

LECTURE 4

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PLAN

1. A poll

2. The derivative

3. Lesson plan reviews

4. A volume problem

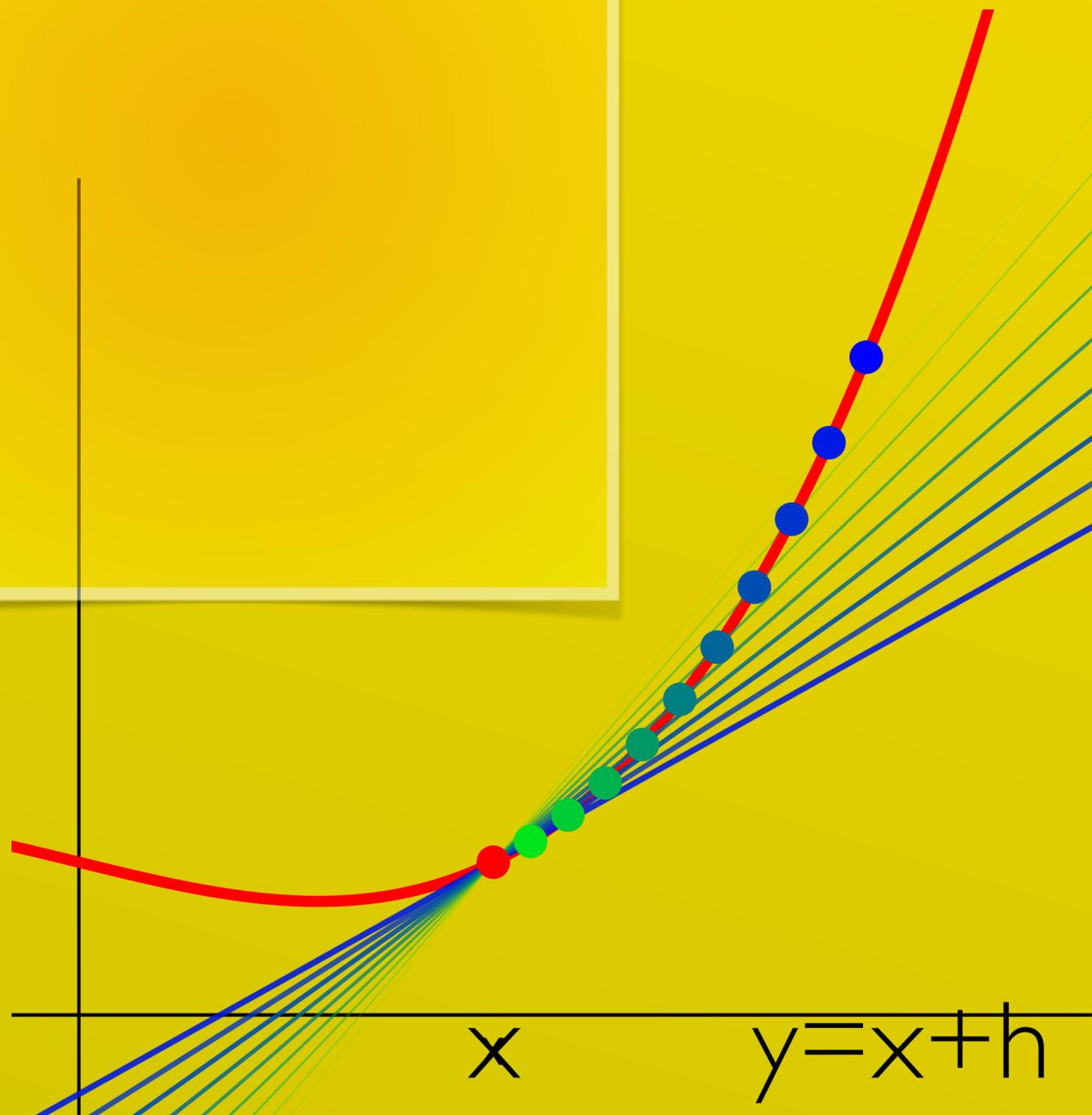
5. Power functions

6. Root function

6. Exponential functions

7 Cupcake and swimming

THE DERIVATIVE



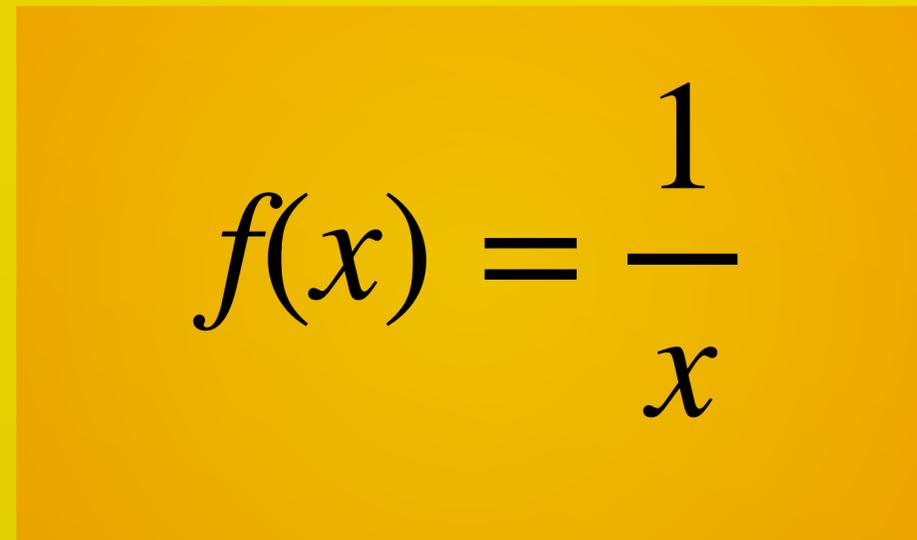
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x}$$

