

- 5.2.8 (a) If a derivative function is not constant, then the derivative must take on some irrational values.

True. Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f'(x)$  exists,  $f'(x) \neq c$ . Since  $A$  by definition is an interval for  $f'$  to be well defined then if  $A$  is a closed interval  $[a, b]$  then by the Darboux theorem  $f'$  attains all values between  $f'(a)$  and  $f'(b)$ . Since  $f'(a)$  and  $f'(b)$  are real numbers then by the density of the irrationals in  $\mathbb{R}$  there exists  $i$  such that (WLOG)  $f'(a) < i < f'(b)$ . Therefore  $f'$  always attains an irrational. If the interval is open, then we can find the midpoint,  $m = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , take the open ball around  $m$ ,  $V_\epsilon(m)$  guaranteed by its entry in an open set, then take the set  $[m - \epsilon/2, m + \epsilon/2]$ , which we know contain the endpoints as  $m - \epsilon < m - \epsilon/2$  and  $m + \epsilon/2 < m + \epsilon$ , thus constructing a closed interval on which  $f'$  is defined.

- (b) If  $f'$  exists on an open interval, and there is some point  $c$  where  $f'(c) > 0$ , then there exists a  $\delta$ -neighborhood  $V_\delta(c)$  around  $c$  in which  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in V_\delta(c)$ . False, consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + x^2 \sin(e^{1/|x|}) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

at 0. If we evaluate the derivative manually we find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 + x \sin(e^{1/|x|})$ , which similar to evaluating  $1 + x \sin(1/x)$  converges to 1 by the squeeze theorem. However with the actual evaluation of  $f'(x) = 1 + 2x \sin(e^{1/|x|}) - e^{1/|x|} \cos(e^{1/|x|})$  clearly the  $e^{1/|x|} \cos(e^{1/|x|})$  term will fluctuate wildly when approaching 0.

- (c) True. Suppose for contradict
- (d) False, take  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x}{x}$ . Clearly  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x-1)}{x} = -1$ , however directly evaluating  $f(0)$  is undefined.