

## DERIVATIVES §4.1

**DEFINITION 34.1:** Let  $f$  be a function and  $r$  be a real number. We say that  $f$  is **differentiable at  $r$**  if  $f$  is defined at  $r$  and the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow r} \frac{f(x) - f(r)}{x - r}$$

exists. In this case, we call the limit **the derivative of  $f$  at  $r$**  and write  $f'(r)$  for this limit.

- (1) Use the definition of derivative to show that the function  $f(x) = x$  is differentiable at any real number  $r$  and compute its derivative.
- (2) Use the definition of derivative to show that the function  $f(x) = x$  is *not* differentiable at  $x = 0$ .
- (3) Prove<sup>1</sup> that if  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = r$  then  $f$  is continuous at  $x = r$ .
- (4) Prove or disprove the converse of the previous statement.
- (5) Prove or disprove: The function  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin(1/x) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$ .
- (6) Prove or disprove: The function  $h(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(1/x) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Hint: If  $g(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(r)}{x - r}$ , consider  $\lim_{x \rightarrow r} (x - r)g(x)$ .