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Review: Let $f(x)$ be a function. x_0 and x_1 are two inputs.

$$\text{change} = f(x_1) - f(x_0)$$

The unit of change = the unit of $f(x)$.

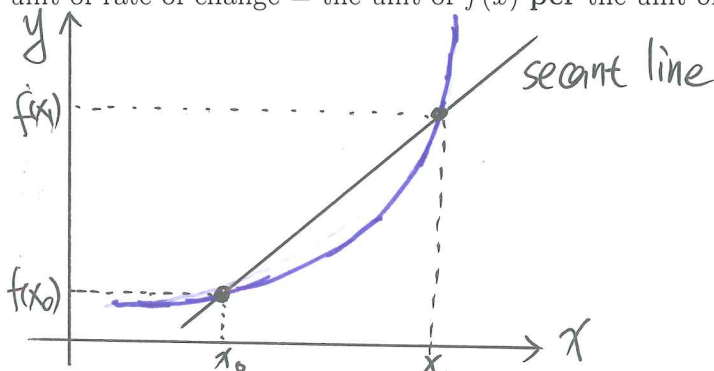
$$\text{percentage change} = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{f(x_0)} \cdot (100\%)$$

The unit of percentage change = %

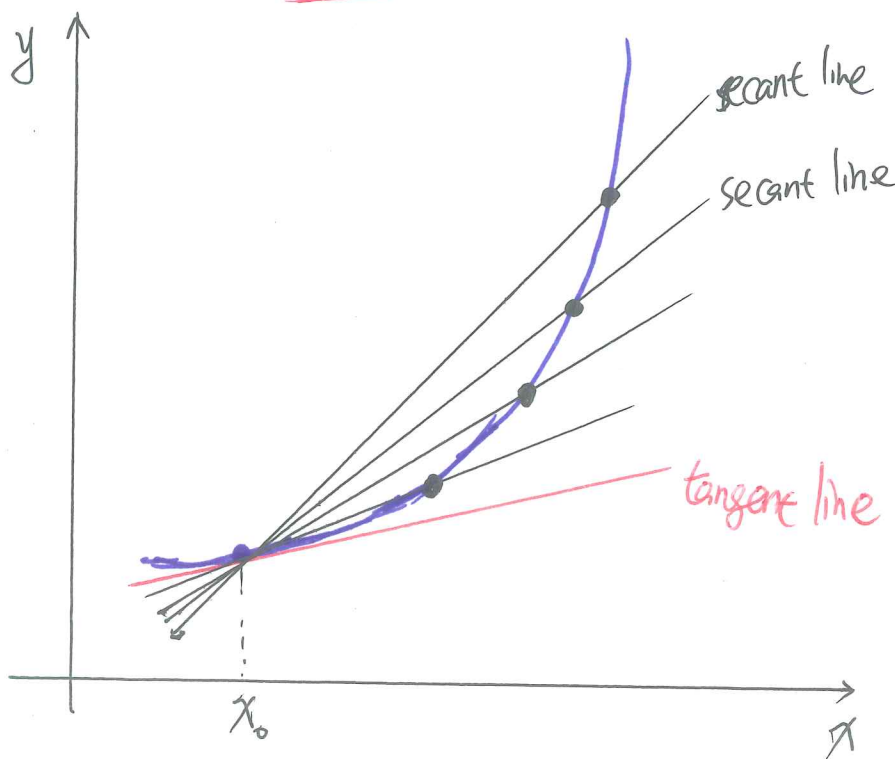
1. The secant line between two points $x_0 < x_1$:

$$\text{average rate of change (ARC)} = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} = \text{slope of the secant line}$$

The unit of rate of change = the unit of $f(x)$ per the unit of x .



2. The tangent line at a point x_0 :

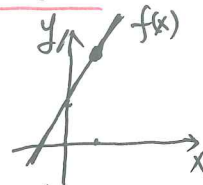


- Q: How to find a tangent line?

