

3-2 Differentiability

Learning Objectives:

I understand different way that a function might be nondifferentiable.

I understand how to find/graph derivatives on a graphing calculator at a given x.

I understand that differentiability implies local linearity and continuity.

I can understand the Intermediate Value Theorem for derivatives.

One Sided Derivatives A function y = f(x) is differentiable (the derivative exists) at a point x = c if and only if $f'(x) = \lim_{x \to c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \to c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$ In other words, the slope must be approaching the same thing on the left side as it is on the right side. If there is an abrupt change in the slope at some point x = c, that means that the function is non-differentiable at that

point.

How could a function be Non-Differentiable? What would it look like?





f(c)

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n_= undefined

Remember, a derivative is really a slope. A vertical tangent line has an undefined slope hence the derivative is undefined too. This case is different than the others in that there actually is a tangent line at the point in question – its just that the slope of that tangent line isn't defined.







Since, the slopes are approaching different values on the left and right side of x = 1, the function is not differentiable at x = 1.



c.) Make it so that this function is differentiable at x = 1. You may only change 1 thing in the function.







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