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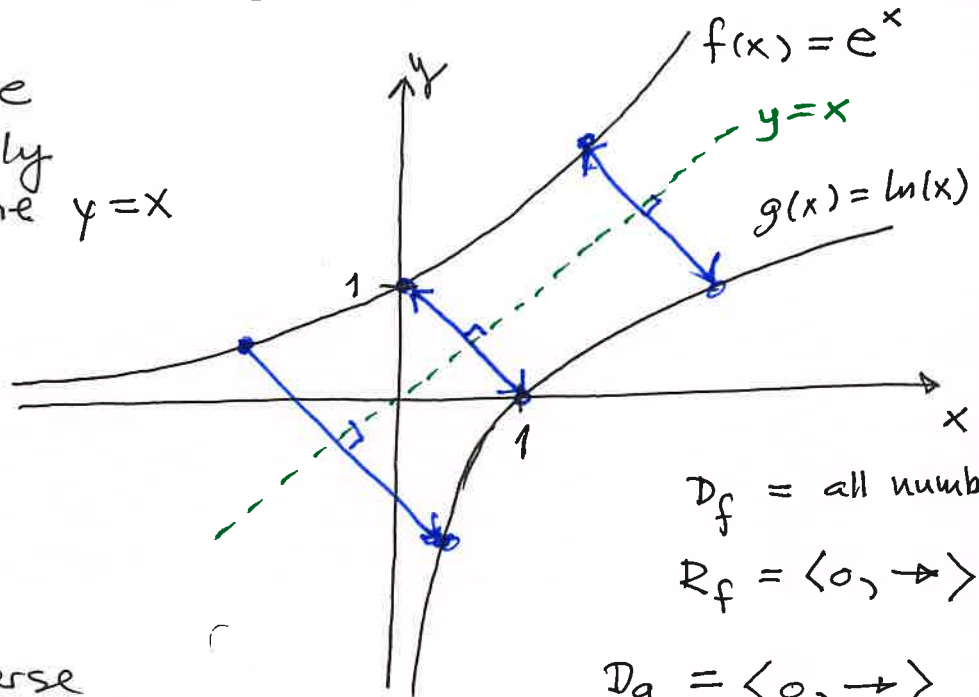
1. Rep. & prob.

Inverse functions

Definition

$f(g(x)) = x$  for all  $x$  in  $D_g$   
 $g(f(x)) = x$  for all  $x$  in  $D_f$

\* The graphs lie symmetrically about the line  $y=x$



\* For  $f(x)$  to have an inverse function,  $f(x)$  has to be either strictly increasing or strictly decreasing

$D_f = \text{all numbers}$

$R_f = \langle 0, \rightarrow \rangle$

$D_g = \langle 0, \rightarrow \rangle$

$R_g = \text{all numbers}$

\* Note:  $D_g = R_f$  and  $R_g = D_f$

How to find the expression for the inverse function?

Prob. 2d  $f(x) = 20 + \frac{1}{x-3}$ ,  $D_f = \langle 3, \rightarrow \rangle$   
( $x > 3$ )

We find the inverse function  $g(x)$  with  $D_g$ .

① We solve the equation  $y = f(x)$  for  $x$ .

That is:  $y = 20 + \frac{1}{x-3}$

multiply with  $(x-3)$  on both sides

resolve parentheses  
 $y(x-3) = 20 \cdot (x-3) + \frac{1}{x-3} \cdot \cancel{(x-3)}$

$$yx - 3y = 20x - 60 + 1$$

collect all terms with  $x$  on the left h.s.  
and the rest on the right h.s.

$$yx - 20x = 3y - 59$$

factorise  $x$  out on the left h.s.

$$(y-20)x = 3y - 59$$

divide by  $(y-20)$  on each side

$$x = \frac{3y - 59}{y - 20} \quad (\text{assume } y \neq 20)$$

polynomial  
division  
 $= 3 + \frac{1}{y-20}$

② Switch the variables  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$y = g(x) = 3 + \frac{1}{x-20}$$

③ Put  $D_g = R_f$  and determine it.