EXAMPLES

from lesson problem

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$



$$\left[\frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x} \right] \frac{1}{h}$$

$$= \left[\frac{-h}{(x+h)x} \right] \frac{1}{h}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{(x+h)x}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

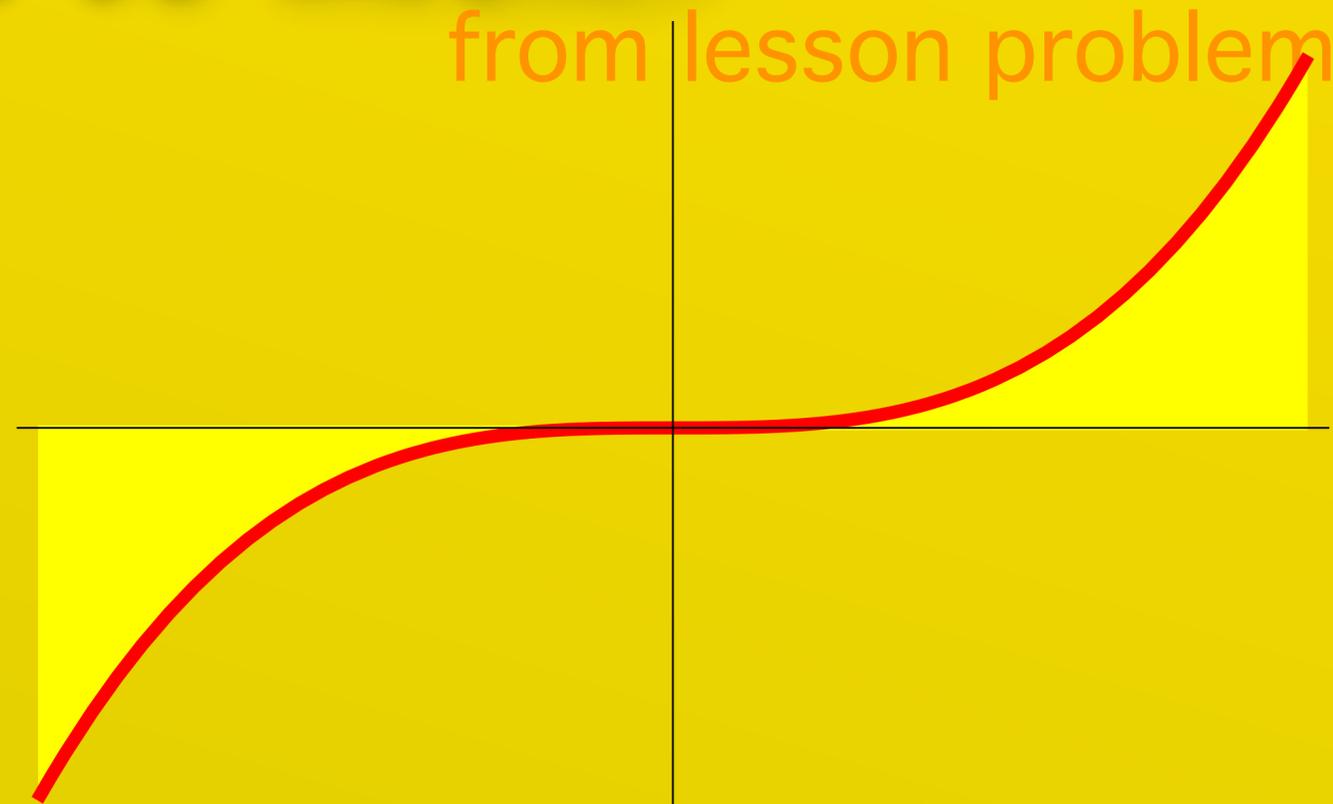
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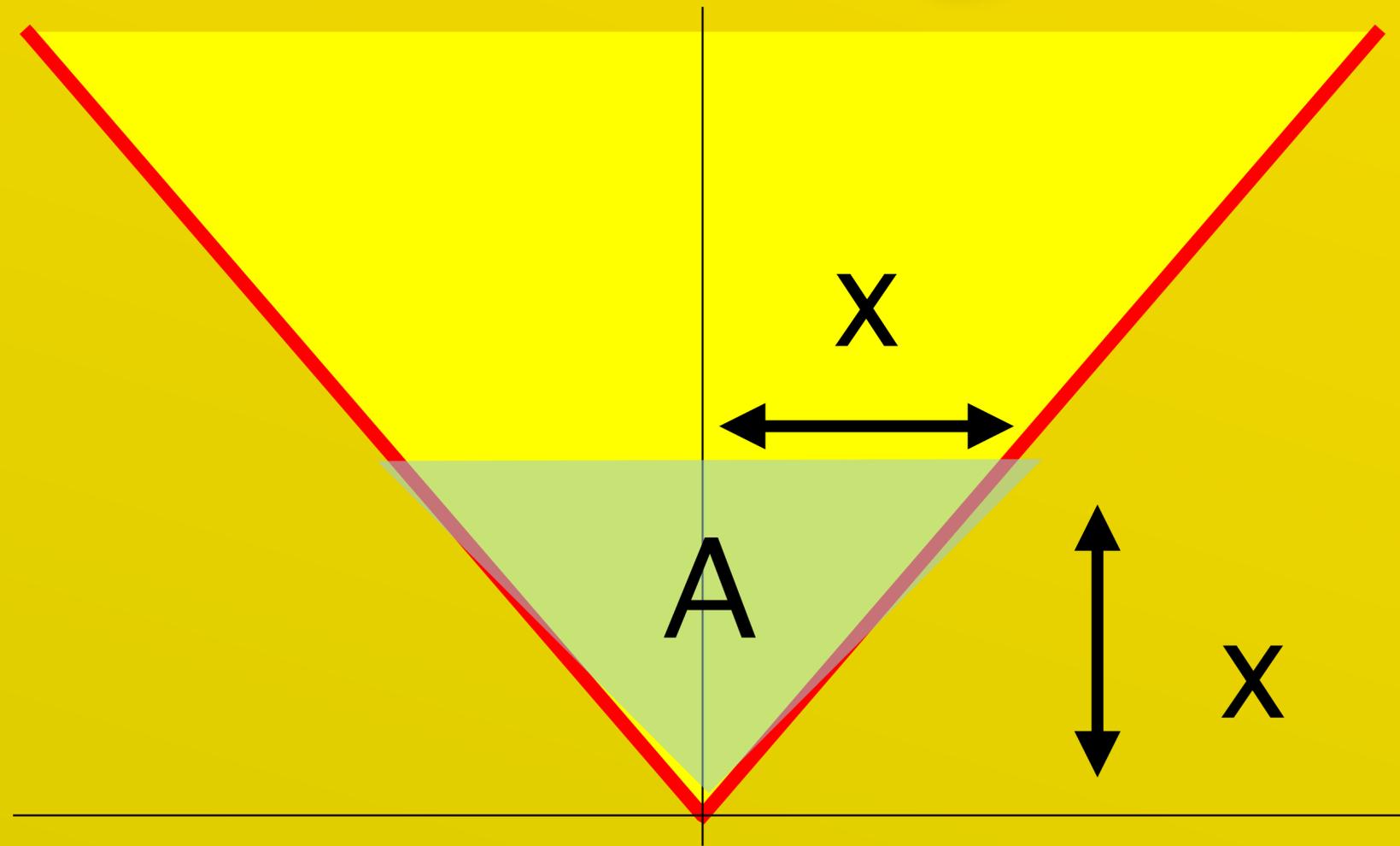
$$\left[(x+h)^3 - x^3 \right] \frac{1}{h}$$

