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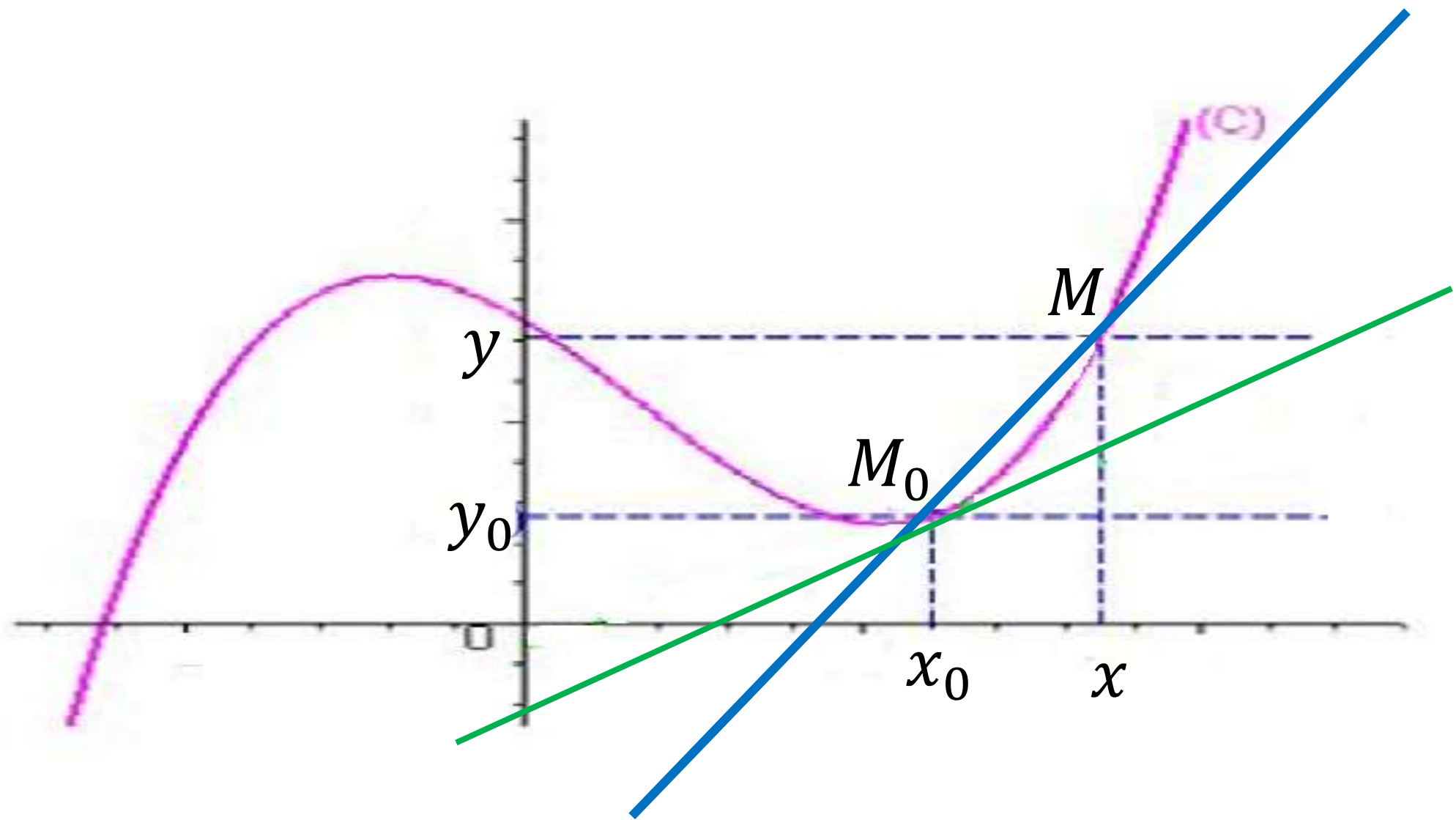
Definition : Let f be a function defined on an open interval $]a, b[$, and let $x_0 \in]a, b[$. We say f is differentiable at x_0 , with derivative $f'(x_0)$, if the limit

