

**V EXAMPLE 8** If  $f(x) = e^x - x$ , find  $f'$  and  $f''$ . Compare the graphs of  $f$  and  $f'$ .

**SOLUTION** Using the Difference Rule, we have

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x - x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) - \frac{d}{dx}(x) = e^x - 1$$

In Section 2.8 we defined the second derivative as the derivative of  $f'$ , so

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x - 1) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) - \frac{d}{dx}(1) = e^x$$

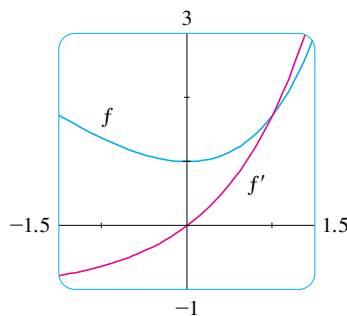


FIGURE 8

The function  $f$  and its derivative  $f'$  are graphed in Figure 8. Notice that  $f$  has a horizontal tangent when  $x = 0$ ; this corresponds to the fact that  $f'(0) = 0$ . Notice also that, for  $x > 0$ ,  $f'(x)$  is positive and  $f$  is increasing. When  $x < 0$ ,  $f'(x)$  is negative and  $f$  is decreasing.

**EXAMPLE 9** At what point on the curve  $y = e^x$  is the tangent line parallel to the line  $y = 2x$ ?

**SOLUTION** Since  $y = e^x$ , we have  $y' = e^x$ . Let the  $x$ -coordinate of the point in question be  $a$ . Then the slope of the tangent line at that point is  $e^a$ . This tangent line will be parallel to the line  $y = 2x$  if it has the same slope, that is, 2. Equating slopes, we get

$$e^a = 2 \quad a = \ln 2$$

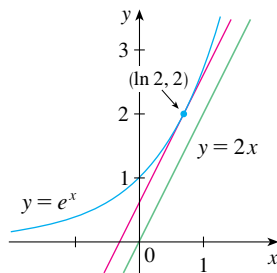


FIGURE 9

Therefore the required point is  $(a, e^a) = (\ln 2, 2)$ . (See Figure 9.)

### 3.1 Exercises

1. (a) How is the number  $e$  defined?  
(b) Use a calculator to estimate the values of the limits

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2.7^h - 1}{h} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2.8^h - 1}{h}$$

correct to two decimal places. What can you conclude about the value of  $e$ ?

2. (a) Sketch, by hand, the graph of the function  $f(x) = e^x$ , paying particular attention to how the graph crosses the  $y$ -axis. What fact allows you to do this?  
(b) What types of functions are  $f(x) = e^x$  and  $g(x) = x^e$ ? Compare the differentiation formulas for  $f$  and  $g$ .  
(c) Which of the two functions in part (b) grows more rapidly when  $x$  is large?

3–32 Differentiate the function.

3.  $f(x) = 2^{40}$

4.  $f(x) = e^5$

5.  $f(t) = 2 - \frac{2}{3}t$

6.  $F(x) = \frac{3}{4}x^8$

7.  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x + 6$

8.  $f(t) = 1.4t^5 - 2.5t^2 + 6.7$

9.  $g(x) = x^2(1 - 2x)$

10.  $h(x) = (x - 2)(2x + 3)$

11.  $g(t) = 2t^{-3/4}$

12.  $B(y) = cy^{-6}$

13.  $A(s) = -\frac{12}{s^5}$

14.  $y = x^{5/3} - x^{2/3}$

15.  $R(a) = (3a + 1)^2$

16.  $h(t) = \sqrt[4]{t} - 4e^t$

17.  $S(p) = \sqrt{p} - p$

18.  $y = \sqrt{x}(x - 1)$

19.  $y = 3e^x + \frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

20.  $S(R) = 4\pi R^2$

21.  $h(u) = Au^3 + Bu^2 + Cu$

22.  $y = \frac{\sqrt{x} + x}{x^2}$

23.  $y = \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{\sqrt{x}}$

24.  $g(u) = \sqrt{2}u + \sqrt{3u}$

25.  $j(x) = x^{2.4} + e^{2.4}$

26.  $k(r) = e^r + r^e$

27.  $H(x) = (x + x^{-1})^3$

28.  $y = ae^v + \frac{b}{v} + \frac{c}{v^2}$



29.  $u = \sqrt[5]{t} + 4\sqrt{t^5}$

30.  $v = \left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}}\right)^2$

31.  $z = \frac{A}{y^{10}} + Be^y$

32.  $y = e^{x+1} + 1$

**33–34** Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point.


33.  $y = \sqrt[4]{x}, (1, 1)$

34.  $y = x^4 + 2x^2 - x, (1, 2)$

**35–36** Find equations of the tangent line and normal line to the curve at the given point.


35.  $y = x^4 + 2e^x, (0, 2)$

36.  $y = x^2 - x^4, (1, 0)$

 **37–38** Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point. Illustrate by graphing the curve and the tangent line on the same screen.