$h \rightarrow 0$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$= \left[x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - x^3 \right] \frac{1}{h}$$

TRIANGLE



$$A = x^2$$

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How fast does x change as a function of the area A ?

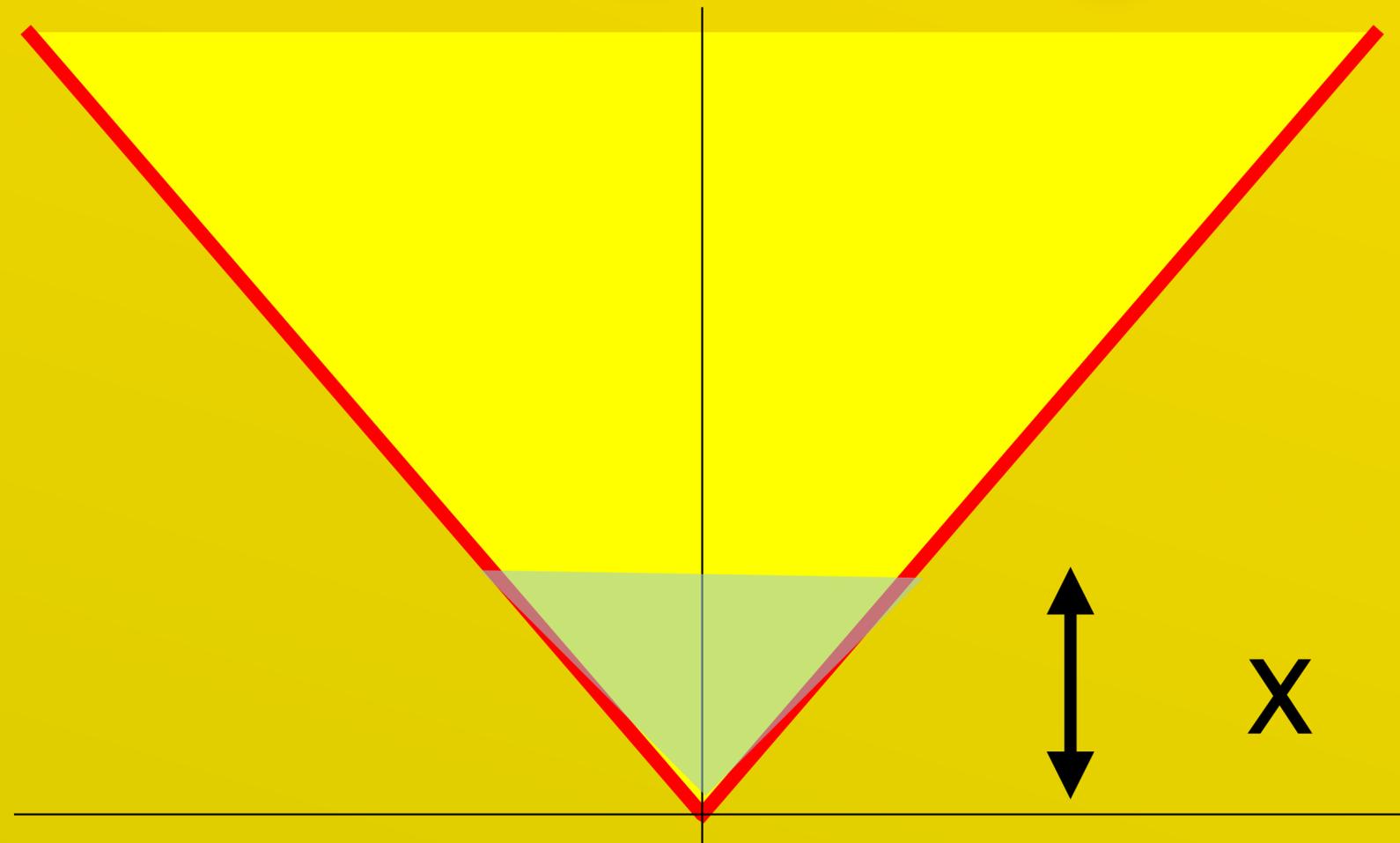
BREAK OUT

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x} = \frac{[\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}][\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}]}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}$$

Can you simplify this?