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Geometric Interpretation for the derivative



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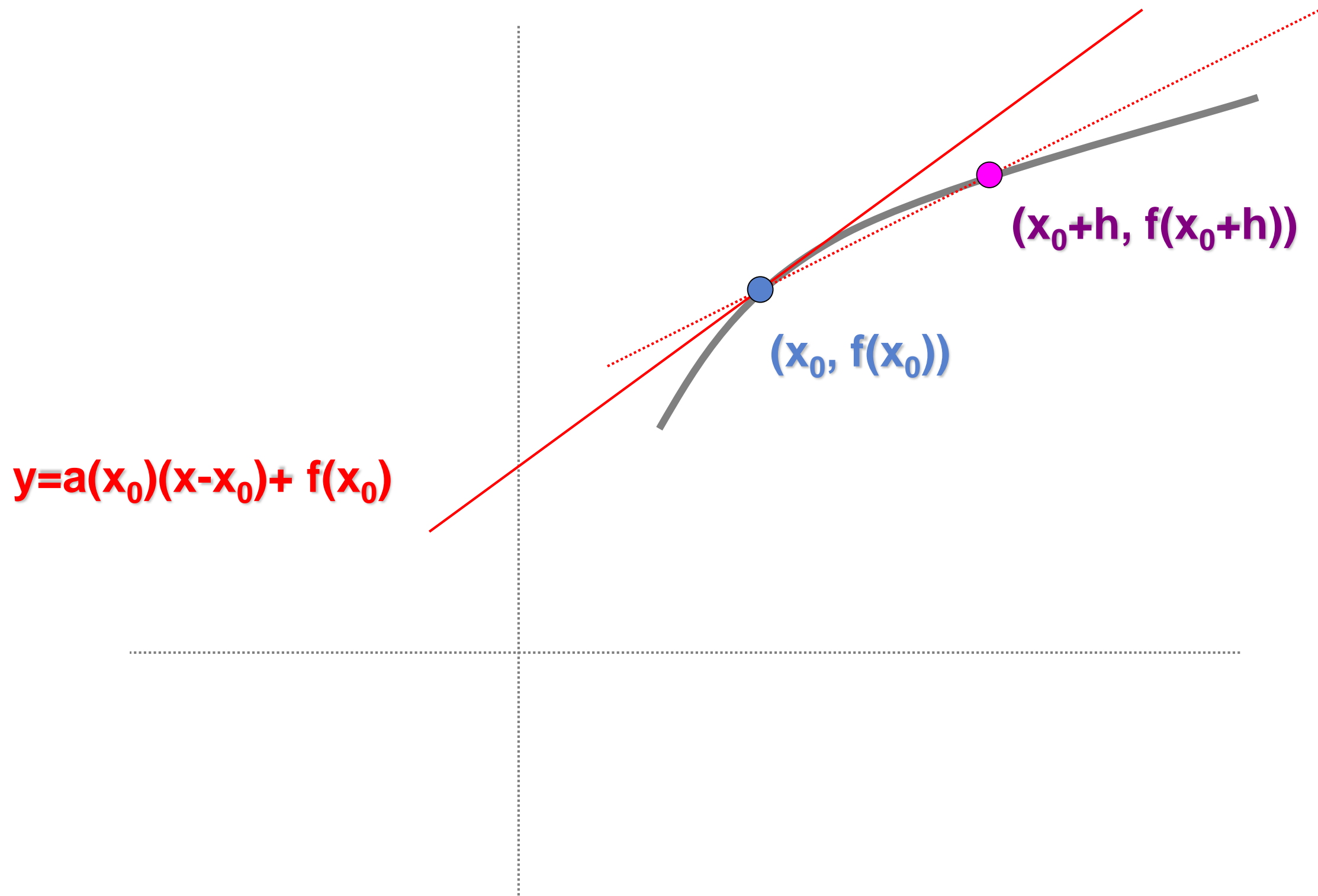
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

Exists.