$R_f$  = the set of  $y$ -values 'hit' by  $f(x)$   
for  $x$  in  $D_f$ , that is those  $y$   
such that

$$y = \underbrace{20 + \frac{1}{x-3}}_{f(x)} \quad \text{has a solution } x \text{ in } D_f = \langle 3, \rightarrow \rangle$$

But when  $x > 3$ ,  $\frac{1}{x-3}$  is positive,  
so  $20 + \frac{1}{x-3}$  is larger than 20.

In ① we saw that all  $y > 20$   
were in the range of  $f(x)$ , so

$$R_f = \langle 20, \rightarrow \rangle = D_g.$$

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### Exponential - and logarithmic functions

$a > 0$   
 $f(x) = a^x$ ,  $D_f = \text{all numbers}$

$a > 0$  and  
 $a \neq 1$   
 $g(x) = \log_a(x)$ ,  $D_g = \langle 0, \rightarrow \rangle = R_f$

Ex: How much time is needed for the  
deposit in an account earning 3% interest  
to double?

Solution: We solve the equation  $1.03^x = 2$  (\*)  
which gives  $x = \log_{1.03}(2)$  by definition!

- but we cannot calculate  $\log_{1.03}(x)$   
directly on the calculator!

Instead we insert the left h.s. and the right h.s. of (\*) into  $\ln(x) = \log_e(x)$  :

$$\ln(1.03^x) = \ln(2)$$

$$x \cdot \ln(1.03) = \ln(2)$$

$$x = \frac{\ln(2)}{\ln(1.03)} = 23.45$$

This also gives  $\log_{1.03}(2) = \frac{\ln(2)}{\ln(1.03)}$

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Prob. 6c  $\frac{3e^x}{e^x+1} < 5$

→ we could put  $u = e^x$  to get  $\frac{3u}{u+1} < 5$   
and solve for  $u$  and then use  $u = e^x$

But since  $e^x+1 > 0$  for all  $x$ , we can multiply each side by  $e^x+1$  and keep the inequality sign:

$$3e^x < 5(e^x+1) = 5e^x+5$$

$$3e^x - 5e^x < 5$$

$$-2e^x < 5$$

$$e^x > -\frac{5}{2}$$

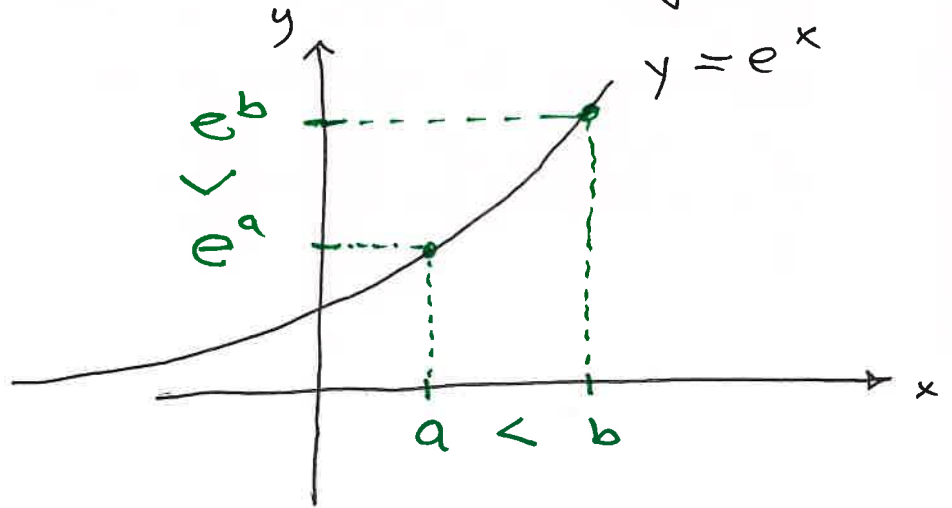
divide by  $-2$  on each

which is true for all numbers  $x$ .

