

Subject for this video: Tangent Line and Applied Problems involving Exponential Functions

Reading:

- **General:** Section 3.2 Derivatives of Exponential and Logarithmic Functions
- **More Specifically:** Page 192 - 193, Examples 4, 5

Homework:

H41: Tangent Line and Applied Problems involving Exponential Functions (3.2#33,67,75)

Recall the Derivative Rules that we learned about in previous videos.

The Constant Function Rule: $\frac{d}{dx} c = 0$
The Power Rule: $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$
The Sum and Constant Multiple Rule: $\frac{d}{dx} (af(x) + bg(x)) = a\frac{d}{dx} f(x) + b\frac{d}{dx} g(x)$
Exponential Function Rule #1: $\frac{d}{dx} e^{(x)} = e^{(x)}$
Exponential Function Rule #2: $\frac{d}{dx} e^{(kx)} = ke^{(kx)}$
Exponential Function Rule #3: $\frac{d}{dx} b^{(x)} = b^{(x)} \cdot \ln(b)$

[Example 1] (Similar to 3.2#33) For the function: $f(x) = 2e^{(x)} - 3x$.

(A) Find equation of line tangent to graph of f at $x = 0$.

Solution We need to build the equation $(y - f(a)) = f'(a) \cdot (x - a)$

Get parts

Point slope form of the equation for the tangent line.

$a = 0$ the x coordinate of the point of tangency

$$f(a) = f(0) = 2e^{(0)} - 3(0) = 2 \cdot 1 - 0 = 2$$

the y coordinate of the point of tangency

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(2e^{(x)} - 3x) = 2 \frac{d}{dx} e^{(x)} - 3 \frac{d}{dx} x = 2 \cdot (e^{(x)}) - 3(1 \cdot x^{1-1}) = 2e^{(x)} - 3$$

rule $\neq 1$

Sum and constant multiple rule

power rule with $n = 1$

$$f'(a) = f'(0) = 2e^{(0)} - 3 = 2 \cdot 1 - 3 = -1$$

the slope m of the tangent line

Substitute parts into tangent line equation

$$y - f(a) = f'(a)(x - a)$$

$$(y - 2) = (-1)(x - 0)$$

Equation for the tangent line in point slope form
convert to slope intercept form. (solve for y)

$$y - 2 = -x$$

$$y = -x + 2$$

equation for the tangent line in slope intercept form

(B) Find equation of line tangent to graph of f at $x = 1$.

Solution we need to build $(y - f(a)) = f'(a)(x - a)$

Get Parts

$a = 1$ the x coordinate of the point of tangency

$f(a) = f(1) = 2e^{(1)} - 3(1) = 2e - 3$ the y coordinate of the point of tangency

