

Ex 2) Find f' for $f(x) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4}{\sqrt{x+h}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4\sqrt{x} - 4\sqrt{x+h}) \cdot (4\sqrt{x} + 4\sqrt{x+h})}{(h\sqrt{x}\sqrt{x+h})(4\sqrt{x} + 4\sqrt{x+h})} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{16x - 16(x+h)}{(h\sqrt{x}\sqrt{x+h})(4\sqrt{x} + 4\sqrt{x+h})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-16h}{(h\sqrt{x}\sqrt{x+h})(4\sqrt{x} + 4\sqrt{x+h})} \\
 &= \frac{-16}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{x}(4\sqrt{x} + 4\sqrt{x})} = \frac{-16}{x(8\sqrt{x})} = \boxed{\frac{-2}{x\sqrt{x}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 3) Find the slope and the eqn of the tangent line for $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ at $(-1, 2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 + 1 - (x^2 + 1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 1 - x^2 - 1}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x+h)}{h} = \boxed{2x} \text{ (slope)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{slope at } (-1, 2) = 2(-1) = -2$$

$$\boxed{y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)} \text{ or } \begin{aligned} y - 2 &= -2x - 2 \\ y &= -2x \end{aligned}$$