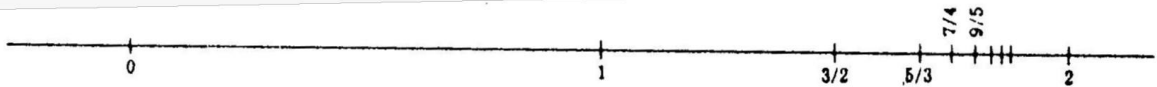


1. LIMITS

LIMIT OF A SEQUENCE. As consecutive points, given by the terms of the sequence

$$1, 3/2, 5/3, 7/4, 9/5, \dots, 2-1/n \quad (1)$$

are located on a number scale, it is noted that they cluster about the point 2 in such a way that there are points of the sequence whose different from 2 is less than any preassigned positive number, however small.



For example, the point $2001/1001$ and all subsequent are at distance $< 1/1000$ from 2, the point $20\,000\,001/10\,000\,001$ and all subsequent points are at a distance $< 1/10\,000\,000$ from 2, and so on. This state of affairs is indicated by saying that *the limit of the sequence is 2*.

If x is variable whose range is the sequence (1), we say that x approaches 2 as limit or x tends to 2 as limit and write $x \rightarrow 2$.

The sequence (1) does not contain its limit 2 as a term. On the other hand, the sequence $1, 1/2, 1, 3/4, 1, 5/6, 1, \dots$ has 1 limit and every odd number term is 1. Thus, a sequence may or may not reach its limit. Hereinafter, the statement $x \rightarrow a$ will be understood to imply $x \neq a$, that is, *it is to be understood that any given arbitrary sequence does not contain its limit as a term*.

LIMIT OF A FUNCTION. Let $x \rightarrow 2$ over the sequence (1); then $f(x) = x^2 \rightarrow 4$ over the sequence $1, 9/4, 25/9, 49/16, \dots, (2-1/n)^2, \dots$. Now let $x \rightarrow 2$ over the sequence

$$2.1, 2.01, 2.001, 2.0001, \dots, 2 + 1/10^n, \dots \quad (2)$$

then $x^2 \rightarrow 4$ over the sequence $4.41, 4.0401, 4.004001, \dots, (2 + 1/10^n)^2, \dots$. It would seem reasonable to expect that would approach 4 as limit however x may approach 2 as limit. Under this assumption, we say “the limit, as x approaches 2, of x^2 is 4” and write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 = 4$$

RIGHT AND LEFT LIMITS. As $x \rightarrow 2$ over the sequence (1), its value is always less than 2. We say that x approaches 2 from the right and write $x \rightarrow 2^+$. Clearly, the statement $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists implies that both the left limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$ and the right limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$ exist and are equal. However, the existence of the right (left) limit does not imply the existence of the left (right) limit.

Example 1:

The function $f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$ has the interval $-3 \leq x \leq 3$ as domain of definition. If a is any number on the open interval $-3 < x < 3$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt{9-x^2}$ exists and is equal to $\sqrt{9-a^2}$. Now consider $a = 3$. First, let x approach 3 from the left; then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \sqrt{9-x^2} = 0$. Next, let x approach 3 from the right; then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \sqrt{9-x^2}$ does not exist since for $x > 3$, $\sqrt{9-x^2}$ is imaginary. Thus, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sqrt{9-x^2}$ does not exist.

Similarly, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \sqrt{9-x^2}$ exists and is equal to 0 but $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \sqrt{9-x^2}$ and thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \sqrt{9-x^2}$ do not exist.

THEOREMS ON LIMITS. The following theorems on limits are listed for further reference.

1. If $f(x) = c$, a constant, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = c$
2. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = B$, then:
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} k \cdot f(x) = kA$, k being any constant.
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x) \pm g(x)| = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = A \pm B$.
5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x) \cdot g(x)| = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = A \cdot B$.
6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{A}{B}$, provided $B \neq 0$.
7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{A}$, provided $\sqrt[n]{A}$ is a real number.

