

Topic: Mean Value  
Theorem (MVT)  
for derivatives.

if  $f(x)$  (1) continuous on  
closed interval  
 $[a, b]$   
and (2) differentiable on  
open interval  
 $(a, b)$

then: there is an  $x = c$   
on  $(a, b)$  such that  
$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

there is a place where  
instantaneous r.o.c.  
 = average r.o.c.

MVT: slope of tangent line  
 @  $x=c$  same as  
 slope of secant line.

Secant line  
 slope is  
 average r.o.c.  
 $= \frac{4-0}{2-0} = 2$

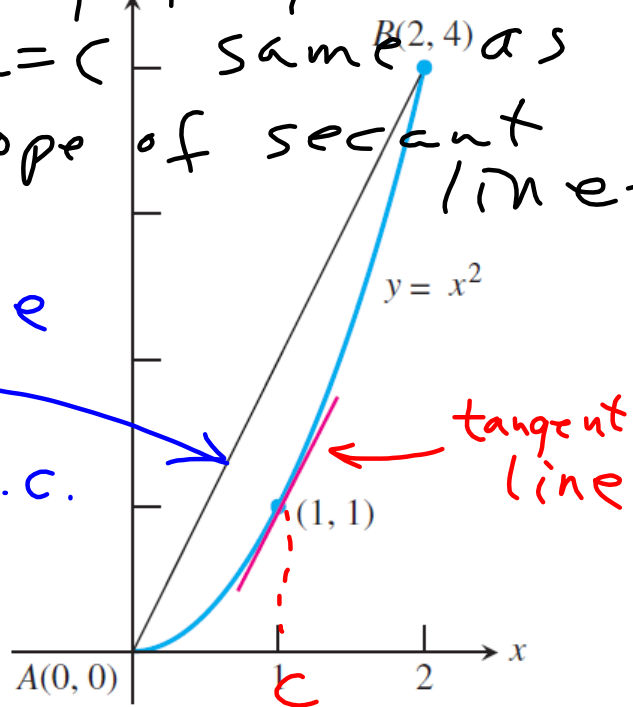


Figure 4.12 (Example 1)

finding  $c$  algebraically.  
 Ex.  $y = x^2$   $[0, 2]$

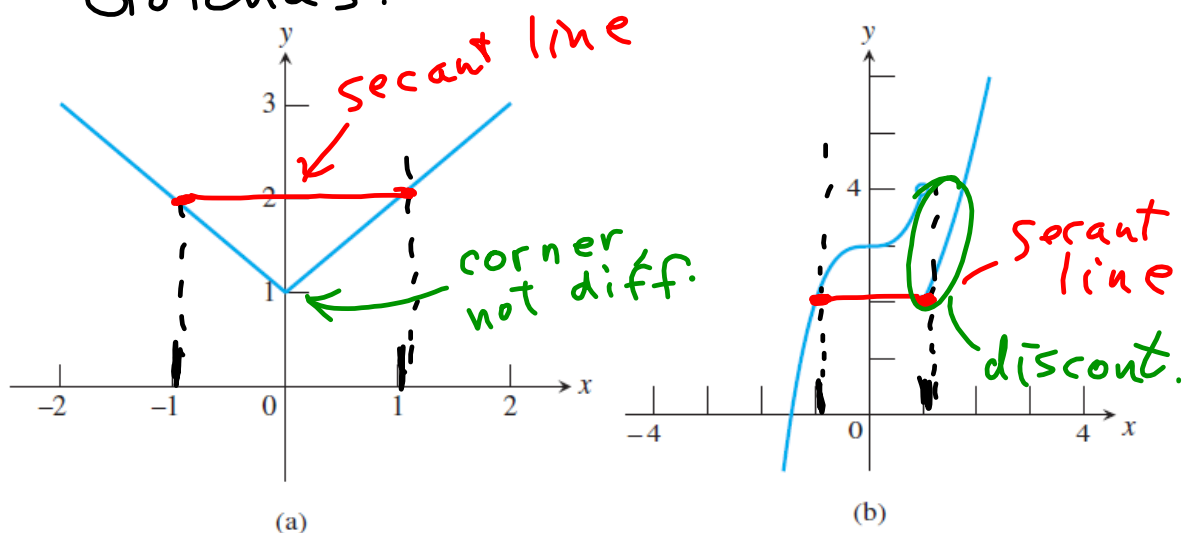
$$\text{MVT: } y'|_{x=c} = \frac{y|_{x=2} - y|_{x=0}}{2 - 0}$$

