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Calculus 2 8 The Derivative As A Function

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Practice focus: Derivative definition and basic rules

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Name: _____ Date: _____ Show your reasoning and check units.

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$$[f(x+h)-f(x)]/h = 2x+h+3. \text{ Let } h \rightarrow 0: f'(x)=2x+3.$$

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$$\text{Power rule term by term: } f'(x)=20x^4 - 6x.$$

03 Find the tangent line to $y=x^2$ at $x=2$.

$$\text{Point } (2,4), \text{ slope } 2x=4. \text{ Tangent: } y-4=4(x-2), \text{ or } y=4x-4.$$

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At $x=0$; the left slope is -1 and the right slope is 1, so the derivative limit fails.