SOLVED PROBLEMS

1. Determine the limit of each of the following sequences:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) 1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, ... | (d) 5, 4, 11/3, 7/2, 17/5, ... |
| (b) 1, 1/4, 1/9, 1/16, 1/25, ... | (e) 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, ... |
| (c) 2, 5/2, 8/3, 11/4, 14/5, ... | (f) .9, .99, .999, .9999, .99999, ... |

- (a) The general term is $1/n$. As n takes on the values 1, 2, 3, 4, ... in turn, $1/n$ decrease but remains positive. The limit is 0.
- (b) The general term is $(1/n)^2$; the limit is 0.
- (c) The general term is $3 - 1/n$; the limit is 3.
- (d) The general term is $3 + 2/n$; the limit is 3.
- (e) The general term is $1/2^n$; as in (a) the limit is 0.
- (f) The general term is $1 - 1/10^n$; the limit is 1.

2. Describe the behaviour of $y = x + 2$ as x ranges over values of each of the sequences of Prob. 1.

(a) $y \rightarrow 2$ over the sequence $3, 5/2, 7/3, 9/4, 11/5, \dots, 2 + 1/n, \dots$

(b) $y \rightarrow 2$ over the sequence $3, 9/4, 19/9, 33/16, 51/25, \dots, 2 + 1/n^2, \dots$

(c) $y \rightarrow 5$ over the sequence $4, 9/2, 14/3, 19/4, 24/5, \dots, 5 - 1/n, \dots$

(d) $y \rightarrow 5$ over the sequence $7, 6, 17/3, 11/2, 27/5, \dots, 5 + 2/n, \dots$

(e) $y \rightarrow 2$ over the sequence $5/2, 9/4, 17/8, 33/16, 65/32, \dots, 2 + 1/2^n, \dots$

(f) $y \rightarrow 3$ over the sequence $2.9, 2.99, 2.999, 2.9999, \dots, 3 - \frac{1}{10^n}, \dots$

3. Evaluate

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 5x = 5 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x = 5 \cdot 2 = 10$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x + 3) = 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3$
 $= 2 \cdot 2 + 3 = 7$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 4x + 1) = 4 - 8 + 1 = -3$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x-2}{x+2} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x-2)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x+2)} = \frac{1}{5}$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 4} = \frac{4 - 4}{4 + 4} = 0$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \sqrt{25 - x^2} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (25 - x^2)} = \sqrt{9} = 3$

Note. Do not assume from these problems that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ is invariably $f(a)$. By $f(a)$

is meant the value of $f(x)$ when $x = a$; x is never equal to a as $x \rightarrow a$.

2. CONTINUITY

A FUNCTION $f(x)$ is said to be *continuous* at $x = x_0$, if

- (i) $f(x_0)$ is defined, (ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ exists, (iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

For example $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ is continuous at $x = 2$ since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 5 = f(2)$. The condition (i) implies that a function can be continuous only at points on its domain of definition. Thus, $f(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$ is not continuous at $x = 3$ since $f(3)$ is imaginary, i.e. is not defined.

A function which is continuous at every point of an interval (open or closed) is said to be continuous on that interval. A function $f(x)$ is called *continuous* if it is continuous at every point on its domain of definition. Thus, $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and all other polynomials in x are continuous function; other examples are e^x , $\sin x$, $\cos x$.

If the domain of definition of a function is a closed interval $a \leq x \leq b$, condition (ii) fails at the endpoints a and b . We shall call such a function continuous if it is continuous on the open interval $a < x < b$, if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$, and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = f(b)$.

Thus $f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$ will be called a continuous function (see example 1, chapter 2). The functions of elementary calculus are continuous on their domains of definition with the possible exception of a number of isolated points.

