

Find the derivative  $f'(a)$  using either of the definitions shown below.

### Definition

Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined in an open interval containing  $a$ . The derivative of the function  $f(x)$  at  $a$ , denoted by  $f'(a)$ , is defined by

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \quad (3.5)$$

provided this limit exists.

Alternatively, we may also define the derivative of  $f(x)$  at  $a$  as

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}. \quad (3.6)$$

27.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, a = 2$