Position at time t ... and at time $t + \Delta t$ s = f(t)

FIGURE 3.12 The positions of a body moving along a coordinate line at time tand shortly later at time $t + \Delta t$. Here the coordinate line is horizontal.

DEFINITION Velocity (instantaneous velocity) is the derivative of position with respect to time. If a body's position at time t is s = f(t), then the body's velocity at time t is

$$v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t}.$$

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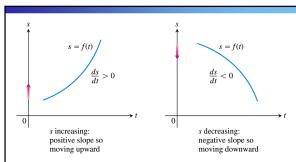


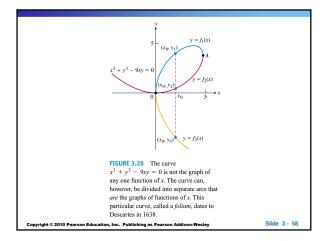
FIGURE 3.13 For motion s = f(t) along a straight line (the vertical axis), v = ds/dt is positive when s increases and negative when s decreases. The blue curves represent position along the line over time; they do not portray the path of motion, which lies along the s-axis.

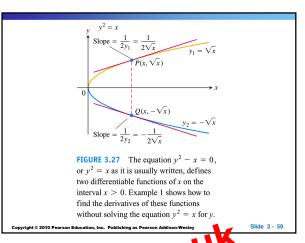
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DEFINITION Speed is the absolute value of velocity.

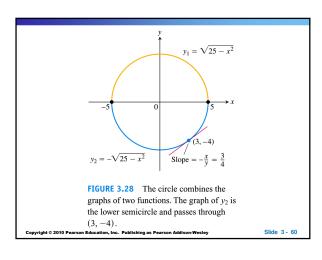
Speed =
$$|v(t)| = \left| \frac{ds}{dt} \right|$$

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Implicit Differentiation

- 1. Differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to x, treating y as a differentiable function of x.
- 2. Collect the terms with dy/dx on one side of the equation and solve for dy/dx.

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