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What is the definition of the derivative?

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Students will verbally explain how to
find the slope of the tangent line
(using the words:
limit, secant, tangent...)



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$$y = x^2 - 7x + 20$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$(y', f'(x))$

Find y' at $x = 2$

Write an equation of the tangent line at $x = 2$

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

$$f(x) = x^2 - 7x + 20$$

$$f(x+h) = (x+h)^2 - 7(x+h) + 20$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - 7(x+h) + 20 - (x^2 - 7x + 20)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)(x+h) - 7x - 7h + 20 - x^2 + 7x - 20}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - 7x - 7h + 20 - x^2 + 7x - 20}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2 - 7h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x + h - 7)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x + h - 7 = 2x - 7$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 7$$

$$y' = 2x - 7$$

$$y'(2) = 2(2) - 7 = -3$$

slope = -3
x = 2
slope of tangent line at x = 2

$$y = 2^2 - 7(2) + 20 = 10$$

$$y - 10 = -3(x - 2)$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 9x$$

Find $f'(x)$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 9x$$

$$f(x+h) = (x+h)^2 + 9(x+h)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 + 9(x+h) - (x^2 + 9x)}{h} = 2x + 9$$

Pg 125 #3, 5 (only use EQ 1),
19, 20, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 51 – 56 (all)