sub $x=1$ into
 $f(x) = 2e^{(x)} - 3x$

$f'(a) = f'(1) = 2e^{(1)} - 3 = 2e - 3$ the slope of the tangent line

sub $x=1$ into
 $f'(x) = 2e^{(x)} - 3$

Substitute parts into the tangent line equation

$$(y - (2e - 3)) = (2e - 3)(x - 1)$$

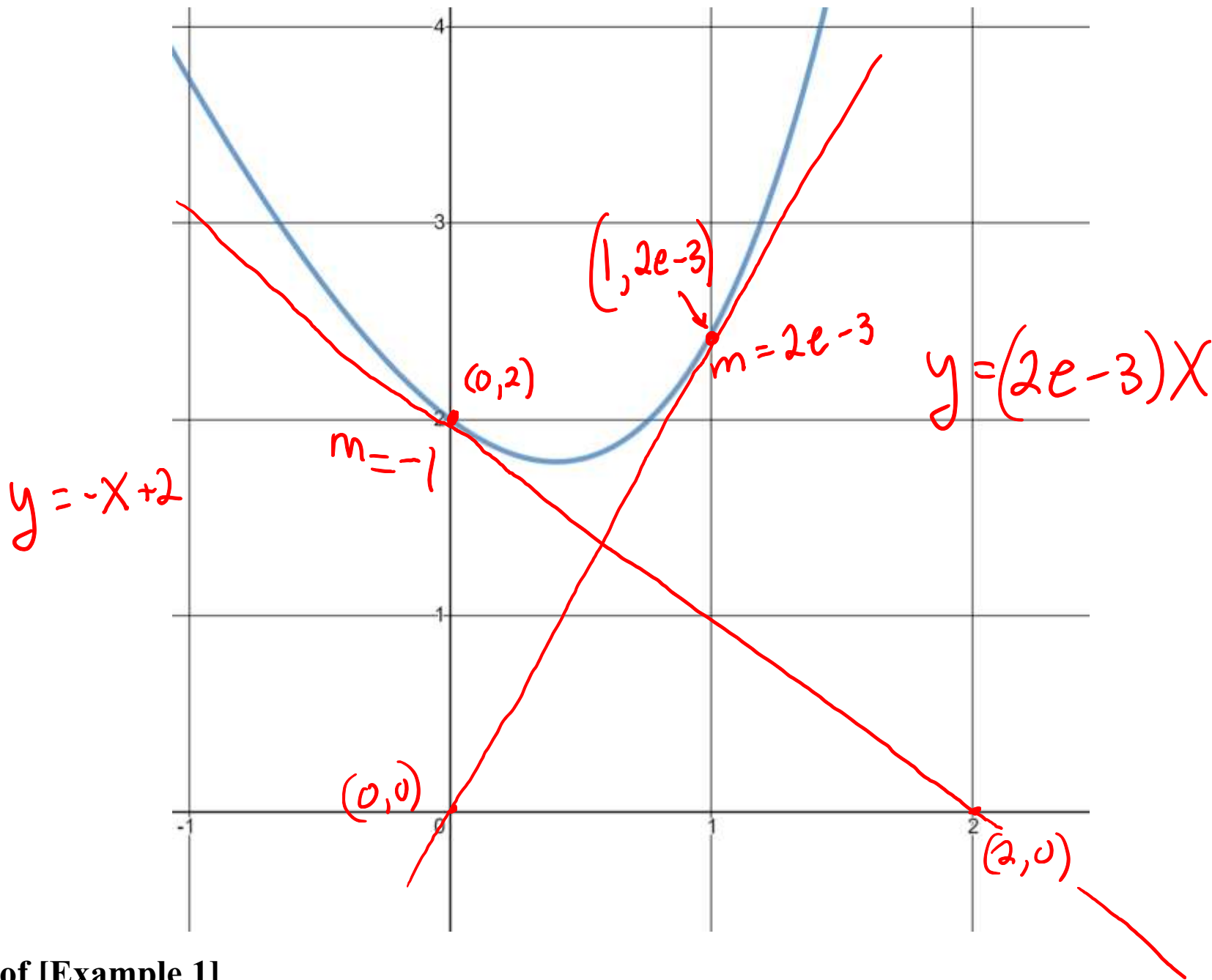
convert to slope intercept form by solving for x

$$y - (2e - 3) = (2e - 3)x - (2e - 3)$$

$$y = (2e - 3)x$$

Slope intercept form of the equation for the tangent line

(C) Illustrate the results of (A),(B) on the given graph of $f(x) = 2e^{(x)} - 3x$.



End of [Example 1].

[Example 2] P dollars is deposited into an account that has continuously compounded interest with interest rate r .

(A) What is the value at t years?

Solution: $A = P e^{(rt)}$

(B) What is the instantaneous rate of change of the balance at time t years?

