

# RATES OF CHANGE

$y = f(x)$ , PICK  $x_1 < x_2$

$\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$ , RATE OF CHANGE IN  $x$

$\Delta y = y_2 - y_1$ , RATE OF CHANGE IN  $y$

$$y_1 = f(x_1), y_2 = f(x_2)$$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

AVERAGE RATE OF CHANGE OF  $y$  WITH RESPECT TO  $x$  ON  $[x_1, x_2]$

FIX  $x_1$ , LET  $x_2 \rightarrow x_1$ , THEN  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = f'(x_1) = \frac{dy}{dx}(x_1)$$

INSTANTANEOUS RATE OF CHANGE

EX 1 (PHYSICS)

$s = f(t)$  = POSITION OF A PARTICLE (MOVING ON A LINE) AT TIME  $t$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = f'(x) = (\text{INSTANTANEOUS}) \text{ VELOCITY}$$

$$\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = f''(x) = \text{ACCELERATION}$$

$$s = f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 5, \quad x \geq 0$$

- 1) FIND VELOCITY, ACCELERATION AT ALL  $x$
- 2) WHEN IS THE PARTICLE AT REST?
- 3) WHEN DOES THE PARTICLE MOVE FORWARD?
- 4) WHAT IS THE TOTAL DISTANCE THE PARTICLE TRAVELS IN THE FIRST ~~TWO~~ FIVE SECONDS?

$$1) f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x \quad \text{VELOCITY}$$

$$f''(x) = 6x - 6 \quad \text{ACCELERATION}$$

$$2) \text{ SOLVE } f'(x) = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 6x = 0 \quad x(3x - 6) = 0 \quad x = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0, \quad x_2 = 2$$

$$\text{OR} \\ 3x - 6 = 0$$

2) ~~WHEN DOES THE~~

3) PARTICLE MOVES FORWARD WHEN

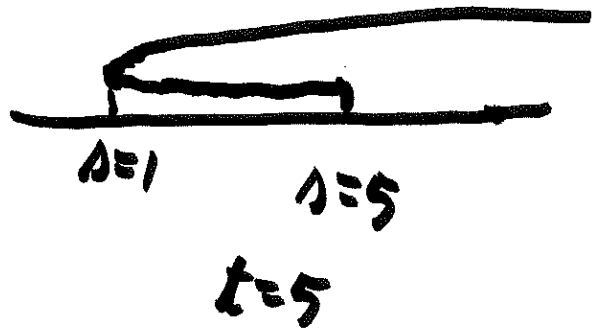
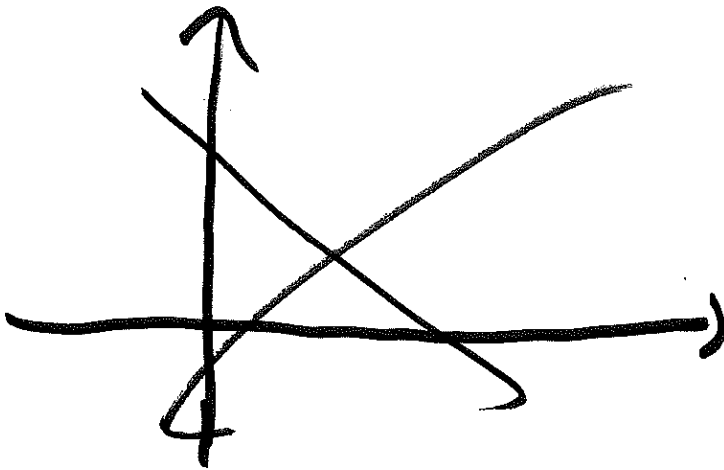
$$f'(x) > 0, \quad t > 2$$

$$t(3t-6) > 0$$



$$0 < t < 2 : t > 0, 3t-6 < 0$$

$$2 < t : t > 0, 3t-6 > 0$$



$$t=2, \quad \Delta = f(2) = 2^3 - 3 \cdot 2^2 + 5 = 1 \quad f(5) = 5^3 - 3 \cdot 5^2 + 5 = 55$$

4) NEED TO COMPUTE SUM OF DISTANCES TRAVELED TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT

$$\text{BETWEEN 0 AND 2: } |f(2) - f(0)| = |1 - 5| = 4$$

$$\text{BETWEEN 2 AND 5: } |f(5) - f(2)| = |55 - 1| = 54$$

$$\text{TOTAL DIST: } 4 + 54 = 58$$

## EX 2 (BIOLOGY)

$n = f(t)$  POPULATION OF SHARKS  
AT TIME  $t$

LOOK AT TIMES  $t=0, t=1, t=2, \dots$

INSTANTANEOUS RATE OF GROWTH:  $\frac{dn}{dt} = f'(t)$

ASSUME THAT THE INITIAL SHARK POPULATION  
IS 400, AND IT DOUBLES EVERY YEAR.

WHAT IS THE POPULATION AFTER 3.5 YEARS?

$$f(0) = 400$$

$$f(1) = 400 \cdot 2$$

$$f(2) = 400 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 400 \cdot 2^2$$

$$f(3) = 400 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 400 \cdot 2^3$$

$$f(4) = 400 \cdot 2^4$$

$\vdots$

$$f(n) = 400 \cdot 2^n$$

$$f(t) = 400 \cdot 2^t \quad \text{FOR ALL } t > 0$$

$$f(3.5) = 400 \cdot 2^{3.5}$$

WHAT IS THE INSTANTANEOUS GROWTH?

$$f'(3.5) = 400 \cdot 2^{3.5} \ln 2$$

$$f'(x) = (400 \cdot 2^x)' = 400 \cdot 2^x \ln 2$$

### EX 3 (ECONOMY)

$C(x)$  = COST OF PRODUCING  $x$  DOUGHNUTS

MARGINAL COST OF PRODUCING ONE EXTRA DOUGHNUT IS  $C(x+1) - C(x)$

PASS TO THE LIMIT: MARGINAL COST

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta x} = C'(x)$$

IF  $x$  IS VERY LARGE,  $C(x+1) - C(x) \approx C'(x)$

$$C(x) = 500 + 2x + 5x^2$$

WHAT IS THE COST OF PRODUCING THE 43<sup>RD</sup> DOUGHNUT?

$$C(43) - C(42) = \dots$$

$$\underline{\text{OR: } C(43) - C(42) \approx C'(42)}$$

$$C'(x) = 2 + 10x$$

$$C'(42) = 2 + 10 \cdot 42 = 422$$

e AS A LIMIT

$$f(x) = \ln x \quad f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f'(1) = 1$$

$$1 = f'(1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+h) - \ln 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \ln(1+h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \ln(1+h)^{\frac{1}{h}}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \ln(1+h)^{\frac{1}{h}} = \ln e$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1+h)^{\frac{1}{h}} = e}$$