*This limit is denoted $f'(x_0)$ (or also $\frac{df}{dx}(x_0)$) and is called **the derivative** of $f(x)$ at $x = x_0$.*

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Example: Find, if possible, derivatives at $x_0 = 1$ for the function $f(x) = x^3 - 1$

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

and $f'(x) = 3x^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad f'(1) = 3$

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Left Hand And Right Hand Derivatives

Definition (Right derivative)

Let $f : [a, b[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. A function f is right differentiable at a if the right limit : $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$ exists. When it does exist, then that limit is called the right derivative of f . And denoted by $f'_d(a)$. We will say f is differentiable on $[a, b[$ when f is differentiable on $]a, b[$ and is right differentiable at a .

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Left Hand And Right Hand Derivatives

Definition (Left derivative)

Let $f :]a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. A function f is left defferentiable at b if the left limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} \frac{f(x) - f(b)}{x - b}$ exists. When it does exist, then that limit is called the left derivative of f , and denoted by $f'_g(b)$. We will say f is defferentiable on $]a, b]$ when f is defferentiable on $]a, b[$ and is right defferentiable at b .

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Example :

$$\text{if } f(x) = |x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{si } x > 0 \\ -x & \text{si } x \leq 0 \end{cases},$$

$$\text{then } f'_d(0) = 1 \text{ et } f'_g(0) = -1.$$

The following result is immediate

Proposition : *Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $a \in I$. For the map f to be differentiable at a , it is necessary and sufficient that*

f be both left and right differentiable at a and the left and right derivative are equal ie $f'_g(a) = f'_d(a)$. Under these conditions, we have $f'(a) = f'_g(a) = f'_d(a)$.

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Derivative on an interval

Definition: Let f be a function defined on an interval I . We say that *a function f is differentiable on an interval I if only if f is differentiable for all point a in that interval I .*

Proposition : Let $f :]a, b[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let $x_0 \in]a, b[$.

- If f is differentiable at x_0 then f is continuous at x_0 .
- if f is differentiable on I then f is continuous on I .

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Combinations of Differentiable Functions

Theorem:(Algebraic Differentiability Theorem)

Let f and g be functions defined on an interval A , and assume both are differentiable at some point $x \in A$.

Then

- $(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x),$
- $(\alpha f)'(x) = \alpha f'(x), \alpha \in \mathbb{R} ,$
- $(fg)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x) ,$
- $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)'(x) = \frac{-f'(x)}{f(x)^2}, \quad \text{si } f(x) \neq 0.$
- $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - g'(x)f(x)}{g(x)^2} \quad \text{si } g(x) \neq 0.$

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Chain Rule

Proposition : Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy $f(I) \subseteq J$ so that the composition $g \circ f$ is defined. If f is differentiable at $x_0 \in I$ and if g is differentiable at $f(x_0) \in J$, then $g \circ f$ is differentiable at x_0 with

$$(g \circ f)'(x_0) = g'(f(x_0)) f'(x_0).$$

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Examples : Soit $h(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$

We put $f(x) = \frac{-x^2}{2}$ and $g(x) = e^x$.

$$h'(x) = (g \circ f)'(x) = g'(f(x))f'(x) = -x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

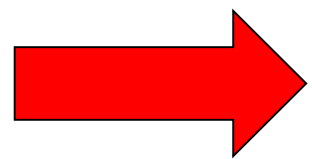
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Derivatives of inverse functions

Let $f : I \rightarrow J$ and $f^{-1} : J \rightarrow I$ be inverse functions, where I and J are open intervals.

