

## 1.1 A Preview of Calculus

- ▶ Understand what calculus is and how it compares with precalculus.
- ▶ Understand that the tangent line problem is basic to calculus.
- ▶ Understand that the area problem is also basic to calculus.

Precalculus  
mathematics



Limit  
process



Calculus

	Without Calculus		With Differential Calculus
Value of $f(x)$ when $x = c$		Limit of $f(x)$ as $x$ approaches $c$	
Slope of a line		Slope of a curve	
Secant line to a curve		Tangent line to a curve	

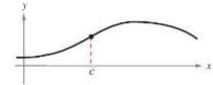
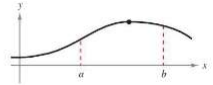

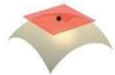


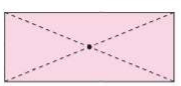
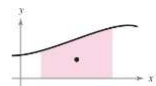


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Secant line to a curve		Tangent line to a curve	
Average rate of change between $t = a$ and $t = b$		Instantaneous rate of change at $t = c$	
Curvature of a circle		Curvature of a curve	

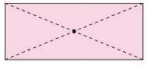
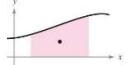








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Without Calculus	With Differential Calculus
Height of a curve when $x = c$ 	Maximum height of a curve on an interval 
Tangent plane to a sphere 	Tangent plane to a surface 
Direction of motion along a line 	Direction of motion along a curve 
Center of a rectangle 	Centroid of a region 
Length of a line segment 	Length of an arc 

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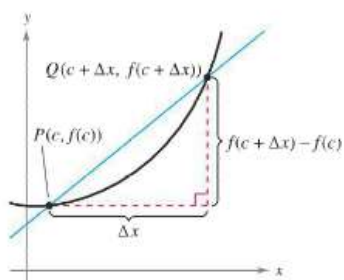
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Without Calculus	With Integral Calculus
Center of a rectangle 	Centroid of a region 
Length of a line segment 	Length of an arc 
Surface area of a cylinder 	Surface area of a solid of revolution 
Mass of a solid of constant density 	Mass of a solid of variable density 
Volume of a rectangular solid 	Volume of a region under a surface 
Sum of a finite number of terms $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = S$	Sum of an infinite number of terms $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots = S$

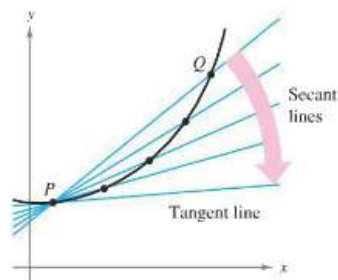
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$$m_{\text{sec}} = \frac{f(c + \Delta x) - f(c)}{c + \Delta x - c} = \frac{f(c + \Delta x) - f(c)}{\Delta x}$$



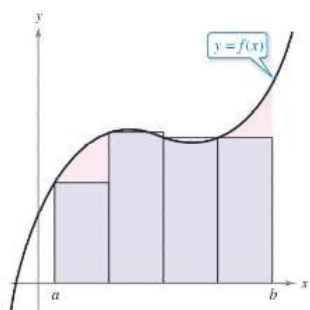
(a) The secant line through  $(c, f(c))$  and  $(c + \Delta x, f(c + \Delta x))$



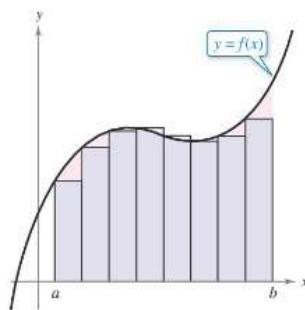
(b) As  $Q$  approaches  $P$ , the secant lines approach the tangent line.

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Approximation using four rectangles  
Figure 1.4



Approximation using eight rectangles

## 1.2 Finding Limits Graphically and Numerically

- ▶ Estimate a limit using a numerical or graphical approach.
- ▶ Learn different ways that a limit can fail to exist.
- ▶ Study and use a formal definition of limit.

### Common Types of Behavior Associated with Nonexistence of a Limit

1.  $f(x)$  approaches a different number from the right side of  $c$  than it approaches from the left side.
2.  $f(x)$  increases or decreases without bound as  $x$  approaches  $c$ .
3.  $f(x)$  oscillates between two fixed values as  $x$  approaches  $c$ .

**Example 1:** Use a table or graph to find the following limits.

$$a. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+9} - 3}$$

$$b. \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x), \text{ where } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \neq 5 \\ -2, & x = 5 \end{cases}$$

## 1.2 Finding Limits Graphically and Numerically

- ▶ Learn different ways that a limit can fail to exist.

**Example 2:** Show that the limit does not exist:

$$a. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{|x|}$$

$$b. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^4}$$

## 1.2 Finding Limits Graphically and Numerically

### ► Study and use a formal definition of limit.

#### Definition of Limit

Let  $f$  be a function defined on an open interval containing  $c$  (except possibly at  $c$ ), and let  $L$  be a real number. The statement

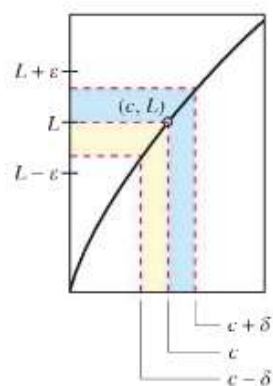
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

means that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta$$

then

$$|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$



The  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  definition of the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$ .