37.  $y = 3x^2 - x^3, (1, 2)$


38.  $y = x - \sqrt{x}, (1, 0)$

 **39–40** Find  $f'(x)$ . Compare the graphs of  $f$  and  $f'$  and use them to explain why your answer is reasonable.

39.  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2$

40.  $f(x) = x^5 - 2x^3 + x - 1$


 **41.** (a) Use a graphing calculator or computer to graph the function  $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 - 6x^2 + 7x + 30$  in the viewing rectangle  $[-3, 5]$  by  $[-10, 50]$ .  
 (b) Using the graph in part (a) to estimate slopes, make a rough sketch, by hand, of the graph of  $f'$ . (See Example 1 in Section 2.8.)  
 (c) Calculate  $f'(x)$  and use this expression, with a graphing device, to graph  $f'$ . Compare with your sketch in part (b).

 **42.** (a) Use a graphing calculator or computer to graph the function  $g(x) = e^x - 3x^2$  in the viewing rectangle  $[-1, 4]$  by  $[-8, 8]$ .  
 (b) Using the graph in part (a) to estimate slopes, make a rough sketch, by hand, of the graph of  $g'$ . (See Example 1 in Section 2.8.)  
 (c) Calculate  $g'(x)$  and use this expression, with a graphing device, to graph  $g'$ . Compare with your sketch in part (b).

**43–44** Find the first and second derivatives of the function.

43.  $f(x) = 10x^{10} + 5x^5 - x$

44.  $G(r) = \sqrt{r} + \sqrt[3]{r}$

 **45–46** Find the first and second derivatives of the function. Check to see that your answers are reasonable by comparing the graphs of  $f$ ,  $f'$ , and  $f''$ .

45.  $f(x) = 2x - 5x^{3/4}$

46.  $f(x) = e^x - x^3$

**47.** The equation of motion of a particle is  $s = t^3 - 3t$ , where  $s$  is in meters and  $t$  is in seconds. Find  
 (a) the velocity and acceleration as functions of  $t$ ,  
 (b) the acceleration after 2 s, and  
 (c) the acceleration when the velocity is 0.

**48.** The equation of motion of a particle is  $s = t^4 - 2t^3 + t^2 - t$ , where  $s$  is in meters and  $t$  is in seconds.

(a) Find the velocity and acceleration as functions of  $t$ .

(b) Find the acceleration after 1 s.

(c) Graph the position, velocity, and acceleration functions on the same screen.



**49.** Boyle's Law states that when a sample of gas is compressed at a constant pressure, the pressure  $P$  of the gas is inversely proportional to the volume  $V$  of the gas.

(a) Suppose that the pressure of a sample of air that occupies  $0.106 \text{ m}^3$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  is 50 kPa. Write  $V$  as a function of  $P$ .

(b) Calculate  $dV/dP$  when  $P = 50$  kPa. What is the meaning of the derivative? What are its units?



**50.** Car tires need to be inflated properly because overinflation or underinflation can cause premature treadwear. The data in the table show tire life  $L$  (in thousands of miles) for a certain type of tire at various pressures  $P$  (in  $\text{lb}/\text{in}^2$ ).

$P$	26	28	31	35	38	42	45
$L$	50	66	78	81	74	70	59

(a) Use a graphing calculator or computer to model tire life with a quadratic function of the pressure.

(b) Use the model to estimate  $dL/dP$  when  $P = 30$  and when  $P = 40$ . What is the meaning of the derivative? What are the units? What is the significance of the signs of the derivatives?

**51.** Find the points on the curve  $y = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 1$  where the tangent is horizontal.

**52.** For what value of  $x$  does the graph of  $f(x) = e^x - 2x$  have a horizontal tangent?

**53.** Show that the curve  $y = 2e^x + 3x + 5x^3$  has no tangent line with slope 2.

**54.** Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve  $y = x\sqrt{x}$  that is parallel to the line  $y = 1 + 3x$ .