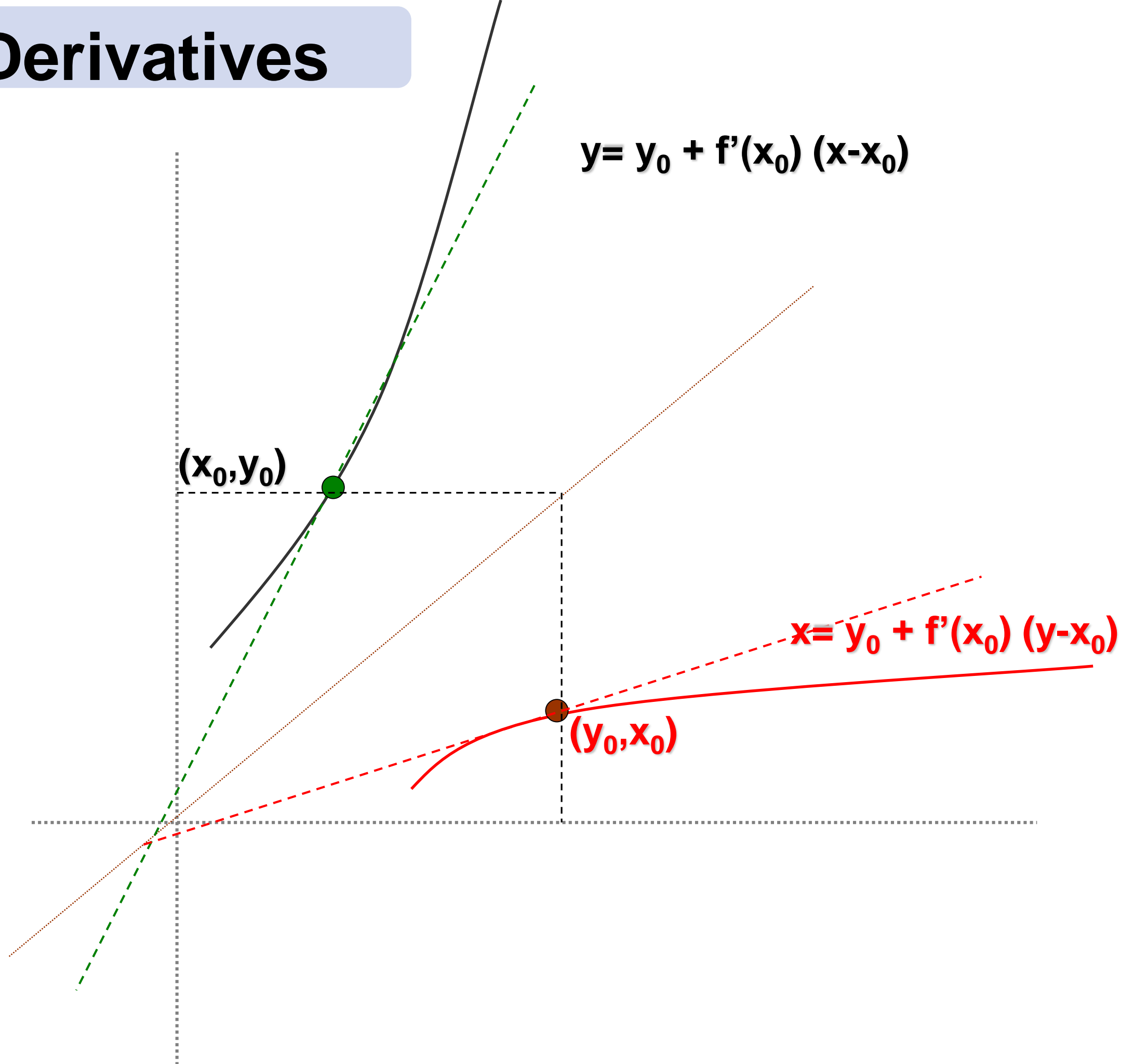
Suppose f is differentiable at $x_0 \in I$ and $f'(x_0) \neq 0$.

Then f^{-1} is differentiable at $y_0 = f(x_0)$



$$(f^{-1})'(y_0) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)} = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(y_0))}$$

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Derivatives of usuels functions :

Fonction	Fonction dérivée
$x^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$	nx^{n-1}
$x^\alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$	$\alpha x^{\alpha-1}$
\sqrt{x}	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$
$\sin(x)$	$\cos(x)$
$\cos(x)$	$-\sin(x)$
$\tan(x)$	$\frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = 1 + \tan^2(x)$
e^x	e^x
$\ln(x)$	$\frac{1}{x}$

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Local and Global Maxima and Minima

Definition

Let I be an interval, like (a,b) or $[a,a]$ for example, and let the function $f(x)$ be defined for all $x \in I$. Now let $x_0 \in I$. Then

- we say that $f(x)$ has a *global (or absolute) minimum on the interval I* at the point $x = x_0$ if $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$ for all $x \in I$.
- Similarly, we say that $f(x)$ has a *global (or absolute) maximum on I* at $x = x_0$ if $f(x) \leq f(x_0)$ for all $x \in I$.

