Why

The second derivative (if it exists) is the derivative of the derivative of a function. Can we continue in this way?

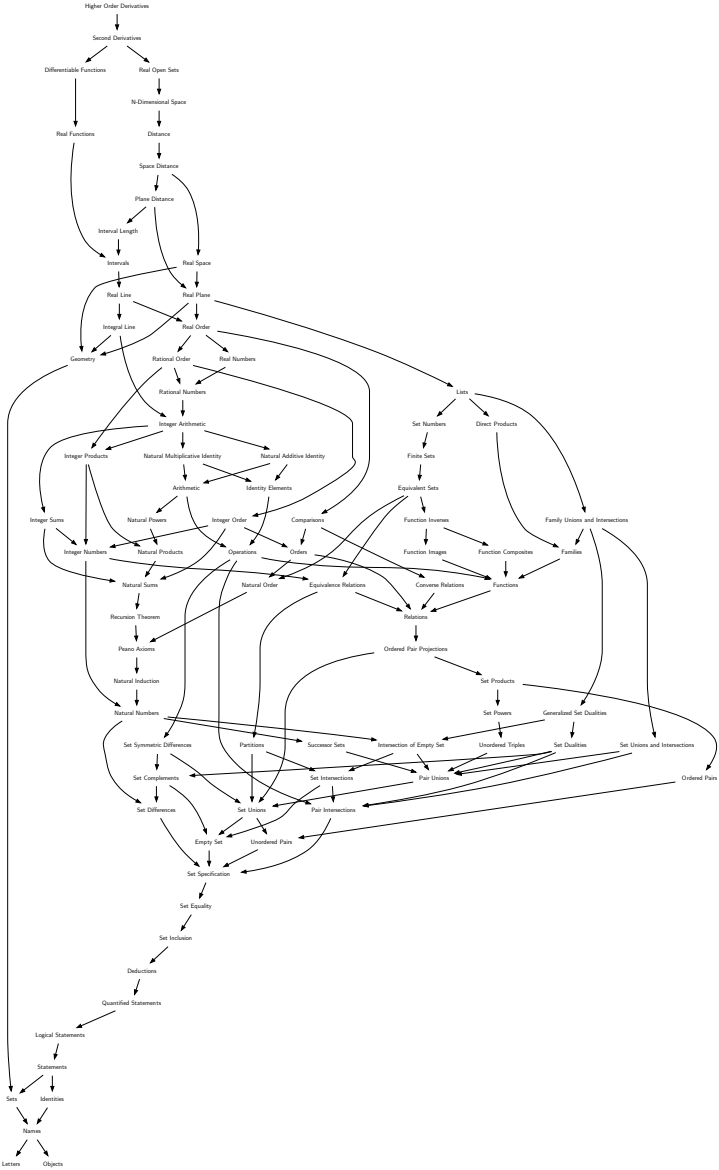
Definition

Let $A \subset \mathbf{R}$. Let $f : A \to \mathbf{R}$ be twice differentiable. We call f *three times differentiable* (or *thrice differentiable*) if its second derivative is differentiable. We call the derivative of the second derivative of f the *third derivative* of f.

For $n \geq 3$, we call f $n+1$*-times differentiable* if f is n-times differentiable. The $n+1$*th derivative* of a $n+1$-times differenetiable function is the derivative the nth derivative of the function.

Notation

The nth derivative of a function $f : A \to \mathbf{R}$ is sometimes denoted $f^{(n)} : A \to \mathbf{R}$.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