Prob 6b

$$\ln(x-3) < -2 \quad (x > 3)$$

Because  $e^x$  is strictly increasing for all  $x$  we can insert the left h.s. and the right h.s. into  $e^x$  and keep the inequality:



$$e^{\ln(x-3)} < e^{-2}$$

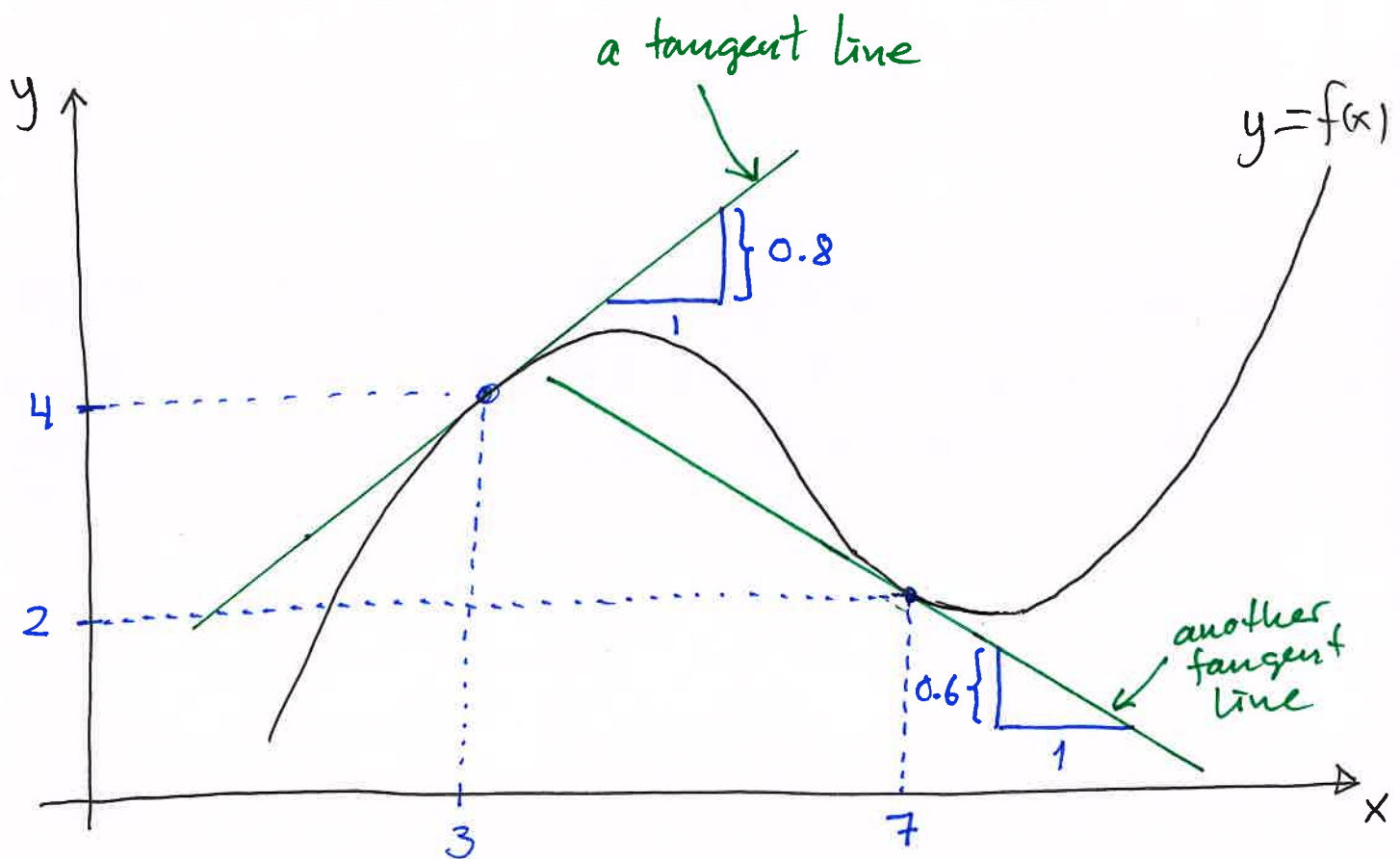
$$x-3 < e^{-2}$$

$$\text{so } x < 3 + e^{-2}$$

$$\text{so } x \in \underline{\underline{\{3, 3 + e^{-2}\}}}$$

$$\text{or } \underline{\underline{3 < x < 3 + e^{-2}}}$$

## 2. Tangents and the derivative



The tangent of the graph of  $f(x)$  at the point  $(3, 4)$  has slope  $0.8$

