
Homework 4

Exercise 1 Provide two different examples of continuous functions on $(-1, 1)$ which are not differentiable at $x = 0$.

Exercise 2 Show that there are exactly two tangent lines to the graph of the function $f : \mathbb{R} \ni x \mapsto (x + 1)^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ which pass through the origin. Find the equation of these lines (\Leftrightarrow find the two functions whose graphs correspond to these straight lines).

Exercise 3 1) For $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ let $P_{\frac{1}{n}} : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined by $P_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) = x^{\frac{1}{n}}$. Show that the following equality holds:

$$P'_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) = \frac{1}{n} x^{\frac{1}{n}-1}$$

For the proof you can use the equality

$$(a^n - b^n) = (a - b) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a^{n-k-1} b^k$$

for $a = (x + h)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ and $b = x^{\frac{1}{n}}$.

2) Deduce that if $P_{\frac{m}{n}} : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined for $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ by $P_{\frac{m}{n}}(x) = x^{\frac{m}{n}}$, then

$$P'_{\frac{m}{n}}(x) = \frac{m}{n} x^{\frac{m}{n}-1} .$$

Exercise 4 Compute the derivative of the functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ by

$$a) \sin((2x + 3)^2) \quad b) \frac{(2x + 3)^3}{(x - 3)^2 + 1} \quad c) \frac{1}{\sin(3x)^2 + 1} \quad d) e^{3\sin(x)+2}$$

Exercise 5 Compute the derivatives of order 1, 2 and 3 for the functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ by

$$a) \cos(x) \quad b) \cos(x) \sin(x) \quad c) x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x^1 + 1$$

Exercise 6 Find the equation of the tangent of the curve in \mathbb{R}^2 defined by the relation

$$F(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + 3xy + 12 = 0$$

at the point $(-4, 2)$.