A FUNCTION $f(x)$ is said to be *discontinuous* at $x = x_0$ if one or more of the conditions for continuity fail there. The several types of discontinuity will be illustrated by examples:

(a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ is discontinuous at $x = 2$ since

- (i) $f(2)$ is not defined (has zero as denominator)
(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ does not exist (equals x).

The function is discontinuous everywhere except at $x = 2$ where it is said to have an *infinite discontinuity*. See Fig. 3-1.

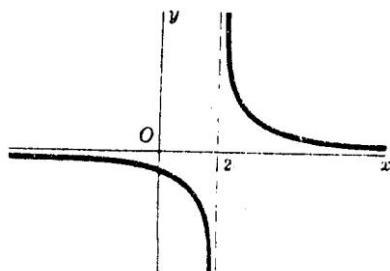


Fig. 3-1

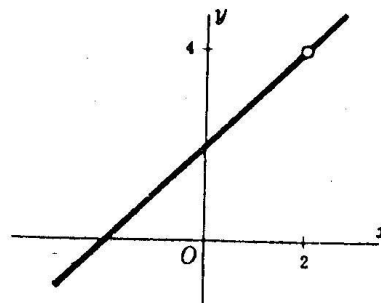


Fig. 3-2

(b) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$ is discontinuous at $x = 2$ since

(i) $f(2)$ is not defined (both numerator and denominator are zero).

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4$

The continuity here is called *removable* since it may be removed by redefining the function as $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$, $x \neq 2$; $f(2) = 4$. (Note that the discontinuity in (a) cannot be so

removed since the limit also does not exist.) The graphs of $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$ and $g(x) = x + 2$ are identical except at $x = 2$ where the former has a 'hole'. Removing the discontinuity consists simply of properly filling the 'hole.'

(c) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 27}{x - 3}$, $x \neq 3$; $f(3) = 9$ is discontinuous at $x = 3$ since

(i) $f(3) = 9$,

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 27$

(iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) \neq f(3)$

The discontinuity may be removed by redefining the function as $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 27}{x - 3}$, $x \neq 3$; $f(3) = 27$.

(d) The function of Problem 9, Chapter 1, is defined for all $x > 0$ but has discontinuities at $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ arising from the fact that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow s^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow s^+} f(x) \quad (s \text{ any positive integer})$$

These are called *jump discontinuities*

3. THE DERIVATIVE

INCREMENTS. The *increment* Δx of a variable x is the change in x as it increase from one value $x = x_0$ to another value $x = x_1$ in its range. Here, $\Delta x = x_1 - x_0$ and we may write $x_1 = x_0 + \Delta x$.

If the variable x is given an increment Δx from $x = x_0$ (that is, if x changes from $x = x_0$ to $x = x_0 + \Delta x$) and a function a function $y = f(x)$ is thereby given an increment $\Delta y = f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0)$ from $y = f(x_0)$, the quotient

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{\text{change in } y}{\text{change in } x}$$

is called the *average rate of change* of the function on the interval between $x = x_0$ and $x = x_0 + \Delta x$.

Example 1:

When x is given the increment $\Delta x = 0.5$ from $x_0 = 1$, the function $y = x^2 + 2x$ is given the increment $\Delta y = f(1 + 0.5)^2 - f(1) = 5.25 - 3 = 2.25$. Thus, the average rate of change of y on the interval between $x = 1$ and $x = 1.5$ is $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{2.25}{0.5} = 4.5$

THE DERIVATIVE of function $y = f(x)$ with respect to x at the point $x = x_0$ is defined as

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

Provided the limit exists. This limit is also called the *instantaneous rate of change* (or simply, the *rate of change*) of y with respect to x at $x = x_0$.