FILLING A GLASS

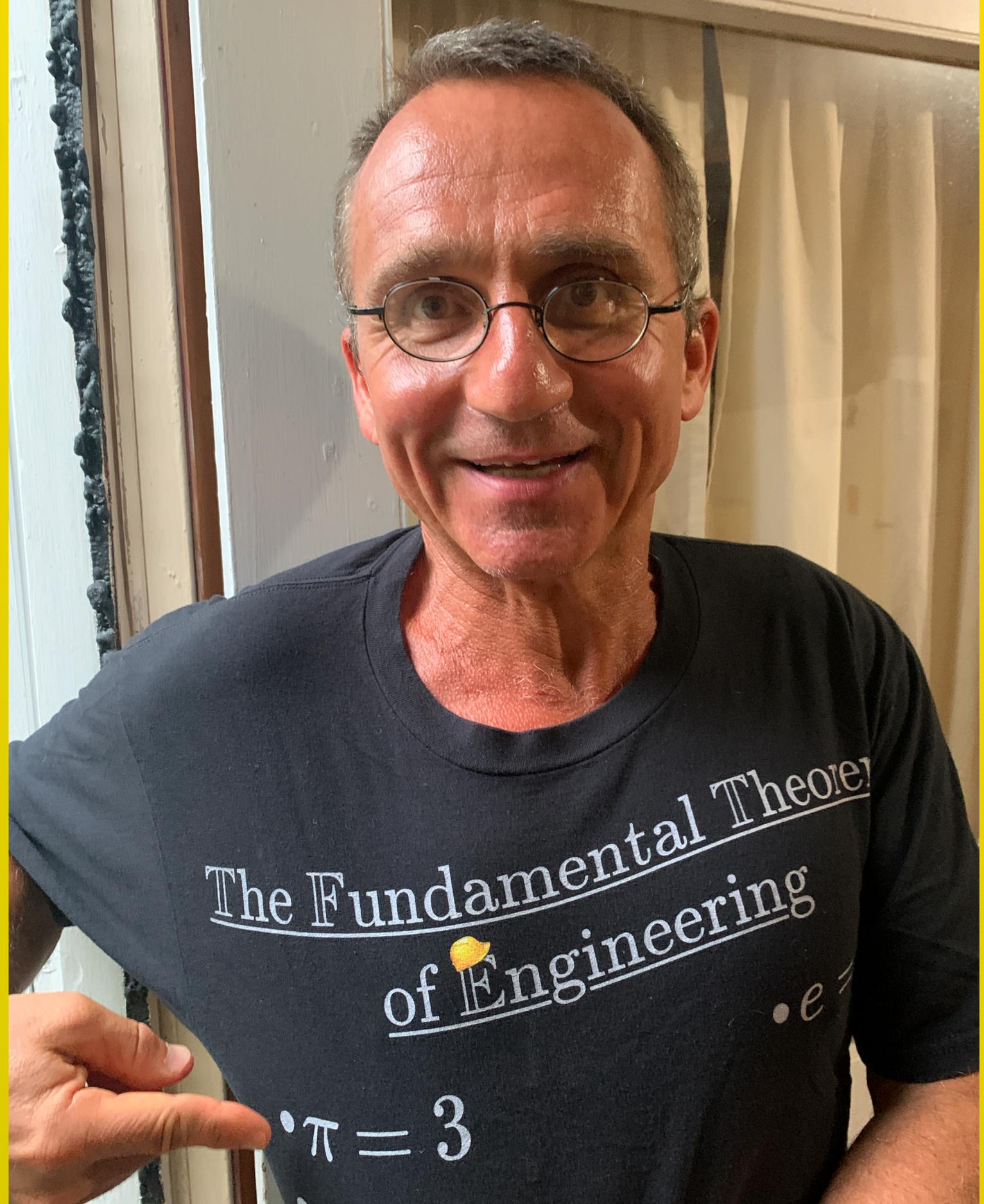


$$V(x) = \frac{x^3 \pi}{3} = x^3$$

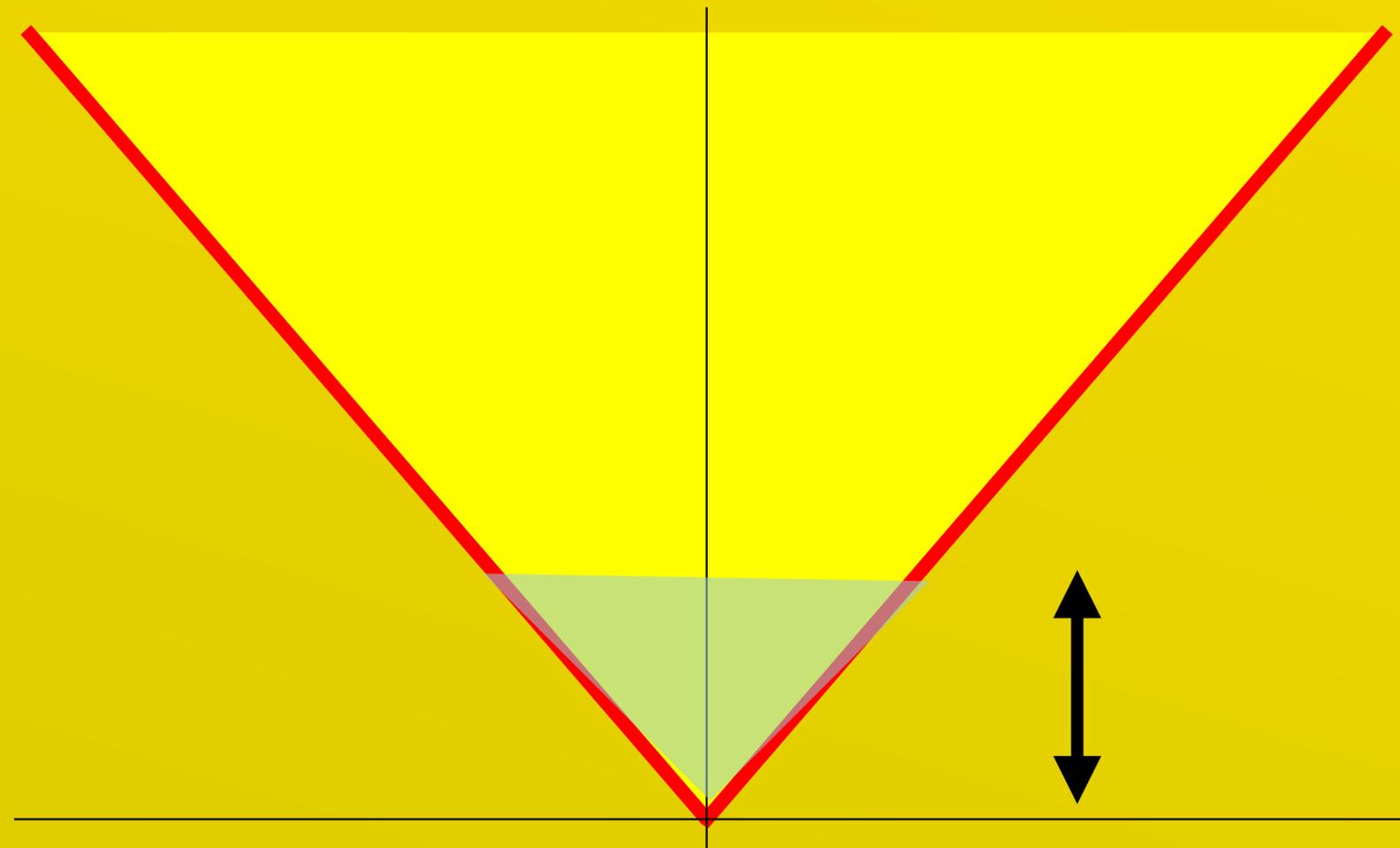
How fast does the volume change depending on x ?

