

## Exercise 2.7

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28.  $f(t) = 2t^3 + t$ , find  $f'(a)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(a) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{f(t) - f(a)}{t - a} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \left( \frac{2(t^3 - a^3)}{t - a} + 1 \right) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow a} [2(t^2 + at + a^2) + 1] \\ &= 6a^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

30.  $f(x) = x^{-2}$ , find  $f'(a)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(a) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{a}\right)\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{a}\right)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\left(\frac{a-x}{ax} \frac{a+x}{ax}\right)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a+x}{(ax)^2} \\ &= \frac{2a}{a^4} \\ &= 2a^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

**31.**  $f(x) = \sqrt{1-2x}$ , find  $f'(a)$ .

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

**34.**  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[4]{16+h}-2}{h}$

Compared to  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h)-f(x_0)}{h}$ , we can know

$$f(x_0) = \sqrt[4]{16} = 2, \quad f(x_0 + h) = \sqrt[4]{16+h}$$

$$\text{So } f = \sqrt[4]{x}, a = 2$$

**35.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{2^x-32}{x-5}$

Compared to  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a}$ , we can know

$$f(5) = 2^5 = 32, \quad f(x) = 2^x$$

$$\text{So } f = 2^x, a = 5$$

**37.**  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(\pi+h)+1}{h}$

Compared to  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h)-f(x_0)}{h}$ , we can know

$$f(\pi) = \cos \pi = -1, \quad f(\pi + h) = \cos(\pi + h)$$

$$\text{So } f = \cos x, a = \pi$$

**53 54.** Determine whether  $f'(0)$  exists.

**53.**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

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

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} = \infty$ ,  $f'(0) = \sin \infty$  does not exist.

**54.**

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

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} \right) \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}
\end{aligned}$$

$\because x^2$  is infinitesimal as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , and  $\sin \frac{1}{x}$  is bounded on  $[-1, 1]$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0 = f(0)$   
 $\therefore f(x)$  is continuous everywhere.