**55.** Find equations of both lines that are tangent to the curve  $y = 1 + x^3$  and parallel to the line  $12x - y = 1$ .



**56.** At what point on the curve  $y = 1 + 2e^x - 3x$  is the tangent line parallel to the line  $3x - y = 5$ ? Illustrate by graphing the curve and both lines.

**57.** Find an equation of the normal line to the parabola  $y = x^2 - 5x + 4$  that is parallel to the line  $x - 3y = 5$ .

58. Where does the normal line to the parabola  $y = x - x^2$  at the point  $(1, 0)$  intersect the parabola a second time? Illustrate with a sketch.

59. Draw a diagram to show that there are two tangent lines to the parabola  $y = x^2$  that pass through the point  $(0, -4)$ . Find the coordinates of the points where these tangent lines intersect the parabola.

60. (a) Find equations of both lines through the point  $(2, -3)$  that are tangent to the parabola  $y = x^2 + x$ .

(b) Show that there is no line through the point  $(2, 7)$  that is tangent to the parabola. Then draw a diagram to see why.

61. Use the definition of a derivative to show that if  $f(x) = 1/x$ , then  $f'(x) = -1/x^2$ . (This proves the Power Rule for the case  $n = -1$ .)

62. Find the  $n$ th derivative of each function by calculating the first few derivatives and observing the pattern that occurs.

(a)  $f(x) = x^n$

(b)  $f(x) = 1/x$

63. Find a second-degree polynomial  $P$  such that  $P(2) = 5$ ,  $P'(2) = 3$ , and  $P''(2) = 2$ .

64. The equation  $y'' + y' - 2y = x^2$  is called a **differential equation** because it involves an unknown function  $y$  and its derivatives  $y'$  and  $y''$ . Find constants  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  such that the function  $y = Ax^2 + Bx + C$  satisfies this equation. (Differential equations will be studied in detail in Chapter 9.)

65. Find a cubic function  $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  whose graph has horizontal tangents at the points  $(-2, 6)$  and  $(2, 0)$ .

66. Find a parabola with equation  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  that has slope 4 at  $x = 1$ , slope  $-8$  at  $x = -1$ , and passes through the point  $(2, 15)$ .

67. Let

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

Is  $f$  differentiable at 1? Sketch the graphs of  $f$  and  $f'$ .

68. At what numbers is the following function  $g$  differentiable?

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 2x - x^2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 2 \\ 2 - x & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Give a formula for  $g'$  and sketch the graphs of  $g$  and  $g'$ .

69. (a) For what values of  $x$  is the function  $f(x) = |x^2 - 9|$  differentiable? Find a formula for  $f'$ .

(b) Sketch the graphs of  $f$  and  $f'$ .

70. Where is the function  $h(x) = |x - 1| + |x + 2|$  differentiable? Give a formula for  $h'$  and sketch the graphs of  $h$  and  $h'$ .

71. Find the parabola with equation  $y = ax^2 + bx$  whose tangent line at  $(1, 1)$  has equation  $y = 3x - 2$ .

72. Suppose the curve  $y = x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  has a tangent line when  $x = 0$  with equation  $y = 2x + 1$  and a tangent line when  $x = 1$  with equation  $y = 2 - 3x$ . Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$ .

73. For what values of  $a$  and  $b$  is the line  $2x + y = b$  tangent to the parabola  $y = ax^2$  when  $x = 2$ ?

74. Find the value of  $c$  such that the line  $y = \frac{3}{2}x + 6$  is tangent to the curve  $y = c\sqrt{x}$ .

75. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ mx + b & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Find the values of  $m$  and  $b$  that make  $f$  differentiable everywhere.

76. A tangent line is drawn to the hyperbola  $xy = c$  at a point  $P$ .

(a) Show that the midpoint of the line segment cut from this tangent line by the coordinate axes is  $P$ .

(b) Show that the triangle formed by the tangent line and the coordinate axes always has the same area, no matter where  $P$  is located on the hyperbola.

77. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{1000} - 1}{x - 1}$ .

78. Draw a diagram showing two perpendicular lines that intersect on the  $y$ -axis and are both tangent to the parabola  $y = x^2$ . Where do these lines intersect?

79. If  $c > \frac{1}{2}$ , how many lines through the point  $(0, c)$  are normal lines to the parabola  $y = x^2$ ? What if  $c \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ?

80. Sketch the parabolas  $y = x^2$  and  $y = x^2 - 2x + 2$ . Do you think there is a line that is tangent to both curves? If so, find its equation. If not, why not?