Roughly speaking, the tangent line at x_0 is the limit of the secant line x_0 and x_1 , when x_1 is near x_0 very much.

- The instantaneous rate of change measures the change occurring at a specific point.
- Q: Why do we study the tangent line?

Instantaneous Rate of Change (IRC) = Slope of the **tangent line**



Example 1: $f(x) = 3x + 4$. What is the slope of the tangent line at $x_0 = 1$?

Example 2: Let $f(x) = x^2$. Estimate the slope of the tangent line at point $x_0 = 1$.

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Solution: By the definition, we need to choose a point x_1 near x_0 very much. So, we choose $x_1 = 1.1$. Then the slope of the tangent line at $x_0 = 1$ can be estimated by the slope to the secant line between $x_0 = 1$ and $x_1 = 1.1$. That is

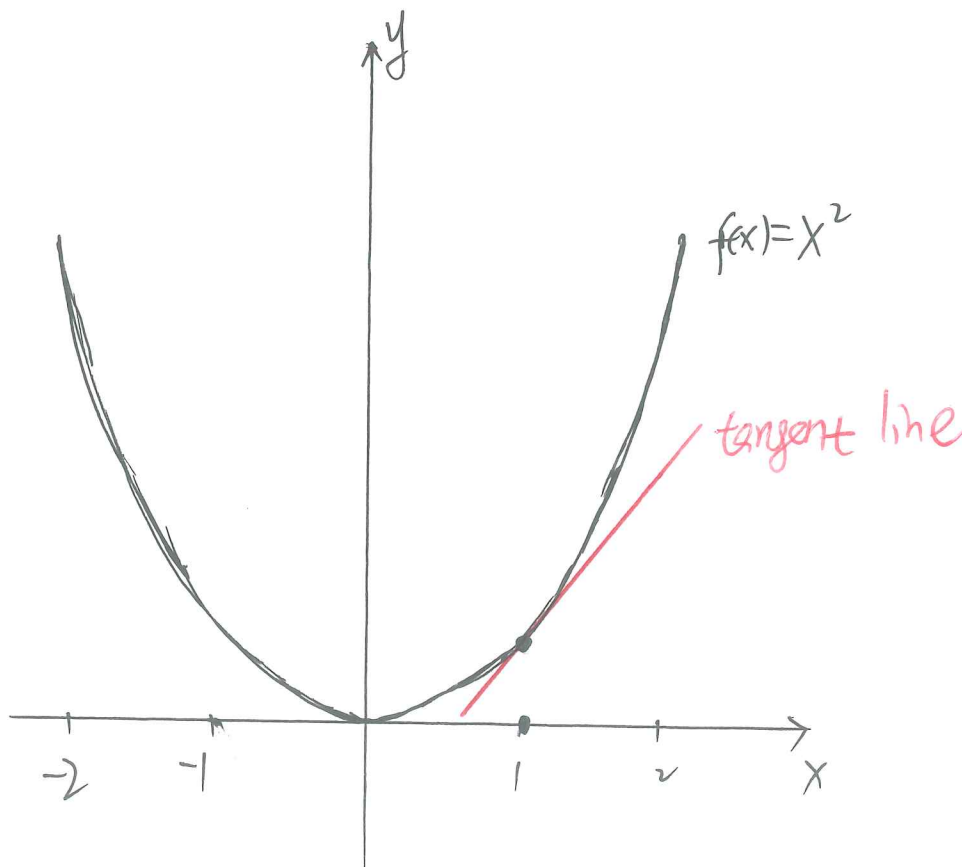
$$\frac{f(1.1) - f(1)}{1.1 - 1} = \frac{1.21 - 1}{1.1 - 1} = 2.1.$$

$$\frac{f(2) - f(1)}{2 - 1} = \frac{4 - 1}{1} = 3$$

More precisely Solution: If you want to make the answer more precisely, you can choose $x_1 = 1.001$. Then the slope of the tangent line at $x_0 = 1$ can be estimated by the slope to the secant line between $x_0 = 1$ and $x_1 = 1.001$. That is

$$\frac{f(1.001) - f(1)}{1.001 - 1} = \frac{1.001^2 - 1}{1.001 - 1} = 2.001.$$

In fact, the **precise** answer for the slope of the tangent line at $x_0 = 1$ equals 2. We will learn this latter.



