

7.11.1.) a.) For f to be continuous at $x = 0$, we must have $f(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$, thus

$$f(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3^x - 2^x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3^x \ln(3) - 2^x \ln(2)}{1} = 3^0 \ln(3) - 2^0 \ln(2) = \ln(3) - \ln(2)$$

Thus defining $f(0) = \ln(3) - \ln(2)$ makes f continuous at $x = 0$. ■

b.) Now we determine if $f'(0)$ exists given our definition of $f(0)$:

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3^x - 2^x - \ln(3) + \ln(2)}{x} = \frac{\ln(2) - \ln(3)}{0} \implies \text{diverges}$$

Thus $f'(0)$ does not exist given our definition of $f(0)$. ■

c.) We can try computing $f'(0)$ using typical derivative rules as follows:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \frac{3^x - 2^x}{x} \right\} = \frac{x(3^x \ln(3) - 2^x \ln(2)) - 3^x + 2^x}{x^2}$$

Thus

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

Thus by using the typical rules of calculus and taking a limit, we can reason that

$$f'(0) = \frac{1}{2} (\ln(3)^2 - \ln(2)^2). \quad \blacksquare$$

7.11.5.) Consider $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)/g(x)$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin(x^{-1})}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin(x^{-1})$$

As $x \rightarrow 0$, $\sin(x^{-1})$ does not converge, but since it is multiplied by x , it vanishes as $x \rightarrow 0$, thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)/g(x) = 0$. Now, consider $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x)/g'(x)$:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \{x^2 \sin(x^{-1})\} = 2x \sin(x^{-1}) - \cos(x^{-1})$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \{x\} = 1$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x \sin(x^{-1}) - \cos(x^{-1})}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2x \sin(x^{-1}) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(x^{-1}) \\ &= -\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(x^{-1}) \implies \text{diverges} \end{aligned}$$

Thus while $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)/g(x)$ exists, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x)/g'(x)$ does not. ■