Example 2:

Find the derivate of $y = f(x) = x^2 + 3x$ with respect to x at $x = x_0$. Use this to find the value of derivative at (a) $x_0 = 2$ and (b) $x_0 = -4$.

$$y_0 = f(x_0) = x_0^2 + 3x_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 + \Delta y &= f(x_0 + \Delta x) = (x_0 + \Delta x)^2 + 3(x_0 + \Delta x) \\ &= x_0^2 + 2x_0\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2 + 3x_0 + 3\Delta x \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta y = f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0) = 2x_0\Delta x + 3\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0)}{\Delta x} = 2x_0 + 3 + \Delta x$$

The derivative at $x = x_0$ is

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (2x_0 + 3 + \Delta x) = 2x_0 + 3$$

(a) At $x_0 = 2$, the value of the derivative is $2 \cdot 2 + 3 = 7$.

(b) At $x_0 = -4$, the value of the derivative is $2(-4) + 3 = -5$.

IN FINDING DERIVATIVES it is customary to drop the subscript 0 to obtain the derivative of $y = f(x)$ with respect to x as

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

See note following problems 5 (c), Chapter 2.

The derivative of $y = f(x)$ with respect to x may be indicated by any one of the symbols

$$\frac{d}{dx} y, \frac{dy}{dx}, D_x y, y', f'(x) \text{ or } \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$

4. DIFFERENTIATION OF ALGEBRAIC FUNCTION

A FUNCTION is said to be *differentiable* at $x = x_0$ if it has a derivative there. A function is said to be *differentiable on an interval* if it is differentiable at every point of the interval.

The functions of elementary calculus are differentiable, except possibly at certain isolated points, on their intervals of definition.

DIFFERENTIATION FORMULAS. In these formulas u , v and w are differentiable functions of x .

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|---|---|
| 1. $\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0,$ | 10. $\frac{d}{dx}(x^m) = mx^{m-1}$ |
| 2. $\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$ | 11. $\frac{d}{dx}(u^m) = mu^{m-1} \frac{d}{dx}(u)$ |
| 3. $\frac{d}{dx}(u + v + \dots) = \frac{d}{dx}(u) + \frac{d}{dx}(v) + \dots$ | 12. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\frac{dx}{dy}}$ |
| 4. $\frac{d}{dx}(cu) = c \frac{d}{dx}(u)$ | 13. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$ |
| 5. $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{d}{dx}(v) + v \frac{d}{dx}(u)$ | |
| 6. $\frac{d}{dx}(uvw) = uv \frac{d}{dx}(w) + uw \frac{d}{dx}(v) + vw \frac{d}{dx}(u)$ | |
| 7. $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{c}\right) = \frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(u), c \neq 0$ | |
| 8. $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{c}{u}\right) = c \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{u}\right) = -\frac{c}{u^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(u)$ | |
| 9. $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{d}{dx}(u) - u \frac{d}{dx}(v)}{v^2}, v \neq 0$ | |

INVERSE FUNCTIONS. Let $y = f(x)$ be differentiable on the interval $a \leq x \leq b$ and suppose that dy/dx does not change sign on the interval. Then from Fig. 5-1a and 5-1 b the function assumes once and only once every value between $f(a) = c$ and $f(b) = d$. Thus, for each value of y on the respective interval, there corresponds one and only one value of x and x is a function of y , say $x = g(y)$. The function $y = f(x)$ and $x = g(y)$ are called *inverse functions*.

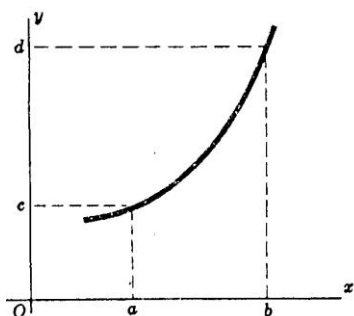


Fig. 5-1a

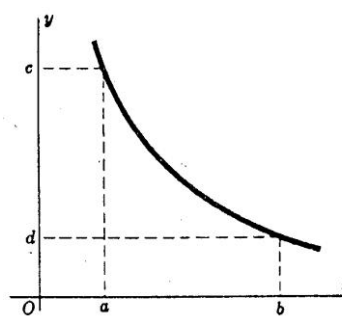


Fig. 5-1b

Example I:

- (a) $y = f(x) = 3x + 2$ and $x = g(y) = f(y-2)$ are inverse function
- (b) When $x \leq 2$ and $y \geq -1$, $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$ and $x = 2 - \sqrt{y+1}$ are inverse function.
When $x \geq 2$ and $y \geq -1$, $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$ and $x = 2 + \sqrt{y+1}$ are inverse function.