We write  $f'(3) = 0.8$

The tangent of the graph of  $f(x)$  at the point  $(7, 2)$  has slope  $-0.6$

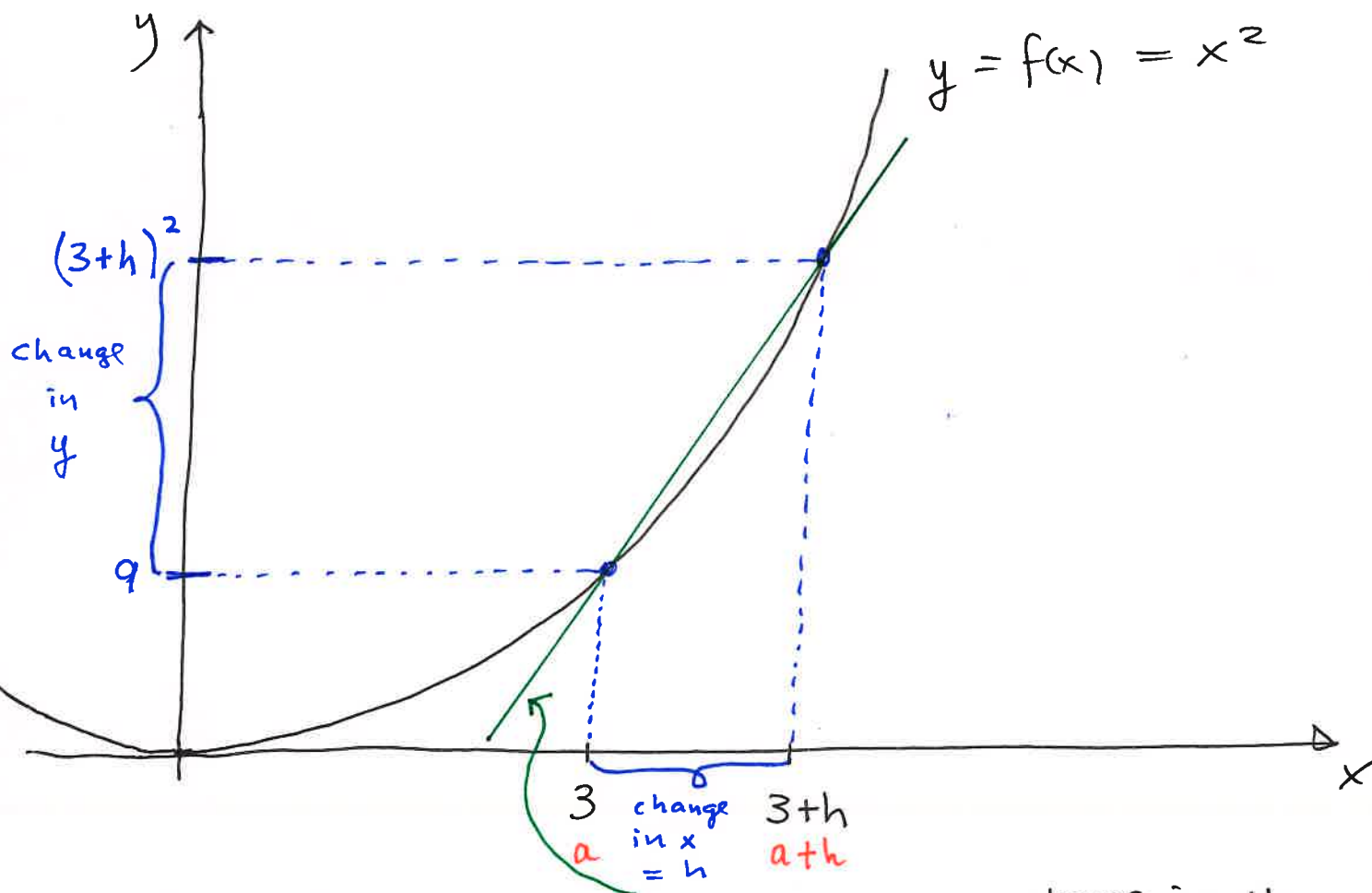
We write  $f'(7) = -0.6$

Two important applications:

- 1) To determine where the function increases/decreases and where it has maximum and minimum.
- 2) Approximate complicated functions with linear functions.  
- typical in economic models

How to find the slope of the tangent.

