{M \in \mathbb{R} \mid M > 0\}$ s.t. $|f(x)| \leq M \quad \forall x$ in the domain
- A function is **continuous** if it is defined for every x in its domain
 - Functions that aren't **continuous** can be **continuous at a points**
- If a function has a **derivative** $\forall x$, we say the function is **differentiable**

- Similarly to the prior point, functions can be differentiable for some x values even if not differentiable for all x values
- **Intermediate Value Theorem:** if f is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$ and d is between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then $\exists$ some number c in $[a, b]$ s.t. $f(c) = d$
 - A "common" use of this is **Bolzano's theorem**, if f is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$, and $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ have opposite signs (+/-), then $\exists$ a root/zero of f in $[a, b]$