To find dy/dx , given $x = g(y)$

- (a) Solve for y , when possible, and differentiate with respect to x ; or
- (b) Differentiate $x = g(y)$ with respect to y and use

Example 2:

Find dy/dx , given $x = \sqrt{y} + 5$

Using (a) : $y = (x - 5)^2$ and $dy/dx = 2(x - 5)$

Using (b): $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{2} y^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$; then $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sqrt{y} = 2(x - 5)$.

DIFFERENTIATION OF A FUNCTION OF A FUNCTION. If $y = f(u)$ and $u = g(x)$, then $y = f\{g(x)\}$ is a function of x . If y is a differentiable function of u and if u is a differentiable function of x , then $y = f\{g(x)\}$ is differentiable function of x and the derivative dy/dx may be obtained by one of the following procedures:

- (a) Express y explicitly in terms of x and differentiate.

Example 3:

If $y = u^2 + 3$ and $u = 2x + 1$, then $y = (2x + 1)^2 + 3$ and $dy/dx = 8x + 4$.

- (b) Differentiate each function with respect to the independent variable and use the formula (*the chain rule*).

Example 4:

If $y = u^2 + 3$ and $u = 2x + 1$, then $\frac{dy}{du} = 2u$, $\frac{du}{dx} = 2$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = 4u = 8x + 4$

HIGHER DERIVATIVES. Let $y = f(x)$ be a differentiable function of x and let its derivative be called the *first derivative* of the function. If the first derivative is differentiable, its derivative is called the *second derivative* of the (original) function and is denoted by one of the symbols $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, y'' , or $f''(x)$. In turn, the derivative of the second derivative is called the *third derivative* of the function and is denoted by one of the symbols $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$, y''' , or $f'''(x)$;...

Note. The derivative of a given order at a point can exist only when the function and all derivatives of lower order are differentiable at the point.

5. MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM VALUE

INCREASING AND DECREASING FUNCTION. A function $f(x)$ is said to be *increasing* at $x = x_0$ if for h , positive and sufficiently small, $f(x_0 - h) < f(x_0) < f(x_0 + h)$. A function $f(x)$ is said to be *decreasing* at $x = x_0$ if for h , positive and sufficiently small, $f(x_0 - h) > f(x_0) > f(x_0 + h)$

If $f'(x_0) > 0$, then $f(x)$ is an increasing function at $x = x_0$; if $f'(x_0) < 0$, then $f(x)$ is decreasing function at $x = x_0$. If $f'(x_0) = 0$, then $f(x)$ is said to be *stationary* at $x = x_0$.

A non-constant function is said to be an increasing (decreasing) function over an interval if it is increasing (decreasing or stationary at every point of the interval).

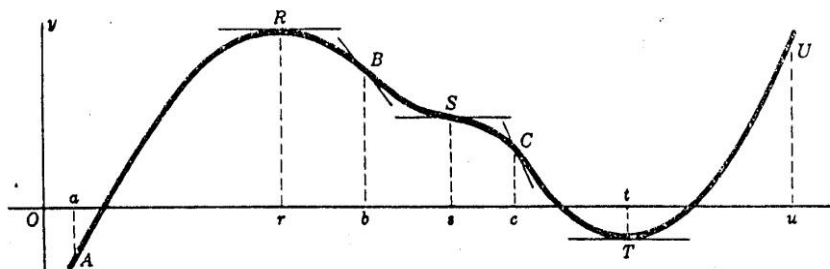


Fig. 8-1

In Fig. 8-1, the curve $y = f(x)$ is rising (the function is increasing) on the intervals $a < x < r$ and $t < x < u$; the curve is falling (the function is decreasing) on the