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### **Blueprint** for proving using the **Formal Definition of a Limit**:

1. Identify  $|x - a|$
2. Evaluate  $|f(x) - L|$  and simplify till  $c|x - a|$
3. Choose  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{c}$
4. Summarize if  $|x - a| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - L|$  steps  $< \varepsilon$

**Example 3:** Use the  $\varepsilon - \delta$  definition of limit to prove that

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (2x + 7) = 3$

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (x^2 - 6) = 10$

### 1.3 Evaluating Limits Analytically

- ▶ Evaluate a limit using properties of limits.
- ▶ Develop and use a strategy for finding limits.
- ▶ Evaluate a limit using the dividing out technique.
- ▶ Evaluate a limit using the rationalizing technique.
- ▶ Evaluate a limit using the Squeeze Theorem.

#### THEOREM 1.1 Some Basic Limits

Let  $b$  and  $c$  be real numbers, and let  $n$  be a positive integer.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} b = b$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x = c$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^n = c^n$

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#### THEOREM 1.2 Properties of Limits

Let  $b$  and  $c$  be real numbers, let  $n$  be a positive integer, and let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions with the limits  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = K$ .

1. Scalar multiple:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [bf(x)] = bL$
2. Sum or difference:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = L \pm K$
3. Product:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = LK$
4. Quotient:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{L}{K}, \quad K \neq 0$
5. Power:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)]^n = L^n$

The proof of Property 1 of this theorem is left as an exercise. (See Exercise 115.) The proofs of the other four properties are given in Appendix A.



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#### THEOREM 1.3 Limits of Polynomial and Rational Functions

If  $p$  is a polynomial function and  $c$  is a real number, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} p(x) = p(c).$$

If  $r$  is a rational function given by  $r(x) = p(x)/q(x)$  and  $c$  is a real number such that  $q(c) \neq 0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} r(x) = r(c) = \frac{p(c)}{q(c)}.$$

#### THEOREM 1.4 The Limit of a Function Involving a Radical

Let  $n$  be a positive integer. The limit below is valid for all  $c$  when  $n$  is odd, and is valid for  $c > 0$  when  $n$  is even.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{c}$$

A proof of this theorem is given in Appendix A.



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#### THEOREM 1.5 The Limit of a Composite Function

If  $f$  and  $g$  are functions such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow L} f(x) = f(L)$$

then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = f(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)) = f(L).$$

A proof of this theorem is given in Appendix A.

#### THEOREM 1.6 Limits of Transcendental Functions

Let  $c$  be a real number in the domain of the given transcendental function.

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|--|---|
| 1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sin x = \sin c$  | 2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \cos x = \cos c$ |
| 3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \tan x = \tan c$  | 4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \cot x = \cot c$ |
| 5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sec x = \sec c$  | 6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \csc x = \csc c$ |
| 7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} a^x = a^c, a > 0$ | 8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \ln x = \ln c$   |

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#### THEOREM 1.7 Functions That Agree at All but One Point

Let  $c$  be a real number, and let  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \neq c$  in an open interval containing  $c$ . If the limit of  $g(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  exists, then the limit of  $f(x)$  also exists and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x).$$

A proof of this theorem is given in Appendix A.



#### A Strategy for Finding Limits

1. Learn to recognize which limits can be evaluated by direct substitution. (These limits are listed in Theorems 1.1 through 1.6.)
2. When the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  *cannot* be evaluated by direct substitution, try to find a function  $g$  that agrees with  $f$  for all  $x$  other than  $x = c$ . [Choose  $g$  such that the limit of  $g(x)$  *can* be evaluated by direct substitution.] Then apply Theorem 1.7 to conclude *analytically* that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = g(c).$$

3. Use a *graph* or *table* to reinforce your conclusion.

When applying this strategy for finding a limit, remember that some functions do not have a limit (as  $x$  approaches  $c$ ).

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**Example 1:** Find the limits.

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3$       b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} 8x$       c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 16} \sqrt[4]{x}$       d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 + 5x + 4)$       e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left( \frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x + 4} \right)$

f.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 5}$       g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{4}} \tan x$       h.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} e^{3x}$

i.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x)$ , where  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 + 2, & x \neq -3 \\ 5, & x = -3 \end{cases}$



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**Example 2:** Find the limits.

$$a. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left( \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x - 2} \right)$$

$$b. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x + 25} - 5}{x}$$

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- ▶ Evaluate a limit using the Squeeze Theorem.

**THEOREM 1.8** The Squeeze Theorem

If  $h(x) \leq f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x$  in an open interval containing  $c$ , except possibly at  $c$  itself, and if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$$

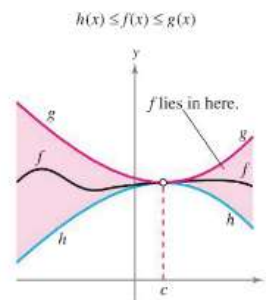
then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists and is equal to  $L$ .

A proof of this theorem is given in Appendix A.



**Example 3:** Show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$$



The Squeeze Theorem

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**THEOREM 1.9** Three Special Limits

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \quad 2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0 \quad 3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + x)^{1/x} = e$$



#### Remark

The third limit of Theorem 1.9 will be used in Chapter 2 in the development of the formula for the derivative of the exponential function  $f(x) = e^x$ .

**Example 4:** Find the limits.

$$a. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{2 - 2 \cos x}{3x} \right)$$

$$b. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\tan 4x}{6x} \right)$$