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Local and Global Maxima and Minima

- we say that $f(x)$ has a *local minimum* on the interval I at the point $x = x_0$ if $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$ for all $x \in I$ that are near x_0 .
- Similarly, we say that $f(x)$ has a *local maximum* on I at $x = x_0$ if $f(x) \leq f(x_0)$ for all $x \in I$ that are near x_0 .

The global maxima and minima of a function are called the global extrema of the function, while the local maxima and minima are called the local extrema.

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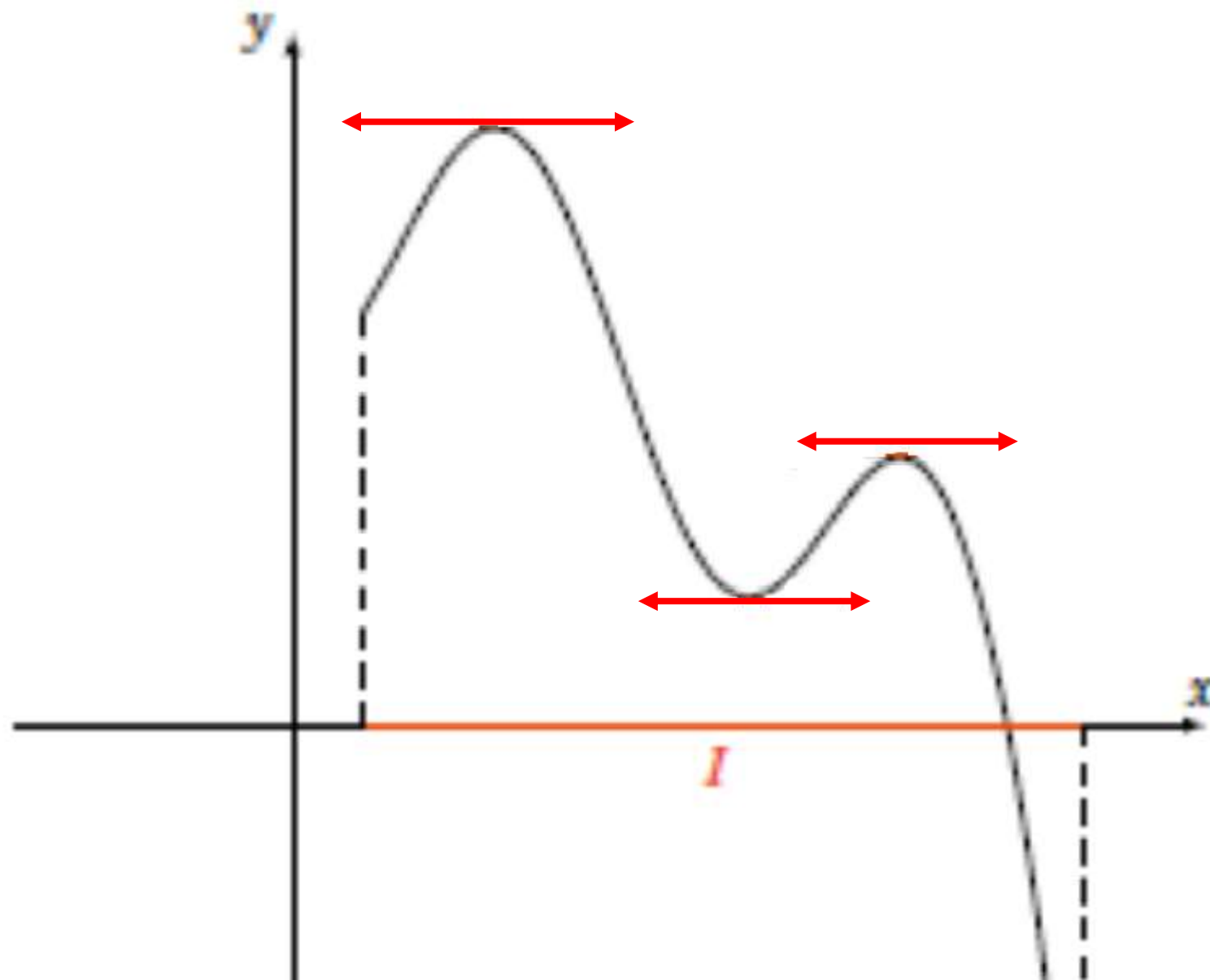
Theorem :

