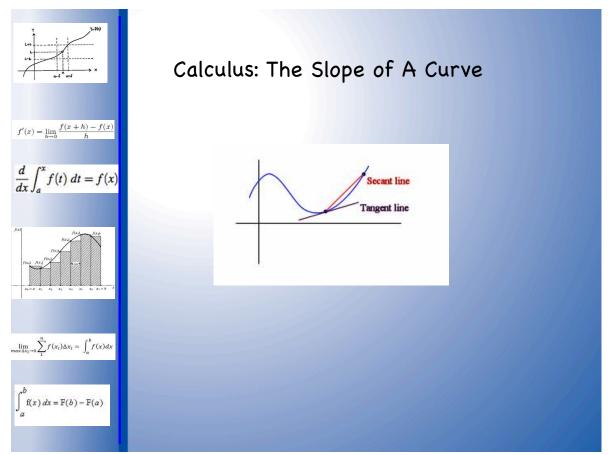
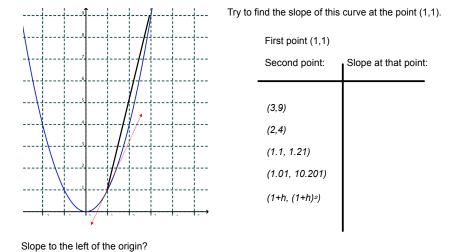
# 7 Slope of Curve



### How do we find the slope of a curve?



Slope to the right of the origin?

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## EX 1

Find the slope of the curve  $y = x^2 - 5x$  at (2,-6)

hint: Calculate the slope between (2,-6) and (2+h, f(2+h))

Definition: The slope of a function, f, at a point x = (x, f(x)) is given by

$$m = f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

f'(x) is called the <u>derivative</u> of f with respect to x.

Other names for f '(x):

slope instantaneous rate of change speed velocity

### EX 2

Find the derivative of f(x) = 4x - 1

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EX 3 Find the derivative of  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 1$ 

What is the slope at point *P*?

