

HOSSAM GHANEM

(18) 3.2 Definition of Derivative (B)

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

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Example 1

44 November
9, 2006
15 July 1996

Use the definition of derivative to find $f'(x)$ where $f(x) = x + \sqrt{x}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h+\sqrt{x+h} - x - \sqrt{x}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h + \sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \\ &= 1 + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = 1 + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h-x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \\ &= 1 + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = 1 + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

August 7, 2011

3. (4 Points) Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 3 & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$ Is f differentiable at $x = 0$? (justify your answer)

Solution

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$$

f discontinuous at $x = 0$

f not differentiable at $x = 0$



Example 324 November
3, 1998Use the definition of derivative to find $f'(x)$ where $f(x) = x^2 + \sin x$ **Solution**

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

DIFFERENTIABLE AND CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS**Example 4**Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ Ax + B & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$ Find A and B so that $f'(x)$ is exist**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x^2 = 1 \\
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} Ax + B = A + B \\
 \therefore f &\text{ is differentiable} \quad \therefore f \text{ is cont.} \\
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) \\
 \therefore A + B &= 1 \\
 B &= 1 - A \\
 f'(1^-) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (x+1) = 2 \\
 f'(1^+) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{Ax + B - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{Ax + 1 - A - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{Ax - A}{x - 1} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{A(x-1)}{x-1} = A \\
 \therefore f &\text{ is differentiable} \quad \therefore f(1^-) = f(1^+) \\
 \therefore A &= 2 \\
 B &= 1 - 2 = -1
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 5
1 December 3
1992

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Use the definition to determine whether $f'(0)$ exists or not

Solution

$$x^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{x^2}{|x|} \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

$$f'(0^-) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} -\sqrt{x^2 + 1} = -1$$

$$f'(0^+) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x^2 + 1} = 1$$

$$\therefore f'(0^-) \neq f'(0^+) \rightarrow \therefore f'(0) \text{ D.N.E}$$

Example 6
13 November 13,
1995

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} A \cos x + B \sin x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ A x^2 - x + 3B & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Find the constants A and B for which $f'(0)$ exists

Solution

$f'(0)$ exists

$\therefore f$ is cont at $x = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} A x^2 - x + 3B = 3B$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} A \cos x + B \sin x = A$$

$$\therefore A = 3B$$

$$f(0) = A \cos(0) + B \sin(0) = A$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0^-) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{A x^2 - x + 3B - A}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{A x^2 - x + A - A}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{A x^2 - x}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x(A x - 1)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} A x - 1 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0^+) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{A \cos x + B \sin x - A}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(A \cos x - A) + B \sin x}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{A(\cos x - 1)}{x} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{B \sin x}{x} = 0 + B = B \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(0) \text{ exists} \rightarrow f'(0^-) = f'(0^+)$$

$$B = -1$$

$$A = -3$$

Example 7

Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ Show that $f'(0)$ exists

Solution

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

$$f(0^-) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x \sin \frac{1}{x}$$

$$-1 \leq \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq 1$$

$$x < 0$$

$$-x \geq x \sin \frac{1}{x} \geq x$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x = 0$$

$$f(0^-) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\therefore f(0^+) = f(0^-)$$

$$f'(0) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \therefore f'(0) \text{ Exists}$$



Homework

1
12 November
1995

Use the definition of derivative to find $f'(x)$, where
 $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ where $x > -1$

2

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x^2}$. Find $f'(x)$ from the definition of derivative

3
42 March 29,
2006

Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - x + 1 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ x^3 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \end{cases}$
 Find $f'(-1)$ and $f'(1)$ if they exist or explain why, if any of them does not exist

4

Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + 1}{5} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{8}{x^2 + 4} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$

Use the definition to find the derivative of f at $x = -2$ if it exists

5
6 January 6, 1993

Find the constants A and B so that $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 \sin x + \cos x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ Ax + B & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

is continuous and differentiable at $x = 0$

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Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2x + 1 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 1 + \sin Ax & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$

Use the definition of derivative to find A so that f is differentiable at $x = 0$

7

Test the continuity and differentiability of the function

$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2x + 2 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 2 + \sin x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

8
11 August 11,
1994 A

Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 + \sin Ax & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ x^2 + 2x + 3 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$

Use the definition of derivative to find A so that f is differentiable at $x = 0$

Homework

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Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \pi x, & x < 1 \\ A(x^2 - 1) + B, & x \geq 1. \end{cases}$

Find A and B so that $f'(1)$ exists.

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21 May
27, 2001

Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x, & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 1 - x^3, & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$

Use the definition of the derivative to find $f'(0)$.

11

19 July
29, 2000

Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} A + 2x, & \text{if } x \leq 1, \\ 2 - Bx^2, & \text{if } x > 1. \end{cases}$

Find all constants A and B so that f is differentiable at $x = 1$

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23 April
27, 2000

Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x, & x \geq 0 \\ Ax + B, & x < 0 \end{cases}$

Find A and B so that f is differentiable at 0.

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17 January
8, 1997

Let h be differentiable on $(-\infty, \infty)$ and $h'(0) = 2$ Find the constant A so that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{h(x) - h(0)}{\sqrt{x+1} - 1} & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ A & x \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{is continuous at } x = 0$$

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January 12
.2003

Use the definition of the derivative to show that the following function is

differentiable at $x = \frac{1}{2}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos(2x - 1) + 4x^2 - 2x, & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 - \frac{1}{2x}, & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

A
26 May 10,
2001

Use the definition of derivative to find $f'(1)$ if $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

Solution

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

$$f'(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{(x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1)(x^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

B

Let $f(x) = |x^2 - 1|$. Discuss the differentiability of f at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$

Solution

$$f(x) = |x^2 - 1|$$

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(x^2 - 1) - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x^2 + 1 - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x = 0$$

$\therefore f$ is differentiable at $x = 0$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{-(x^2 - 1) - 0}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{-(x - 1)(x + 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} -(x + 1) = -2$$

$$f'(1^+) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{-|x^2 - 1| - 0}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x + 1) = 2$$

$$f'(1^-) \neq f'(1^+)$$

$\therefore f$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$

