

► **Definition (derivative)**

$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$$

If $f'(c)$ exists then f is said to be differentiable at c

► **Alternative definition**

$$f'(c) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h}$$

► **Theorem**

If f is differentiable at c , then f must be continuous at c

► But the converse is not true! For example, $f(x) = |x|$

A pseudocode to compute $f'(x)$ at the point $x = 0.5$ with $f(x) = \sin(x)$.

program First

integer parameter $n \leftarrow 10$

integer i

real $error, h, x, y$

$x \leftarrow 0.5$

$h \leftarrow 1$

for $i = 1$ **to** n **do**

$h \leftarrow 0.25h$

$y \leftarrow [\sin(x + h) - \sin(x)]/h$

$error \leftarrow |\cos(x) - y|$

output $i, h, y, error$

end for

end program First