YES

$$\pi = 3$$

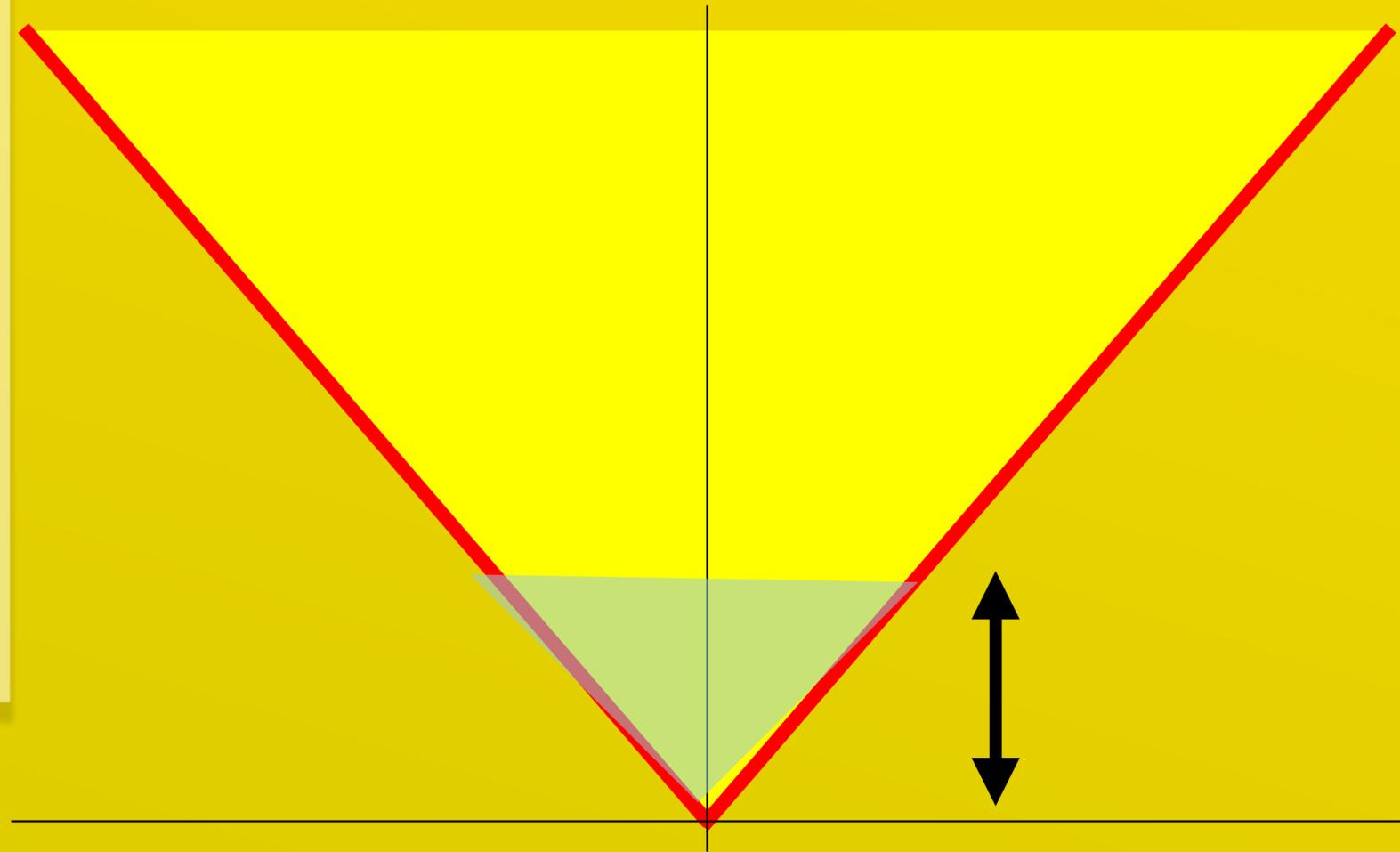


MORE INTERESTING



How fast does the water level x change as a function of the volume?

MORE INTERESTING



Can we
compute
 $x'(V)$?

$$V(x) = x^3$$

$$x = V^{1/3}$$

$$x'(V) = \frac{1}{3V^{2/3}}$$

Infinite
speed
at $V=0$!

HOW TO COMPUTE?

Look at the following identity and note that the nominator is equal to h when multiplying out

