

1. Let $f(x) = e^{\sin x}$. Compute $f'(\pi)$ from first principle.
2. Let $f(x) = \sin \pi x$.
 - (a) Find $f'(0)$;
 - (b) Suppose g_n is a sequence of functions defined by $g_1(x) = f(x)$ and $g_n(x) = f(g_{n-1}(x))$. Show that $g'_n(0) = 1$ for all positive integer n .
3. Define $f(x) = x^2 + ax + b$, where a, b are constants from x . Show that the extrema of f must exist, and discuss whether it is maxima or minima of f .
4. Give a condition for which $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ has no extrema, where a, b, c, d are real numbers and $a \neq 0$.
5. In this question we will introduce the Newton's method of finding x-intercept. Define $f(x)$ to be a differentiable (and immediately continuous) function with respect to x .
 - (a) Prove that if f is a continuous function, and there are points a and b satisfy $f(a) > 0$ and $f(b) < 0$ (or vice versa), then there exists a point c between a and b such that $f(c) = 0$. This is called the intermediate value theorem.
 - (b) Suppose that $f(c) \neq 0$ and $f'(c) \neq 0$.
 - i. Find the tangent line at $(c, f(c))$.
 - ii. Compute the x-intercept of the tangent line.
 - (c) In reference to (b), we take the form of x-intercept of tangent line, and define the recurrence relation by

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$
 - i. Show that $|x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq |x_n - x_{n-1}|$ for all integer n .
 - ii. Show that if the sequence arrive at the desired x-intercept at x_k for some k , then $x_n = x_{n+1}$ for all $n \geq k$.
 - (d) Approximate π correct to 6 decimal place by finding the x-intercept of $f(x) = \sin x$, showing the step of applying Newton's method started at $x = 3$.

Bonus Given a differentiable function f .

- (a) Find the tangent line at $(t, f(t))$.
- (b) Find the normal line at $(t, f(t))$.
- (c) If a function g always satisfy $g'(x) = -\frac{1}{f'(x)}$, then we may call it the **normal function of f** .
 - i. Show that if f has extrema, then no entirely continuous functions (continuous at every real number) can be a normal function of f .
 - ii. Show that $f(x) = e^x$ has normal function.
 - iii. Derive the locus of the intersection of tangent lines of f and g .