Let f be differentiable on an open interval $]a, b[$. If f attains a local maximum (or a local minimum) at some point $x_0 \in]a, b[$,

$$\text{then } f'(x_0) = 0.$$

But the converse is generally false!!

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Rolle's Theorem
(Michel Rolle, 1652–1719)

Theorem

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on $]a, b[$, if $f(a) = f(b)$ then there exists a point $c \in]a, b[$ where $f'(c) = 0$.

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Mean Value Theorem

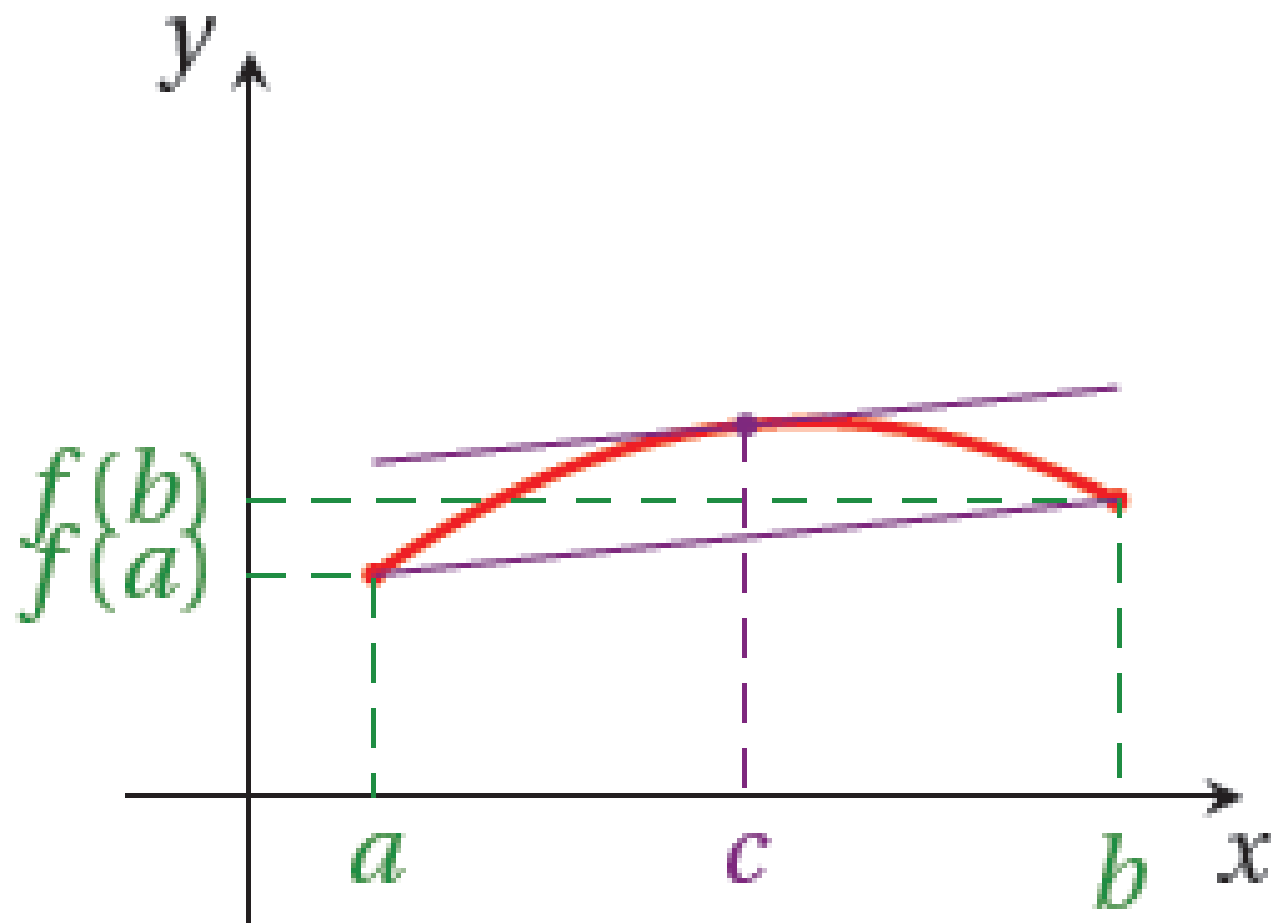
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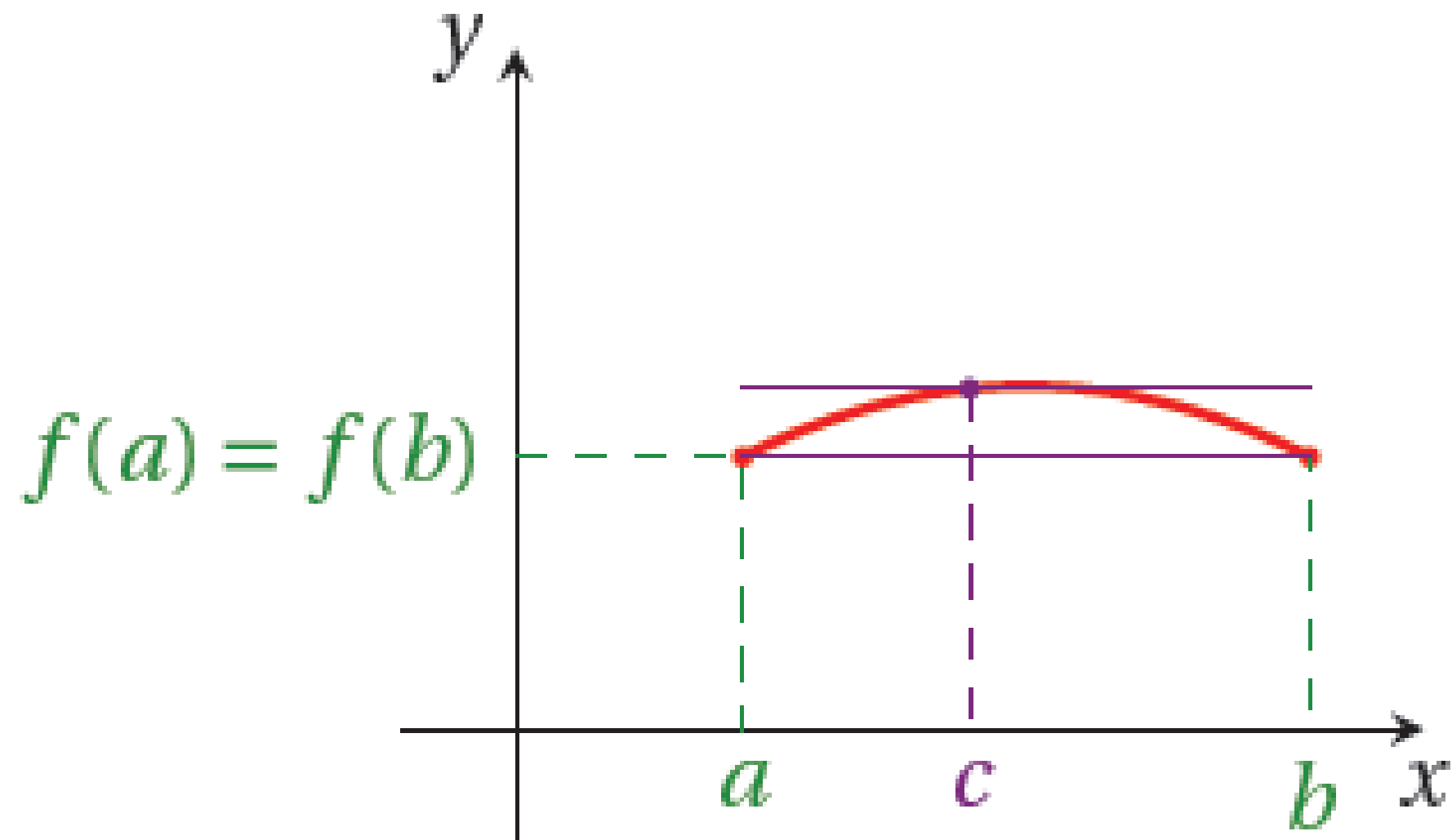
$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a).$$

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L'égalité des accroissements finis, écrite sur un pont de Pékin.