Ex:  $f(x) = x^2$ . What is the slope of the tangent through  $(3, 9)$



The slope of the secant line =  $\frac{\text{change in } y}{\text{change in } x}$

$$= \frac{(a+h)^2 - a^2}{(3+h)^2 - 9} = \frac{(a+h)(a+h) - a^2}{(3+h)(3+h) - 9}$$

$$= \frac{a^2 + 2 \cdot ah + h^2 - a^2}{9 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot h + h^2 - 9} = \frac{h \cdot 2 \cdot ah + h^2}{6h + h^2} = \frac{(2a+h)h}{(6+h)h}$$

$$= \frac{2a+h}{6+h} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 2a \quad \text{which has to be } 6$$

the slope of the tangent to  $f(x)$  in  $(3, 9)$ .

We write  $f'(3) = 6$

### 3. The derivative as a function

In ex: If we put  $x = a$  instead of  $x = 3$   
we get  $f'(a) = 2a$

- the derivative is a function!

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

Ex: The slope of the tangent of  $f(x)$   
at  $(-3, 9)$  is

$$f'(-3) = 2 \cdot (-3) = -6$$

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We could do the same with  $f(x) = x^3$   
- would get (after more calculations)  
that  $f'(x) = 3 \cdot x^2$ .

### 4. Rules of differentiation

Power rule:

$$f(x) = x^n \text{ gives } f'(x) = n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

for all  $n$

Ex:  $f(x) = x^{10}$  ,  $f'(x) = 10 \cdot x^9$

Ex:  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2} = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$  so

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot x^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^2}}$$



(subtraction)  
The sum rule: If  $f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$   
then  $f'(x) = g'(x) + h'(x)$

Ex:  $f(x) = x + x^3$  then  $f'(x) = 1 + 3x^2$

The constant rule: If  $k$  is a constant number

and  $f(x) = k \cdot g(x)$ , then

$$f'(x) = k \cdot g'(x)$$

Ex:  $k=7$ ,  $g(x) = x^2$ , then  $f(x) = 7x^2$

and  $f'(x) = 7 \cdot 2x = 14x$

The product rule: If  $f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$

then  $f'(x) = g'(x) \cdot h(x) + g(x) \cdot h'(x)$

Ex:  $f(x) = (5x^3 - 2x + 1)(3x + 7)$

will find  $f'(x)$  by using the product r.

$$g(x) = 5x^3 - 2x + 1 \quad h(x) = 3x + 7$$

$$g'(x) = 15x^2 - 2 \quad h'(x) = 3$$

so  $f'(x) = (15x^2 - 2)(3x + 7) + (5x^3 - 2x + 1) \cdot 3$   
note the parenthesis!

calculate

$$= 60x^3 + 105x^2 - 12x - 11$$

The quotient rule: Suppose  $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$

$$\text{Then } f'(x) = \frac{g'(x) \cdot h(x) - g(x) \cdot h'(x)}{[h(x)]^2}$$

Ex:  $f(x) = \frac{3x+1}{2x+5}$

Then

$$g(x) = 3x+1 \text{ and } h(x) = 2x+5$$

$$g'(x) = 3 \text{ and } h'(x) = 2$$

note the para.

$$f'(x) = \frac{3 \cdot (2x+5) - (3x+1) \cdot 2}{(2x+5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \cdot 2x + 3 \cdot 5 - (3x \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2)}{(2x+5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{6x + 15 - (6x + 2)}{(2x+5)^2} = \frac{13}{(2x+5)^2}$$

usually better not  
to expand denominator!

## The chain rule

$$\text{If } f(x) = g(u(x))$$

the exterior  
function

the kernel, or the  
inner function

- a function composed  
of two functions  
 $g(u)$  and  $u(x)$ .

$$\text{then } f'(x) = g'(u) \cdot u'(x)$$

$$\text{Ex: } f(x) = (x^2 + 2)^{10}$$

$$u = u(x) = x^2 + 2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$u'(x) = 2x$$

$$g(u) = u^{10}$$

$$g'(u) = 10 \cdot u^9$$

$$\text{Then } f'(x) = 10u^9 \cdot 2x$$

$$= 10(x^2 + 2)^9 \cdot 2x$$

$$= \underline{\underline{20x(x^2 + 2)^9}}$$

## Two functions

$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$f'(x) = e^x$$

and

$$g(x) = \ln(x)$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$