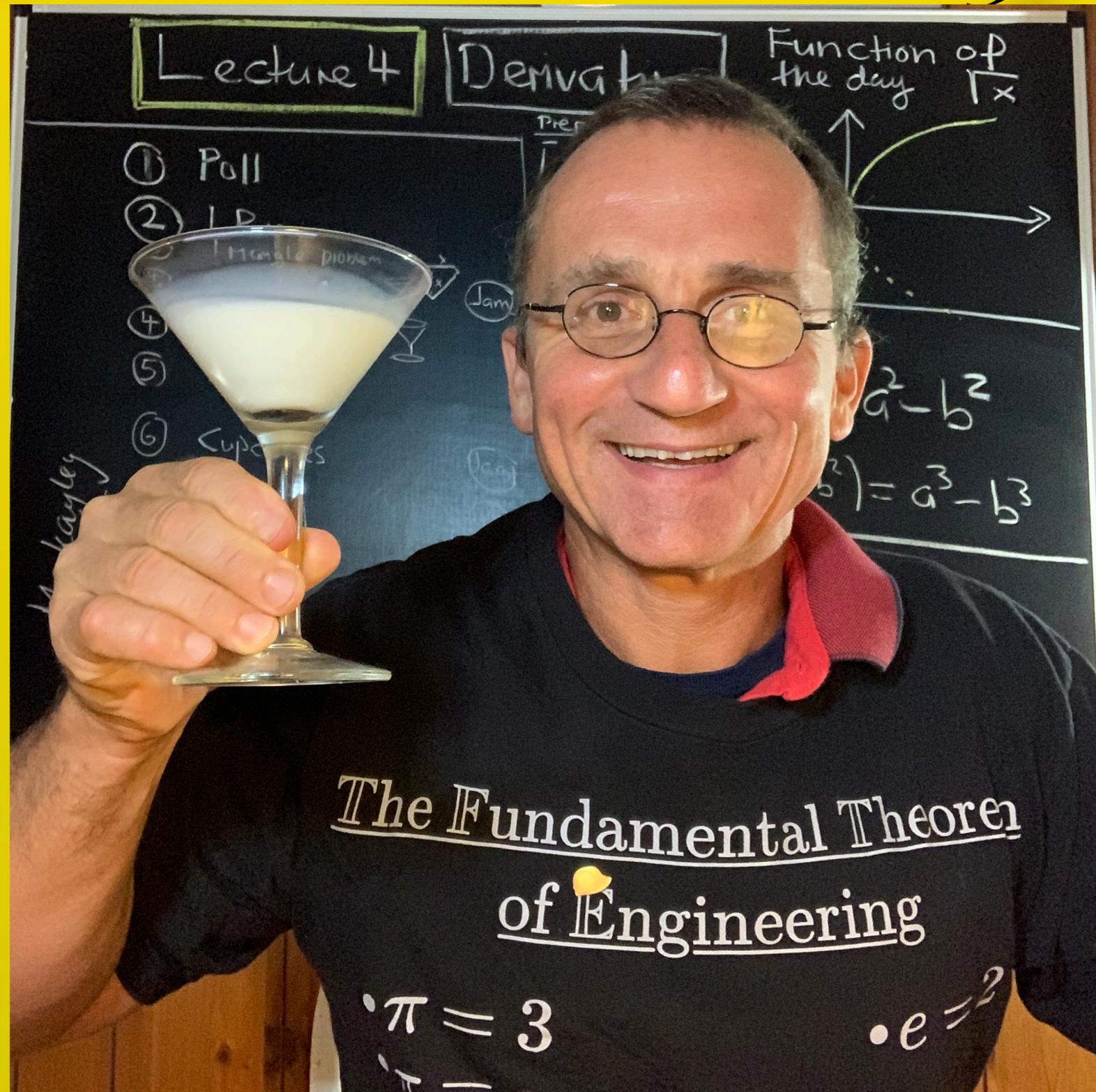
$$(x + h)^{1/3} - x^{1/3} =$$

$$\frac{[(x + h)^{1/3} - x^{1/3}][(x + h)^{2/3} + (x + h)^{1/3}x^{1/3} + x^{2/3}]}{[(x + h)^{2/3} + (x + h)^{1/3}x^{1/3} + x^{2/3}]}$$

THAT WAS TOUGH!