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Proposition

Suppose that $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at all points of an open interval I .

- (i) $f'(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in I$ if and only if f is increasing on I .
- (ii) If $f'(x) > 0$ for all $x \in I$, then f is strictly increasing on I .
- (iii) $f'(x) \leq 0$ for all $x \in I$ if and only if f is decreasing on I .
- (iv) If $f'(x) < 0$ for all $x \in I$, then f is strictly decreasing on I .
- (v) If $f'(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in I$, then f is monotone on I .

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L'Hospital's Rules

Proposition : Let $f, g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two functions differentiable and let $x_0 \in I$. we suppose that

- $f(x_0) = g(x_0) = 0$,
- $\forall x \in I \setminus \{x_0\}, g'(x) \neq 0$.

$$\text{if } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = l \quad (l \in \mathbb{R}) \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = l$$

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Example :

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\overbrace{\ln(1+x)}^{f(x)}}{\underbrace{\sqrt{x}}_{g(x)}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\overbrace{(\ln(1+x))'}^{f'(x)}}{\underbrace{(\sqrt{x})'}_{g'(x)}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\sqrt{x}}{1+x} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Higher Derivatives

if f is a function defined on an interval open I of \mathbb{R}
is differentiable at every point x_0 of I .

and furthermore f' is differentiable at x_0

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if f is a function defined on an interval open I of \mathbb{R}
is twice differentiable at every point x_0 of I .

and furthermore f'' is differentiable at x_0

**We say that f is three time differentiable at x_0
and we put $f'''(x_0) = (f'')'(x_0)$**

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Higher Derivatives

if f is a function defined on an interval open I of \mathbb{R}
is **n-time** differentiable at every point **x_0** of I .

and that moreover the **n-th derivative function**
 $f^{(n)}$ is differentiable at **x_0**

We say that f is $(n+1)$ times differentiable at
 x_0 and we put $f^{(n+1)}(x_0) = (f^{(n)})'(x_0)$

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Smoothness

Differentiability class

Functions of the classe C^∞ on an open interval of \mathbb{R}

- Consider an open set I on the real line \mathbb{R} and a function f defined on I with real values. Let k be a non negative integer. The function f is said to be differentiability class C^k if the derivatives $f', f'', \dots, f^{(k)}$ exists and are continuous on I .
- If f is k -differentiable on I then it is at least in the class C^{k-1} since $f', f'', \dots, f^{(k-1)}$ are continuous on I .
- The function is said to be infinitely differentiable, smooth or of class C^∞ if it has derivatives of all orders on I .

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Example : *The functions \exp , \sin , \cos , polynomes function admit derivatives of any order. We will say that they are indefinitely differentiable.*

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Theorem : Leibniz formula

$$(fg)^{(n)} = f^{(n)}g + \binom{n}{1} f^{(n-1)}g' + \cdots + \binom{n}{k} f^{(n-k)}g^{(k)} + \cdots +$$

in other words $fg^{(n)}.$

$$(fg)^{(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(n-k)}g^{(k)}.$$

Where

$$\binom{n}{k} = C_n^k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

are called binomial coefficients.

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Example :

Calculate the n -th derivative of $f(x) = \ln(1 + x)$

$$f'(x) = 1/(1 + x) = (1 + x)^{-1}$$

$$f''(x) = (-1)(1 + x)^{-2}.$$

$$f^{(3)} = (-1)(-2)(1 + x)^{-3}$$

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$$f^{(n)} = (-1)^n \frac{(n-1)!}{(1+x)^n}$$