

2, 2 (Part I) (Notes)

Differentials

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$y = (x^4 - 7)$$

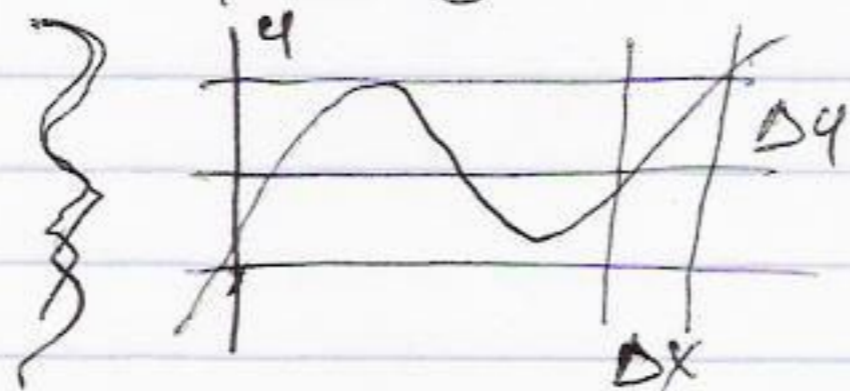
$$y' = (x^4 - 7)' = 4x^3$$

$$(x^n)' = nx^{n-1} \quad y' = 0$$

Recall Definition: Assuming y' exists:

$$y' = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right) \text{ for all } \Delta x \neq 0, \Delta x \approx 0$$

where Δy is the change in y corresponding to a change Δx in x



$$\Delta y = ((x + \Delta x)^4 - 7) - (x^4 - 7)$$

Definition

$$dx = \Delta x$$

$$dy = y' \Delta x = y' dx$$

$$y' \approx \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y' dx}{dx} = y'$$

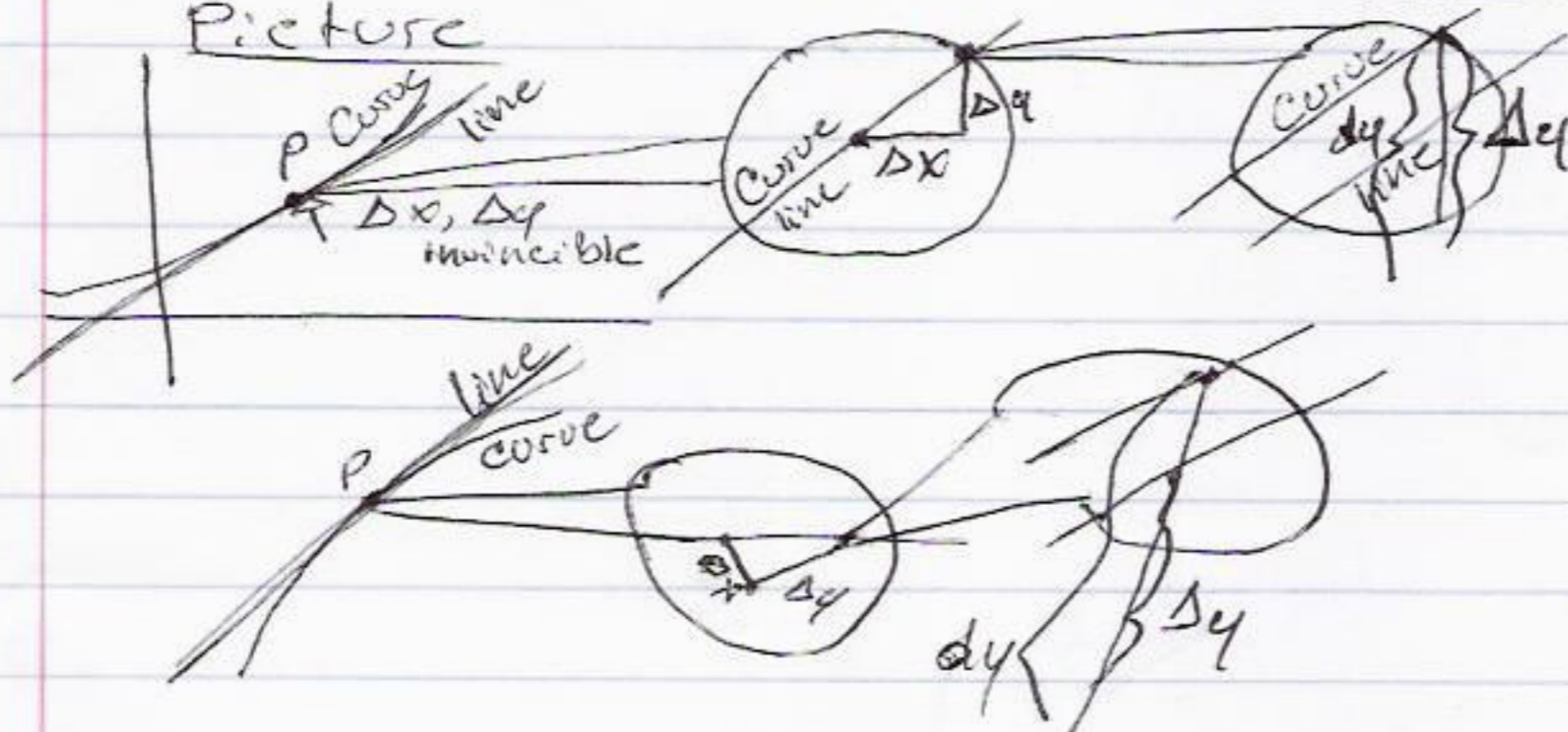
$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = y' \approx \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}}$$