$$2c = \frac{4 - 0}{2 - 0}$$

$$2c = 2$$

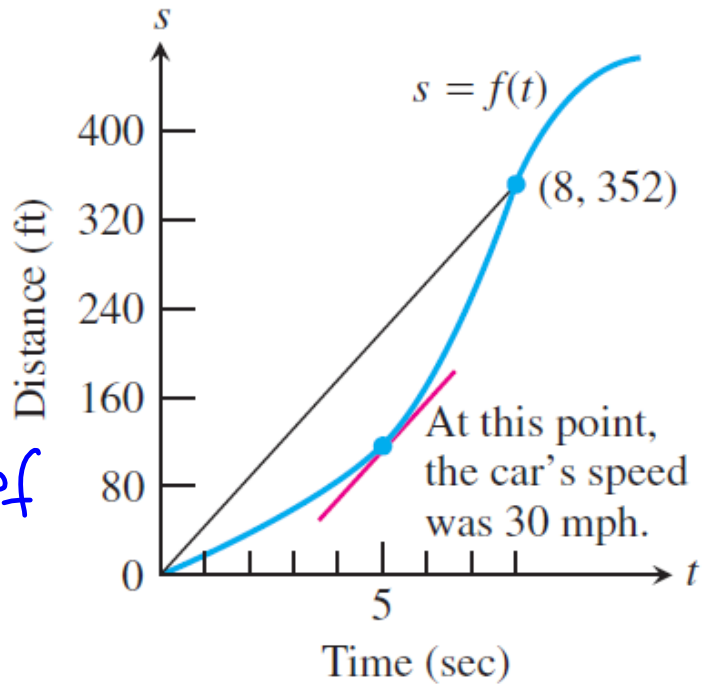
$$c = 1$$

Gotchas:



**Figure 4.13** For both functions in Example 2,  $\frac{f(1) - f(-1)}{1 - (-1)} = 0$  but neither function satisfies the conditions of the Mean Value Theorem on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . For the function in Example 2(a), there is no number  $c$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$ . It happens that  $f'(0) = 0$  in Example 2(b).

352 ft in  
8 s.  
⇒ must have  
been going  
30 mph for  
some value of  
t.



**Figure 4.15** (Example 4)

Topic: increasing/decreasing  
funs.

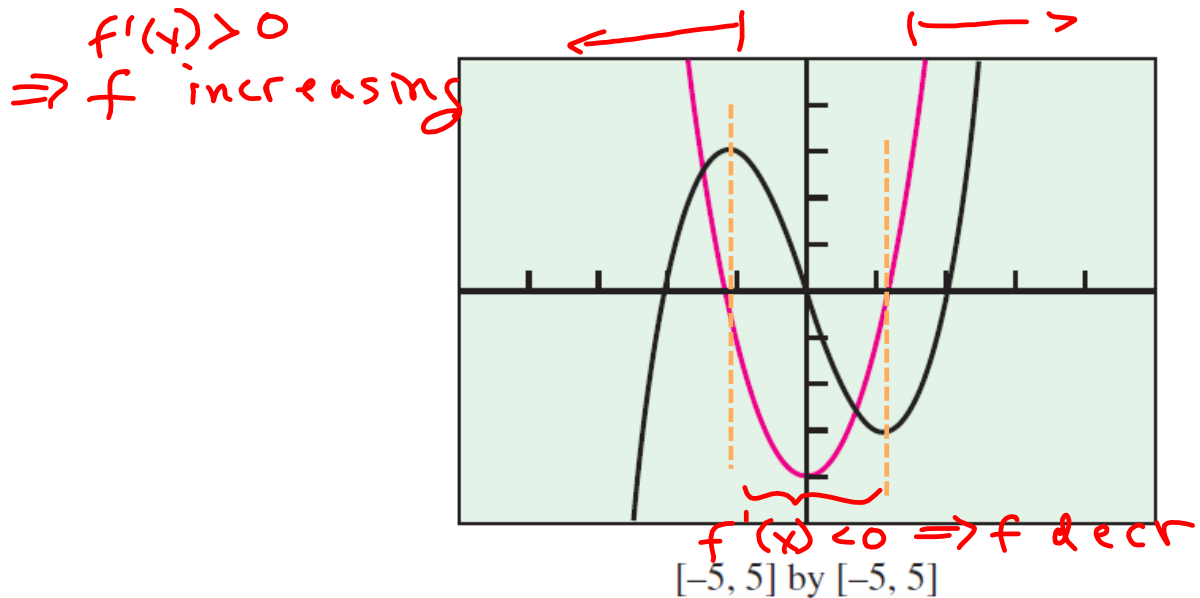
- functions are increasing  
or decreasing on an  
interval

increasing:  $x_2 > x_1 \Rightarrow f(x_2) > f(x_1)$

decreasing:  $x_2 > x_1 \Rightarrow f(x_2) < f(x_1)$

- derivative  $f'(x)$  is a  
"marker" for increasing/  
decreasing

if  $f'(x) > 0$  on an  
interval,  $f$  is  
increasing.



**Figure 4.17** By comparing the graphs of  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x$  and  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 4$  we can relate the increasing and decreasing behavior of  $f$  to the sign of  $f'$ . (Example 6)

#1 - #8 :

① decide whether you can use MVT  
 contin. on  $[a, b]$   
 diff. on  $(a, b)$

② if so, find  $c$   
 such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

#9 - #10  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$   
 slope:  $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$  or  $f'(c)$