Math 19

Quiz 3 Solutions

1. (2 points) Let f(x) be a function. Write down a formula which defines its derivative at the number a.

Solution.

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$
 or $f'(a) = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$.

2. (2 points) Let f(x) = 2x. Use the definition in the previous problem to compute f'(1) (the derivative of f(x) at the number 1). Show your calculations.

Solution.

$$f'(1) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{2(1+h) - 2}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{2h}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} 2 = 2.$$

or

$$f'(1) = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{2x - 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{2(x - 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1} 2 = 2.$$

3. (2 points) Use your answer in the previous problem to find the equation of the tangent line to f(x) at the point (1, 2).

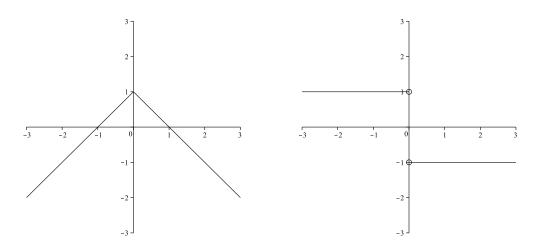
Solution. From previous problem we know the slope of the tangent line at the point (1, 2) is 2. By the point-slope formula, the equation of the line is

$$y - 2 = 2(x - 1)$$

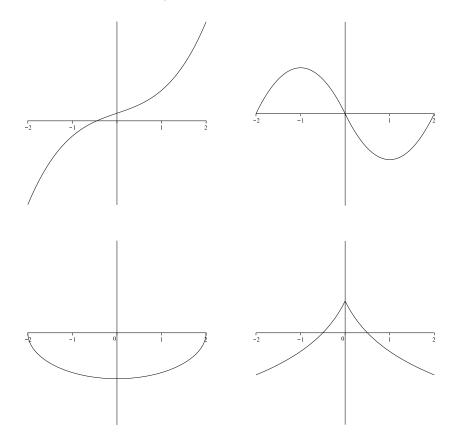
which simplifies to

y = 2x.

4. (2 points) On the left is the graph of a function f(x). Sketch the graph of its derivative f'(x) in the coordinate system on the right.



5. (2 points) On the interval (0, 2), which of the following functions are concave upward? Please circle all correct answers. No justification is necessary. (Hint: there might be more than one correct answer.)



Solution. All of the above graphs are correct answers.