interval $r < x < t$. The function is stationary at $x = r$, $x = s$, and $x = t$; the curve has a horizontal tangent at the points R , S , and T . The values of x , (r , s , and t), for which the function $f(x)$ is stationary ($f'(x)=0$) are more frequently called *critical values* for the function and the corresponding points (R , S , and T) of the graph are called *critical points* of the curve.

RELATIVE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM VALUES OF A FUNCTION. A function $y = f(x)$ is said to have a *relative maximum* (*relative minimum*) value at $x = x_0$ if $f(x_0)$ is greater (smaller) than immediately preceding *and* succeeding values of the function.

In Fig. 8-1, $R(r, f(r))$ is relative maximum point of the curve since $f(r) > f(x)$ on any sufficiently small neighbourhood $0 < |x - r| < \delta$. We shall say that $y = f(x)$ has a *relative maximum value* ($= f(r)$) when $x = r$. In the same figure, $T(t, f(t))$ is a relative minimum point of the curve since $f(t) < f(x)$ on any sufficiently small neighbourhood $0 < |x - t| < \delta$. We shall say that $y = f(x)$ has a *relative minimum value* ($= f(t)$) when $x = t$. Note that R joins an arch AR which is rising ($f'(x) > 0$), and an arch RB which is falling ($f'(x) < 0$) while T joins an arch CT which is falling [$f'(x) < 0$] and an arch TU which is rising [$f'(x) > 0$]. At S two arcs BS and SC both of which are falling are joined; S is neither a relative maximum nor a relative minimum point of the curve.

If $y = f(x)$ is differentiable on $a \leq x \leq b$ and if $f(x)$ has a relative maximum (minimum) value at $x = x_0$, where $a < x_0 < b$, then $f'(x_0) = 0$. For proof, see Prob. 18.

To find the relative maximum (minimum) values (hereinafter called maximum (minimum) values) of function $f(x)$ which, together with their first derivatives, are continuous:

FIRST DERIVATIVE TEST

1. Solve $f'(x) = 0$ for the critical values.
2. Locate the critical values on a number scale, thereby establishing a number of intervals.
3. Determine the sign of $f'(x)$ on each interval.
4. Let x increase through each critical value $x = x_0$; then
 - $f(x)$ has a maximum value ($= f(x_0)$) if $f'(x)$ changes from + to -,
 - $f(x)$ has a minimum value ($= f(x_0)$) if $f'(x)$ changes from - to +,
 - $f(x)$ has neither a maximum nor a minimum value at $x = x_0$ if $f'(x)$ does not change sign.

A FUNCTION $y = f(x)$, necessarily less simple than those of Problems 2-5, may have a maximum or minimum value ($f(x_0)$) although $f'(x_0)$ does not exist. The value $x = x_0$ for which $f(x)$ is defined but $f'(x)$ does not exist will also be called critical values for the function. They, together with the values for which $f'(x) = 0$ are to be used in determining the intervals of Step 2 above.

A final case in which $f(x_0)$ is a maximum (minimum) value although there is no interval $x_0 - \delta < x < x_0$ on which $f'(x)$ is positive (negative) and no interval $x_0 < x < x_0 + \delta$ on which $f'(x)$ is negative (positive) will not be treated here.

DIRECTION OF BENDING. An arc of a curve $y = f(x)$ is called *concave upward* if, at each of its points, the arc lies above the tangent at the point. As x increases, $f'(x)$ either is of the same sign and increasing (as on the interval $b < x < s$ of Fig. 8-1) or changes sign from negative to positive (as on the interval $c < x < u$). In either case, the slope $f'(x)$ is increasing and $f''(x) > 0$.