$$f(x) = x^{1/3}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3x^{2/3}}$$



SEE THE PATTERN?

$$f(x) = x^{-1}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$f(x) = x^3$$

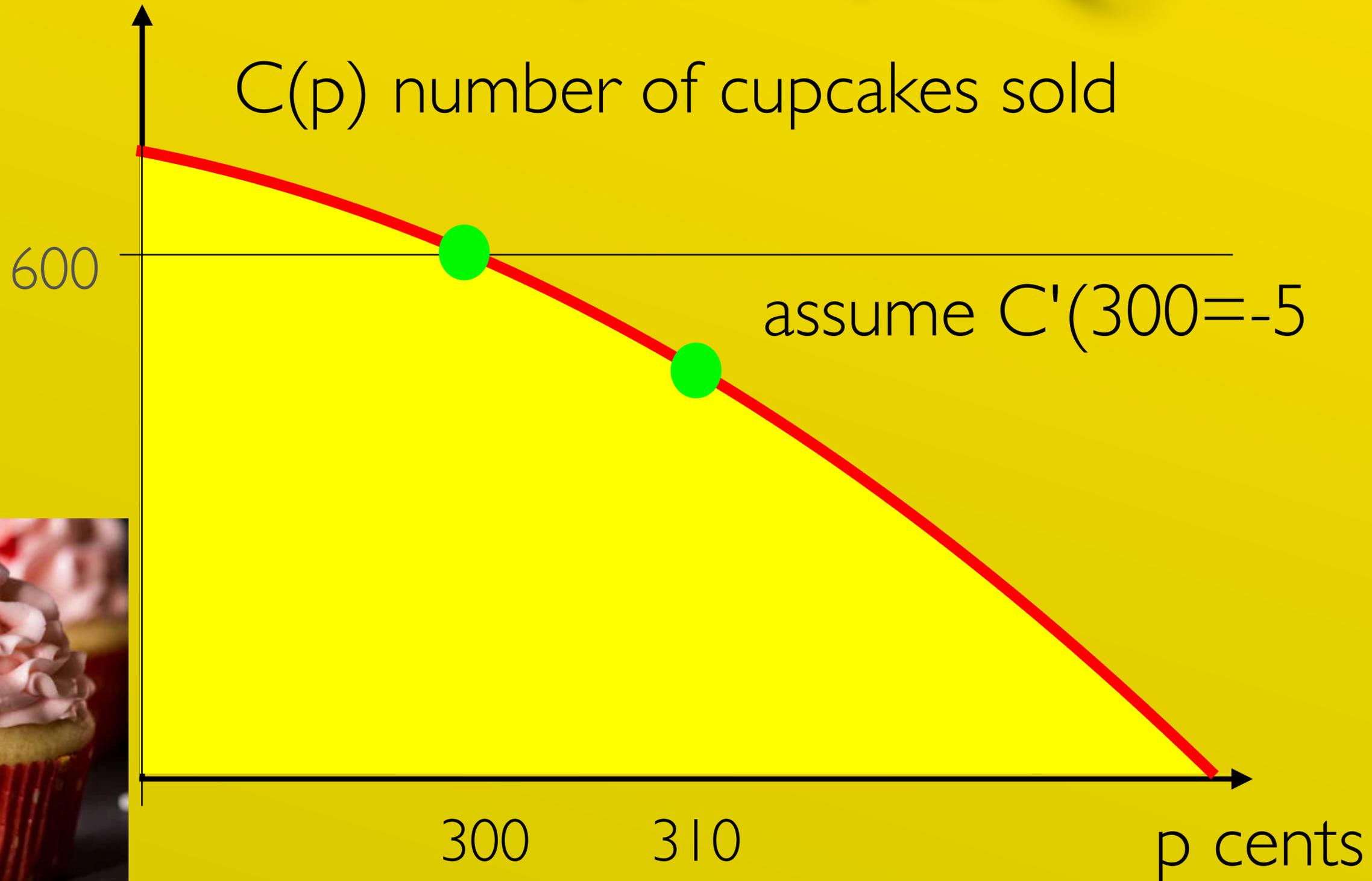
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CUPCAKE