Example 2. in the last class. The following data shows a company spending on marketing in these years. Show work and give **units** for each answer.

| year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Spending (million dollars) | 23.07 | 24.47 | 26.21 | 30.36 | 38.31 | 46.38 | 57.96 | 62.800 |

(a). Let x stand for the number of years since 2007, and let $g(x)$ stand for the money spending on market in millions. Fit the **Exponential model** to the data. Round all coefficients to 3 decimal places.

$$y = a \cdot b^x \quad \text{million dollars}$$

$$a = 17.752 \quad b = 1.171$$

(b). Use the model in part (a) to estimate the **change** of the spending on market in millions between 2010 and 2015.

$$x_0 = 3 \quad x_1 = 8$$

$$\text{Change} = g(8) - g(3) = 34.289 \quad \text{million dollars}$$

(c). Use the model in part (a) to estimate the **percentage change** of the spending on market in millions between 2010 and 2015.

$$x_0 = 3 \quad x_1 = 8$$

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{g(x_1) - g(x_0)}{g(x_0)} \cdot 100\% = \frac{g(8) - g(3)}{g(3)} \cdot 100\% = 120.264\%$$

(d). Use the model in part (a) to estimate the **average rate of change** of the spending on market in millions between 2010 and 2015.

$$\text{ARC} = \frac{g(x_1) - g(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{g(8) - g(3)}{8 - 3} = 6.858$$

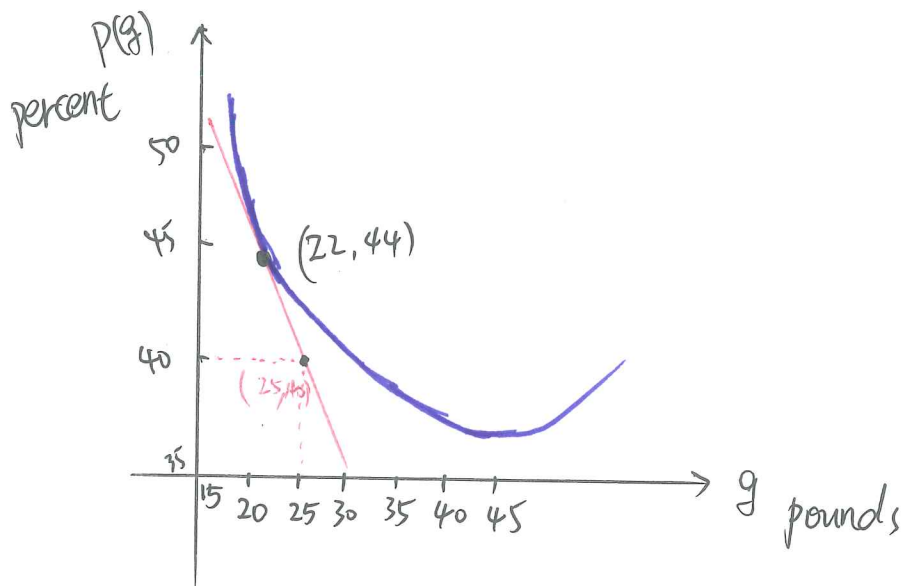
million dollars per year.

(3). Use the model in part (a) to estimate the (instantaneous) rate of change of the spending on market in millions in 2010. $X = 2010 - 2007 = 3$

$$\text{Rate of change} \approx \frac{g(3001) - g(3)}{3001 - 3} = 4.503$$

million dollars per year

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• Estimate a second point on the tangent line. (25, 40)

• Rate of change $\approx \frac{44 - 40}{22 - 25} = \frac{4}{-3} = -\frac{4}{3}$

percent per pound