$dx = \Delta x =$ change in x

$dy =$ corresponding change along the curve in y

$dy =$ corresponding change along the tangent line in y

Picture



Increment Theorem

- $\Delta y \approx 0$
- There is some $\epsilon \approx 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta y &= y' \cdot \Delta x + \epsilon \cdot \Delta x = dy + \epsilon \cdot dx \\ &= (y' + \epsilon) \Delta x \approx 0 \\ &= (y' + \epsilon) dx \\ &\text{(Assuming } y' \text{ exists)} \end{aligned}$$

$$y = x^3$$

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

$$\Delta y = 3x^2 \Delta x + 3x \Delta x^2 + \Delta x^3$$

$$= y' dx + 3x \Delta x^2 + \Delta x^3$$

$$= dy + (3x \Delta x + \Delta x^2) dx$$

ϵ — called "increment"

Always choose

$$0 \neq \Delta x \approx 0$$

$$\epsilon = 3x \Delta x + \Delta x^2$$

(finite) (infinitesimal) + infinitesimal²

= infinitesimal + infinitesimal

= infinitesimal

Summary:

$$0 \approx \Delta y = dy + \epsilon dx$$

for some $\epsilon \approx 0$.

$(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$	$\frac{d(x^n)}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$	$\frac{d(x^n)}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$
$(f+g)' = f'+g'$	$\frac{d(f+g)}{dx} = \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{dg}{dx}$	$d(f+g) = df + dg$
$(cf)' = c(f')$	$d(cf) = c \cdot \frac{df}{dx}$	$d(cf) = c \cdot df$
$(\frac{1}{x})' = -\frac{1}{x^2}$	$\frac{d(1/x)}{dx} = -1/x^2$	$d(1/x) = -dx/x^2$
$\sqrt{x}' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$	$\frac{d(\sqrt{x})}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$	$d(\sqrt{x}) = dx/2\sqrt{x}$
$mx + b' = m$	$\frac{d(mx+b)}{dx} = m$	$d(mx+b) = m dx$

Remember

$$dy = y' \cdot dx \approx dx = \Delta x$$

by def.

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

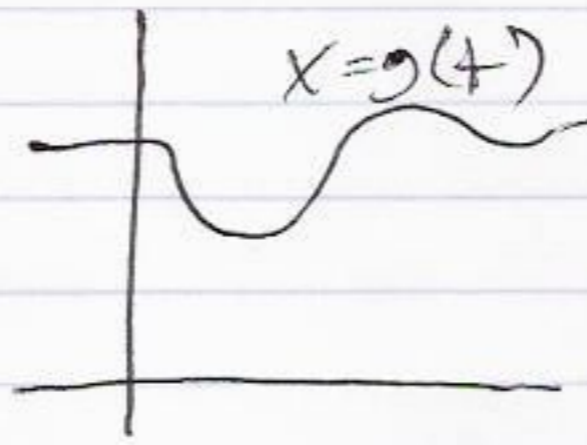
$$dy = y' \cdot dx =$$

(finite)(infinitesimal)
= infinitesimal

$$y' = 3x^2$$



x independent variable
 y dependent variable



t independent variable
 x dependent variable

In the context of $g(t + \Delta t) - g(t)$
 $dx = g'(t) \cdot dt$