$C(p)$ number of cupcakes sold

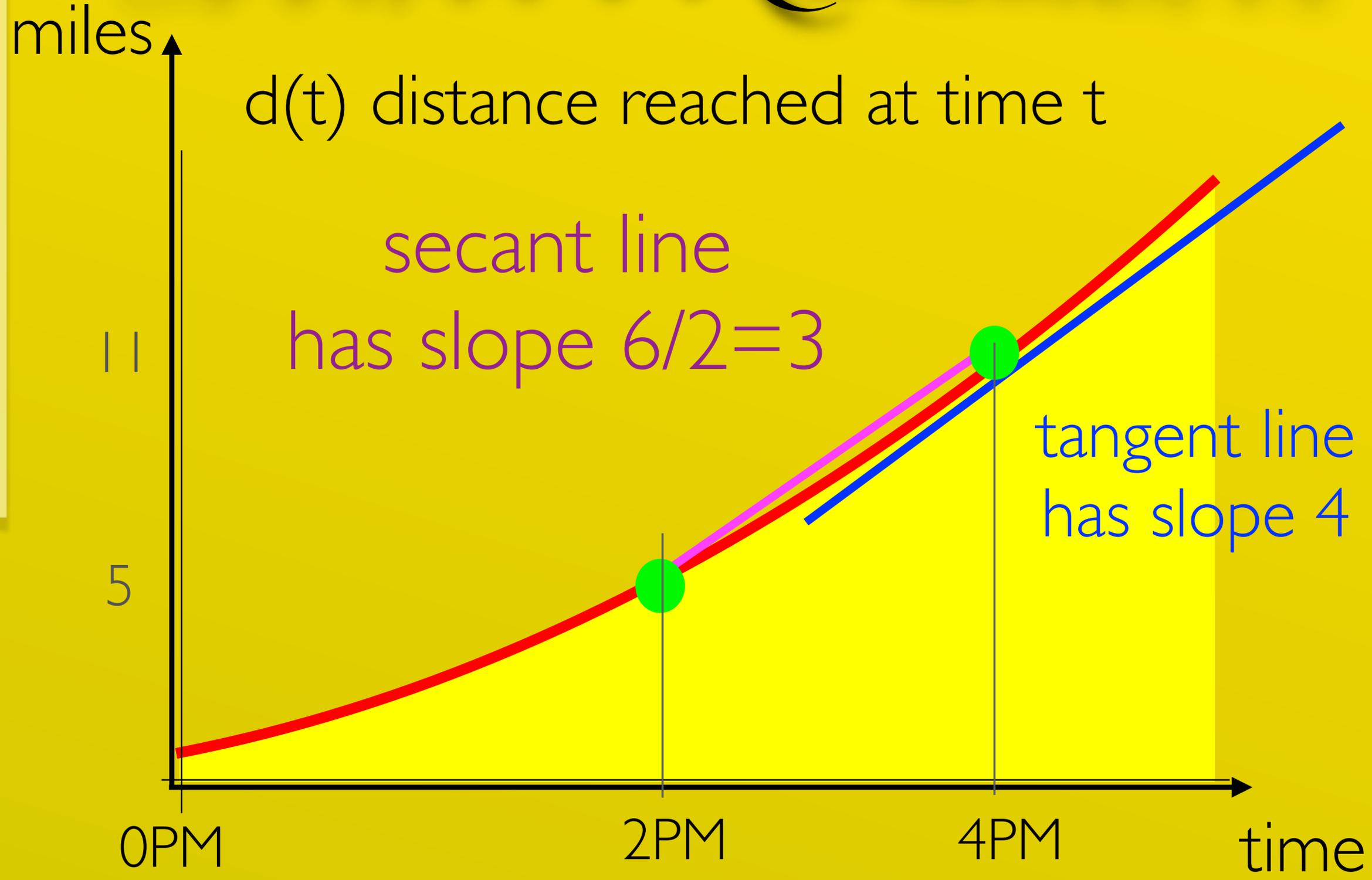


Estimate
 $C(310)$
from this
information



SWIM PROBLEM

estimate where the swimmer is at 3:30, either with tangent line or secant line



Gertrud Ederle 1926

THE END