Solution: we need to find A'

function form $A(t) = P e^{(rt)}$

$$\text{So } A'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} P e^{(rt)} \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{constant multiple rule}}}{=} P \cdot \frac{d}{dt} e^{(rt)} = P (r \cdot e^{(rt)}) \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{rule \#2 with } k=r}}{=} r \cdot P e^{(rt)} \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{clean up}}}{=}$$

$$A'(t) = r \cdot P \cdot e^{(rt)} = r \cdot A(t)$$

End of [Example 2]

[Example 3] (Similar to 3.2#75)

An investment of \$1000 earns interest at a nominal rate of 7% compounded continuously.

(A) What is the value at 10 years?

(Give an exact answer in symbols and a decimal approximation. Include the correct units.)

Solution $A(t) = Pe^{(rt)}$

$P = 1000$ the principal

$r = .07$

$t = 10$

$A = \text{unknown}$, find A

$$A = 1000 e^{(.07 \cdot 10)} = \underbrace{1000 e^{(0.7)}}_{\text{exact answer}} \approx \$2013^{25}$$

↑
use wolfram
alpha

(B) How fast is the value growing at time $t = 10$ years?

(Give an exact answer in symbols and a decimal approximation. Include the correct units.)

Solution We need to find $A'(10)$

$$A'(10) = (.07)1000e^{(.07 \cdot 10)} = 70e^{(.7)} \approx 140.97 \text{ dollars per year}$$

Sub $t=10$ into
 $A'(t) = rPe^{rt}$

exact answer

use
Wolfram
alpha

(C) How fast is the value growing when the value is \$8000?

(Give an exact answer. Include the correct units.)

Observe: We are being asked to find the value of $A'(t)$,
but we are not given the value of t .

hard $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{One might think that we would have to do this:} \\ \text{Use fact that } A=8000 \text{ to find } t \text{ (hard)} \\ \text{Use that value of } t \text{ to find } A'(t) \text{ (hard)} \end{array} \right.$

The clever solution is to recall what we know about $A'(t)$

$$A'(t) = r \cdot A(t) = .07(8000) = 560 \text{ dollars per year}$$

(D) Illustrate the results of (A),(B),(C) on the given graph of $A = 1000e^{(0.07)t}$



End of [Example 3]

[Example 4] (Similar to 3.2#67)

The estimated salvage value of a new luxury car is described by the function

$$S(t) = 65,000(0.85)^{(t)}$$

In this function,

t is the time in years since the car was purchased.

$S(t)$ is the salvage value at time t . (in dollars)

(A) What was the purchase price of the car?

$$S(0) = 65,000(0.85)^{(0)} = 65,000(1) = \$65,000$$

(B) What is the value of the car at time $t = 6$ years?

(Give an exact answer in symbols and a decimal approximation. Include the correct units.)

$$S(6) = \underbrace{65,000(0.85)^{(6)}}_{\text{exact answer}} \approx \$24515$$

↑
sub $t=6$ into $S(t)$

↑
Wolfram Alpha

(C) What is the rate of change of the value of the car at time $t = 6$ years?

(Give an exact answer in symbols and a decimal approximation. Include the correct correct units.)

We need to find $S'(6)$

Strategy: • Find $S'(t)$

• Substitute $t = 6$ to get $S'(6)$

$$S'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} 65,000(0.85)^t = 65,000 \left(\frac{d}{dt} 0.85^{(t)} \right) =$$