An arch of a curve $y = f(x)$ is called *concave downward* if, at each of its points, the arc lies below the tangent at the point. As x increases, $f'(x)$ either is of the same sign and decreasing (as on the interval $s < x < c$ of Fig. 8-1) or changes sign from positive to negative (as on the interval $a < x < b$). In either case, the slope $f'(x)$ is decreasing and $f''(x) < 0$.

A POINT OF INFLECTION is a point at which a curve is changing from concave upward to concave downward, or vice versa. In Fig. 8-1, the points of inflection are B , S , and C .

A curve $y = f(x)$ has one of its points $x = x_0$ as inflection point.

if $f''(x_0) = 0$ or is not defined and

if $f''(x)$ changes sign as x increases through $x = x_0$.

The latter condition may be replaced by $f''(x_0) \neq 0$ when $f''(x_0)$ exist.

A SECOND TEST FOR MAXIMA AND MINIMA, SECOND DERIVATE TEST

1. Solve $f'(x) = 0$ for the critical values.
2. For a critical value $x = x_0$:

$f(x)$ has a maximum value ($=f(x_0)$) if $f''(x_0) < 0$

$f(x)$ has a minimum value ($=f(x_0)$) if $f''(x_0) > 0$

In the later case, the first derivative method must be used.

6. RELATED RATES

RELATED RATES. If a variable x is a function of time t , the *time rate of change* of x is given by dx/dt .

When two or more variables, all functions of t , are related by an equation, the relation between their rates of change may be obtained by differentiating the equation with respect to t .

SOLVED PROBLEMS

1. Gas is escaping from a spherical balloon at the rate of $900 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$. How fast is the surface area shrinking when the radius is 360 cm?

At time t the sphere has radius r , volume $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$, and surface $S = 4\pi r^2$.

Then $\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$, $\frac{dS}{dt} = 8\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$, $\frac{dS/dt}{dV/dt} = \frac{2}{r}$, and

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{2}{r} \left(\frac{dV}{dt} \right) = \frac{2}{230} (-900) = -5 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

2. Water is running out a conical funnel at the rate of $5 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$. If the radius of the base of the funnel is 10 cm and the altitude is 20 cm, find the rate at which the water level is dropping when it is 5 cm from the top.

Let r be radius and h the height of the surface of the water at time t , and V the volume of water in the cone.

By similar triangles, $r/10 = h/20$ or $r = \frac{1}{2} h$. $V = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\pi r^2 h = \frac{1}{12} \pi h^3 \text{ and } dV/dt = \frac{1}{4} \pi h^2 dh/dt. \text{ When } dV/dt = -5$$

and $h = 20 - 5 = 15$, then $dh/dt = -4/45\pi 5 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

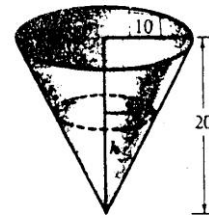


Fig. 11-1

3. Sand falling from a chute forms a conical pile whose altitude is always equal to $4/3$ the radius of the base (a) How fast is the volume increasing when the radius of the base is 1 m and is increasing at the rate of $1/8 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$? (b) How fast is the radius increasing when it is 2 m and the volume is increasing at the rate of $10^4 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$?

Let r = radius of base and h = height of pile at time t .

$$\text{Since } h = \frac{4}{3}r, v = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h = \frac{4}{9}\pi r^3, \text{ and } \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$(a) \text{ When } r = 100 \text{ and } \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{8}, \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{5000\pi}{3} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$$

$$(b) \text{ When } r = 200 \text{ and } \frac{dV}{dt} = 10\,000, \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$$

4. One ship A is sailing due to south at 24 km h^{-1} and a second ship B, 48 km south of A, is sailing due east at 18 km h^{-1} (a) At what rate are they approaching or separating at the end of 1 hr? (b) At the end of 2 hr? (c) When do they cease to approach each other and how far apart are they at that time?