

Rates of Change and Higher-Order Derivatives

Higher Order Derivatives

first derivative

y'

$\frac{dy}{dx}$

$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]$

second derivative

y''

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} [f(x)]$

y'''

$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$

fourth

$y^{(4)}$

$$y = 3x^5 + 4x^4 + 4x^2 \quad \text{Find } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$y' = 15x^4 + 16x^3 + 8x$$

$$y'' = 60x^3 + 48x^2 + 8$$

$$y = \sin x \quad y'''$$

$$y' = \cos x$$

$$y'' = -\sin x$$

$$y''' = -\cos x$$

$$y = 3x^4 - 3x \quad \text{Find } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 36x^2$$

$$y = -x^4 + x^2 \quad \text{Find } \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = -24x$$

$$f(x) = 4x^5 + 5x^4 + 3x^2 \quad \text{Find } f'''$$

$$240x^2 + 120x$$

Rates of Change

speed (rate): $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$

Scalar quantity
(no direction)

velocity (speed in a given direction):

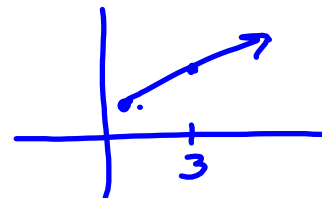
$$\frac{\text{change in distance}}{\text{change in time}} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

Vector quantity

Acceleration:

Vector quantity

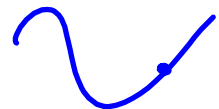
$\frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time}}$



vel / accel.

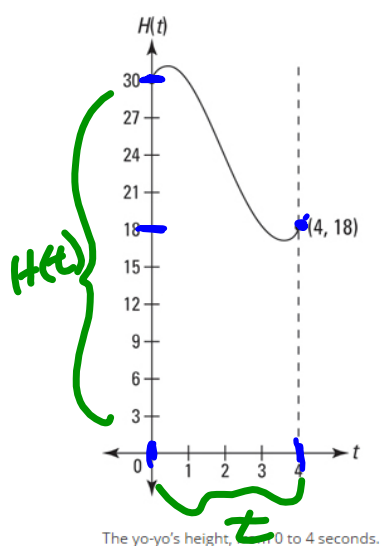
up / right = positive

down / left = negative

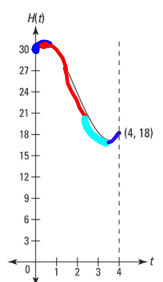


A yo-yo moves straight up and down. Its height above the ground, as a function of time, is given by the function $H(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 5t + 30$

t is in seconds and $H(t)$ is in inches. At $t=0$, it's 30 inches above the ground, and after 4 seconds, it's at a height of 18 inches.

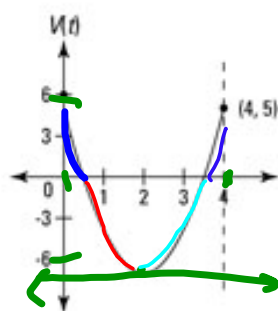


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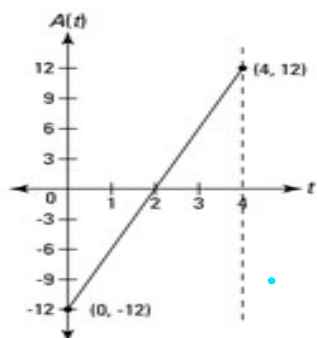


The yo-yo's height, from 0 to 4 seconds.

$$H(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 5t + 30$$



$$v(t) = 3t^2 - 12t + 5$$



$$A(t) = 6t - 12$$

When position is written w/ respect to time:

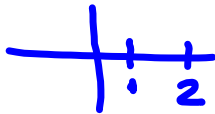
Velocity is the 1st derivative of position

Acceleration is the 2nd derivative of position

If a billiard ball is dropped from a height of 100 feet, its height s , in feet, at time t , in seconds, is given by the position function

$$s = -16t^2 + 100$$

Find the average velocity over each of the following time intervals.

a. $[1, 2]$  b. $[1, 1.5]$ c. $[1, 1.1]$

$-16(1)^2 + 100 = 84$
 $-16(2)^2 + 100 = 36$
 $\frac{36 - 84}{2 - 1} = -48 \text{ ft/sec}$

-40 ft/sec

-33.6 ft/sec

$s(t)$ is the height or position function

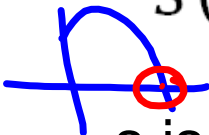
$$v(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(t + \Delta t) - s(t)}{\Delta t} = s'(t)$$

When a function gives position with respect to time:

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At time $t=0$, a diver jumps from a platform board that is 32 feet above the water. The position of the diver is given by

$$s(t) = -16t^2 + 16t + 32$$


s is measured in feet, t in seconds

a. When does the diver hit the water?

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -16(t^2 - t - 2) \quad \text{2 seconds} \\
 & -16(t+1)(t-2) \\
 & \quad -1, (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

b. What is the diver's velocity at impact?

$$\begin{aligned}
 s'(t) = v(t) &= -32t + 16 \\
 &= -32(2) + 16 \\
 &= -48 \text{ ft/sec}
 \end{aligned}$$

Higher-Order Derivatives

You can obtain an acceleration function by differentiating a velocity function.

$s(t)$ = position function

$v(t) = s'(t)$ velocity function

$a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t)$ acceleration function

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