↑
constant multiple rule

$$= 65,000(0.85)^{(t)} \cdot \ln(0.85) = (65,000) \ln(0.85) \cdot (0.85)^{(t)}$$

↑ use Rule #3 with $b = 0.85$

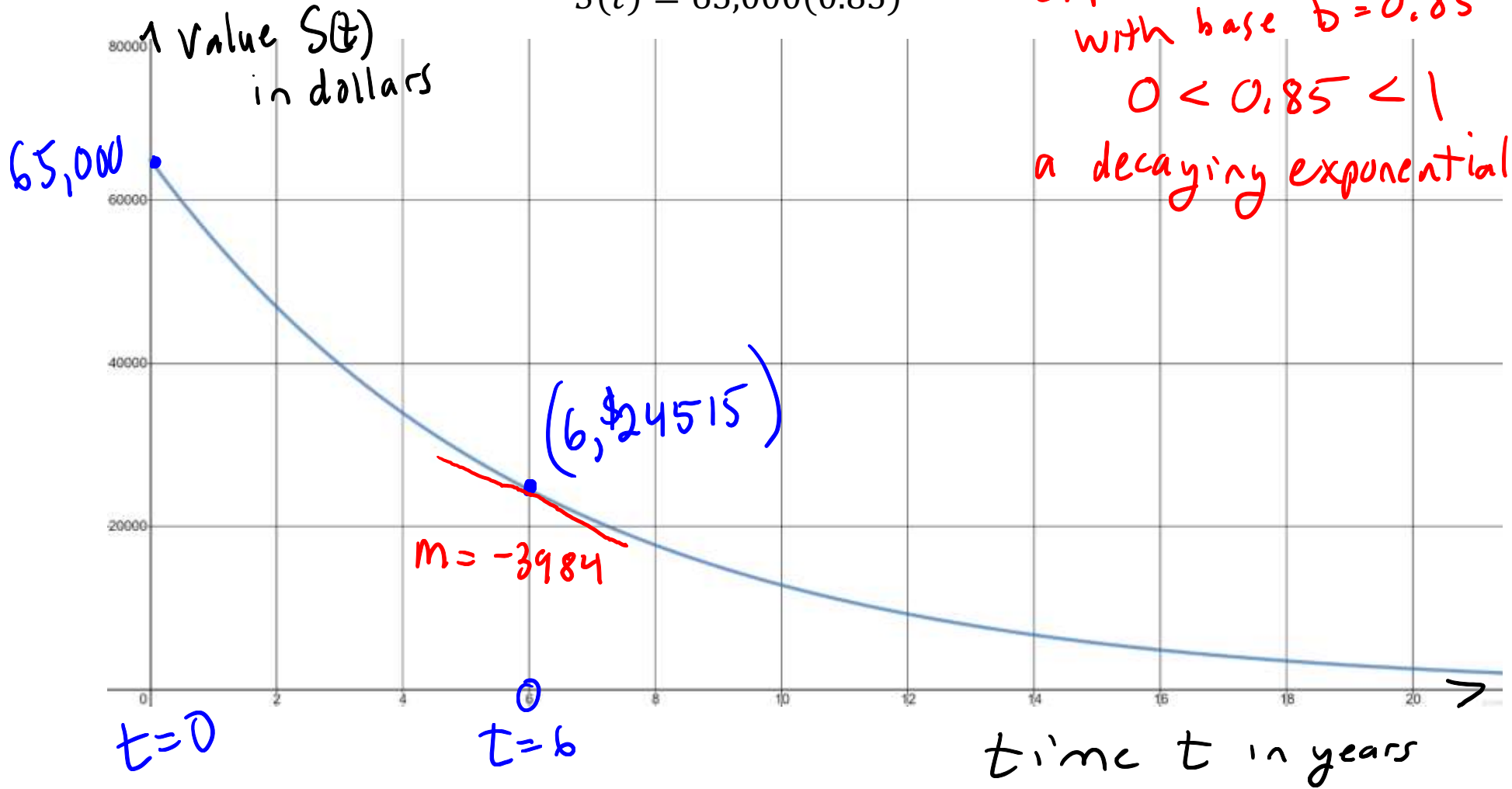
$$S'(6) = \underbrace{65,000 \ln(0.85) \cdot (0.85)^{(6)}}_{\text{exact answer}} \approx -3984 \text{ dollars per year}$$

↑
use wolfram alpha

(D) Illustrate the quantities from parts (A),(B),(C) on the given graph of

$$S(t) = 65,000(0.85)^{(t)}$$

exponential function
with base $b = 0.85$
 $0 < 0.85 < 1$
a decaying exponential



End of [Example 4]

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