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## fixed points of normal functions

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Defines derivative

If  $f: M \to \mathbf{On}$  is a function from any set of ordinals to the class of ordinals then  $\mathrm{Fix}(f) = \{x \in M \mid f(x) = x\}$  is the set of fixed points of f. f', the derivative of f, is the enumerating function of  $\mathrm{Fix}(f)$ .

If f is http://planetmath.org/KappaNormal $\kappa$ -normal then Fix(f) is  $\kappa$ -closed and  $\kappa$ -normal, and therefore f' is also  $\kappa$ -normal.

For example, the function which takes an ordinal  $\alpha$  to the ordinal  $1 + \alpha$  has a fixed point at every ordinal  $\geq \omega$ , so  $f'(\alpha) = \omega + \alpha$ .