

Problem 1: Evaluating derivatives by definition

Determine if $f(x)$ is differentiable at the given point. If yes, give the derivative, if not, give the reason.

1. $x^2 + ax + b$ at $x = 2$ $4 + 2a$

2. $\frac{1}{x(x-1)}$ at $x = 2$ $-\frac{3}{4}$

3. $\sqrt{x+1}$ at $x = 0$ $\frac{1}{2}$

4. $\sin x$ at $x = 0$ 1

5. $\cos x$ at $x = 0$ 0
 (Hint: use the formula $1 - \cos x = 2 \sin^2(x/2)$)

6. $\frac{1}{x^2}$ at $x = 1$ -2

7. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ x^2, & x > 0 \end{cases}$ at $x = 0$ 0

8. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 3x + 2, & x < 1 \\ 5x - 1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$ at $x = 1$ Not differentiable (not continuous)

Problem 2: Evaluating derivative function by definition

Determine the derivative function of the following function by definition:

1. $f(x) = x^n$ ($n > 0$ is a fixed integer) $n \cdot x^{n-1}$

2. $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

3. $f(x) = \sin x$ $\cos x$
 (Hint: $\sin(a+b) = \sin a \cos b + \sin b \cos a$)

4. $f(x) = \cos x$ $-\sin x$
 (Hint: $\cos(a+b) = \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b$)

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Problem 3: Compute the derivatives Determine the derivatives from power/sum/subtract/product/quotient rule

1. $x \sin x$

$$x \cdot \cos x + \sin x$$

2. $\tan x$

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$$

3. x^n (n is arbitrary integer)

$$n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

4. $\frac{x^2+1}{x-1}$

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

5. $\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x$

$$4 \sin x \cdot \cos x =$$

6. $\frac{1}{x^2 - \tan x}$

$$\frac{-2x + \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}}{(x^2 - \tan x)^2}$$

Problem 4: Compute the second-order derivatives Look at the graph of the following graph for $f(x)$ and determine the answer:

1. $f(x) = x^5 + 4x^3 - 2x + 1$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 + 12x^2 - 2, \quad f''(x) = 20x^3 + 24x$$

2. $f(x) = x^2 \sin x$

$$f'(x) = 2x \sin x + x^2 \cos x, \quad f''(x) = -x^2 \sin x + 4x \cos x + 2 \sin x$$

3. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{(x-1)^2}, \quad f''(x) = \frac{2}{(x-1)^3}$$

4. $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x+1}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x+1) \cdot \cos x - \sin x}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-(x+1)^3 \cdot \sin x - 2(x+1)^2 \cos x + 2(x+1)}{(x+1)^4}$$