MATH 131 Homework 9

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1. Let $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ show $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{\frac{-2}{3}}$

For $a \neq 0$:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} - a^{\frac{1}{3}}}{x - a} = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} - a^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(x^{\frac{1}{3}} - a^{\frac{1}{3}})(x^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}}a^{\frac{1}{3}} + a^{\frac{2}{3}})} = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}}a^{\frac{1}{3}} + a^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{1}{3}a^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

2. Let $f(x) = x^2$ rational and f(x) = 0 irrational.

Prove f is continuous at x = 0

f is continuous at 0 if $\forall \delta 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists \epsilon > 0 : |x - 0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon$

When $x \in \mathbb{Q}$: $|f(x)-f(0)| = |x^2-0| < |x^2|$, and $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$: |f(x)-f(0)| = |0-0| = 0 so $|f(x)-f(0)| < |x|^2$.

Fix δ . Take $\epsilon = \sqrt{\delta}$.

Then $|x - 0| < \delta \implies |x| < \delta \implies |x|^2 < \delta^2$.

But then $|f(x) - f(0)| < |x|^2 = \delta^2 = \epsilon$, so f is continuous at 0.

Prove f is not continuous $\forall x \neq 0$

Pick $a = \sqrt{20}$.

Prove f is differentiable at x = 0.

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

When $x \in \mathbb{Q}$: $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x\to 0} x = 0$.

Simlarly when $x \notin \mathbb{Q} : \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{0}{x} = 0$.

So $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = 0 = f'(0)$.

3. Prove if f and g are differentiable and f(0) = g(0) and $\forall x : f'(x) \le g'(x)$ then $\forall x \ge 0 : f(x) < g(x)$.

Consider h(x) = f(x) - g(x). Then since $f'(x) \le g'(x) \implies h'(x) = f'(x) - g'(x) \le 0$, and h(x) is differentiable on \mathbb{R} .

Fix x. By Mean Value Theorem $\exists y \in (0,x) : h'(x) = \frac{h(x) - h(0)}{x - 0}$.

But then $h(x) - h(0) < h'(x) < 0 \implies h(x) < h(0)$.

But then $f(x) - g(x) < f(0) - g(0) \implies f(x) \le g(x)$.

4. Show $\forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})x < \tan x$ Let $f(x) = x - \tan x$. Then $f'(x) = 1 - \sec^2 x = 1 - (1 + \tan^2 x) = \tan^2 x$, which is > 0 for all $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Then by MVT $x \exists y \in (0, x) : f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$

- 5. Placeholder
- 6. Find $\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{x-\sin x}{x}$

$$\lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{x-\sin x}{x}=\lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{x}{x}-\frac{\sin x}{x}=\lim_{x\to\infty}1-\lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{\sin x}{x}=1-0=1$$

- 7. Placeholder
- 8. Placeholder