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1. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that there exist a root of the given equation in the specified interval.

- (a)  $\cos(x) = x \text{ for } x \in (0,1)$
- (b)  $\sqrt[3]{x} = 1 x$  for  $x \in (0, 1)$
- (a) Let  $f(x) = \cos x x$  since  $\cos x$  and x are both continuous, f(x) is continuous.

$$f(0) = \cos 0 - 0 = 1$$
  
$$f(1) = \cos 1 - 1 \approx -0.46$$

Thus, since f(x) changes sign in the interval (0,1) and is continuous in (0,1), by the IVT there exists a  $c \in (0,1)$  such that f(c) = 0. Therefore, there exists an  $x \in (0,1)$  such that  $\cos x = x$ .

(b) Let  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} + x - 1$  since  $\sqrt[3]{x}$  and x - 1 are both continuous, f(x) is continuous.

$$f(0) = \sqrt[3]{0} + 0 - 1 = -1$$
  
$$f(1) = \sqrt[3]{1} + 1 - 1 = 1.$$

Thus, since f(x) changes sign in the interval (0,1) and is continuous in (0,1), by the IVT there exists a  $c \in (0,1)$  such that f(c) = 0. Therefore, there exists an  $x \in (0,1)$  such that  $\sqrt[3]{x} = 1 - x$ .

**2.** Is there a real number that is exactly 1 more that its cube? Why?

The question is asking if there is an x such that  $x^3 + 1 = x$ . Let  $f(x) = x^3 - x + 1$ , which is continuous since it is a polynomial. Looking at the interval [-2, 1] we see that

$$f(-2) = -2^3 + 2 + 1 = -5$$
  
$$f(0) = 0^3 - 0 + 1 = 1.$$

Thus, since f(x) changes sign in the interval [-2,0] and is continuous in [-2,0], by the IVT there exists a  $c \in [-2,0]$  such that f(c) = 0. Therefore, there exists an  $x \in [-2,0]$  such that  $x^3 + 1 = x$ .

3. Find the slope of the tangent line to

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

at the point  $x_0 = 1$  and then determine the equation of the tangent line.

Using the definition of the slope of a curve at a point we see

$$m = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{x_0 + h} - \sqrt{x_0}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{x_0 + h} - \sqrt{x_0}}{h} \frac{\sqrt{x_0 + h} + \sqrt{x_0}}{\sqrt{x_0 + h} + \sqrt{x_0}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{x_0 + h - x_0}{h (\sqrt{x_0 + h} + \sqrt{x_0})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_0 + h} + \sqrt{x_0}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_0}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}.$$

Now using the point-slope form at the point (1,1) we have

$$y - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$$
$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} + 1$$
$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}.$$

4. Using the definition of the derivative find the derivative of

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

Hint: Use the relation  $\sin x - \sin y = 2\cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$ 

Using the definition of the derivative we have

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin x}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{2\cos\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \cos\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right) \cdot \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\frac{h}{2}}$$

$$= \cos x.$$

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**5.** Suppose f(x) is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 + x - 1 & x < 0 \\ x^2 - 1 & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Does f'(0) exist? If so, what is it? If not, why not? Explain!
- (b) Does f'(1) exist? If so, what is it? If not, why not? Explain!
- (a) For the derivative to exist at x = 0 we must check if the right hand and left hand derivatives are equal at the point x = 0. Thus, the left hand derivative is

$$\lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{f(0 + h) - f(0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{h^3 + h - 1 - 0^2 + 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{h^3 + h}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} h^2 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

and the right hand derivative is

$$\lim_{h \to 0^{+}} \frac{f(x_{0} + h) - f(x_{0})}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0^{+}} \frac{f(0 + h) - f(0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{+}} \frac{(0 + h)^{2} - 1 - 0^{2} + 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{+}} \frac{h^{2}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{+}} h$$

$$= 0.$$

Therefore, the left and right hand derivatives are not equal at x = 0 and so f'(0) does not exist.

(b) Again, for the derivative to exist at x = 1 we must check if the right hand and left hand derivatives

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are equal at the point x = 1. Thus, the left hand derivative is

$$\lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{(1+h)^2 - 1 - 1^2 + 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{1 + 2h + h^2 - 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{2h + h^2}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} 2 + h$$

$$= 2$$

and the right hand derivative is

$$\lim_{h \to 0^{+}} \frac{f(x_{0} + h) - f(x_{0})}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{-}} \frac{(1+h)^{3} - 3(1+h)^{2} + 3(1+h) - 1^{2} + 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{+}} \frac{1 + 3h + 3h^{2} + h^{3} - 3 - 6h - 3h^{2} + 3 + 3h}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{+}} \frac{1 + h^{3}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0^{+}} \frac{1}{h} + \lim_{h \to 0^{+}} h^{2}$$

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Therefore, the left and right hand derivatives are not equal at x = 0 and, in fact the right hand derivative doesn't exist since it approaches  $+\infty$  when we approach x = 1 from the right. Therefore,

f'(0) does not exist.