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**Exercise 4.2.1:** Finish the proof of [Proposition 4.2.7](#).

**Proposition 4.2.7.** Let  $I$  be an interval and let  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function.

(i)  $f$  is increasing if and only if  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in I$ .

(ii)  $f$  is decreasing if and only if  $f'(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in I$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  Assume  $f'(x) \leq 0 \ \forall x \in I$ . WLOG, take  $x, y \in I$

s.t.  $x < y$ . Since  $[x, y] \subset I$ , by MVT,

$$\exists c \in (x, y) \text{ s.t. } f(y) - f(x) = f'(c)(y - x)$$

Since  $f'(c) \leq 0$ ,  $y - x > 0$ ,  $f(y) - f(x) \leq 0$

$$f(y) \leq f(x) \ \forall [x, y] \subset I, \ x < y$$

So  $f$  is decreasing

$\Leftarrow$  Assume  $f$  is decreasing,  $\forall x, c \in I$

$$\text{with } x \neq c, \quad \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \leq 0$$

$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \leq 0 \quad \forall c \in I$$

**Exercise 4.2.3:** Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function such that  $f'$  is a bounded function. Prove that  $f$  is a Lipschitz continuous function.

$f'$  is bounded, so  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$|f'(x)| \leq M$ . Take any  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,

$f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  
differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , by MVT,

$\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a)$

$|f(b) - f(a)| \leq M(b - a) \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

So  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous

**Exercise 4.2.5:** Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|^2$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ . Show that  $f(x) = C$  for some constant  $C$ . Hint: Show that  $f$  is differentiable at all points and compute the derivative.

**Exercise 4.2.6:** Finish the proof of [Proposition 4.2.8](#). That is, suppose  $I$  is an interval and  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function such that  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . Show that  $f$  is strictly increasing.

**Exercise 4.2.7:** Suppose  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function such that  $f'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . Suppose there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) > 0$ . Prove  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

**Exercise 4.2.8:** Suppose  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are differentiable functions such that  $f'(x) = g'(x)$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , then show that there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $f(x) = g(x) + C$ .

**Exercise 4.2.9:** Prove the following version of L'Hôpital's rule. Suppose  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are differentiable functions and  $c \in (a, b)$ . Suppose that  $f(c) = 0$ ,  $g(c) = 0$ ,  $g'(x) \neq 0$  when  $x \neq c$ , and that the limit of  $f'(x)/g'(x)$  as  $x$  goes to  $c$  exists. Show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}.$$

Compare to [Exercise 4.1.15](#). Note: Before you do anything else, prove that  $g'(x) \neq 0$  when  $x \neq c$ .

**Exercise 4.2.10:** Let  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an unbounded differentiable function. Show  $f': (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is unbounded.

$$4.2.5. \quad |f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|^2$$

$$-|x - y| \leq \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y} \leq |x - y|$$

$$\text{Since } \lim_{x \rightarrow y} -|x - y| = \lim_{x \rightarrow y} |x - y| = 0,$$

$$-0 \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow y} \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y} \leq 0$$

Therefore,  $f'(x) = 0 \quad \forall x$ , which means

$$f(x) = C \quad \forall x \quad \text{for some constant } C \in \mathbb{R}$$

4.2.6 Assume  $f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in I$ , WLOG,  
take  $x, y \in I$  s.t.  $x < y$ . Since  $[x, y] \subset I$ ,  
by MVT,  $\exists c \in (x, y)$  s.t.

$$f(y) - f(x) = f'(c) \cdot (y - x)$$

Since  $f'(c) > 0$ ,  $y - x > 0$ ,  $f(y) - f(x) > 0$

$$f(y) > f(x) \quad \forall [x, y] \subset I, \quad x < y$$

So  $f$  is strictly increasing

4.2.7 Since  $f'(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$ ,

Either  $f'(x) < 0$  or  $f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$

Assume  $\exists d \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f'(d) < 0$ .

Given that  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f'(c) > 0$ .

Since  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable,

$f': (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous

$f': [d, c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

By IVT,  $\exists x \in (d, c)$  s.t.  $f'(x) = 0$

Contradiction. Therefore,  $\forall x \in (a, b)$ ,

neither  $f'(x) < 0$  or  $f'(x) = 0$ ,

which means  $f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$ .

4.2.8 Define  $h: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$h(x) := f(x) - g(x), \text{ so } h'(x) = f'(x) - g'(x)$$

Since  $f'(x) = g'(x) \forall x \in (a, b)$ ,

$h'(x) = 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ . Therefore,

$$\exists C \text{ s.t. } h(x) = C \forall x \in (a, b)$$

which means there exists a

constant  $C$  s.t.  $f(x) = g(x) + C, \forall x \in (a, b)$

4.2.9.  $g'(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \neq c$ , and  $g: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous since  $g: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable

So  $\forall x > c$ ,  $g'(x)$  can't have jump discontinuity from  $g'(x) > 0$  to  $g'(x) < 0$  or from  $g'(x) < 0$  to  $g'(x) > 0$ . So either  $g'(x) > 0$  or  $g'(x) < 0 \quad \forall x > c$ . So  $g(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x > c$ . Similarly,  $g(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x < c$ . So  $g(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \neq c$ .

$\forall x > c$ , since  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $[c, x]$  and differentiable on  $(c, x)$ , by MVT,  $\exists k \in (c, x)$  s.t.  $\frac{f'(k)}{g'(k)} = \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{g(x) - g(c)} = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

So  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad \forall x > c$ . Similarly,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad \forall x < c$

4.2.10  $f$  is unbounded  $\forall M \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } |f(x)| > M.$$

Take any  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ , by MVT,

$$\exists c \in (a, b) \text{ s.t. } f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b-a)$$

Assume  $f'$  is bounded.  $|f'(c)| \leq N$

$$|f(b) - f(a)| \leq N(b-a). \text{ However this}$$

is impossible because  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\exists b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } |f(b) - f(a)| > N(b-a)$$

Contradiction.

Therefore,  $f'$  is unbounded.



$$4.2.12. \quad f(x) = ax + b$$

$$f'(x) = a \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{So } f(x_1) - f(x_2) = a(x_1 - x_2) \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

It always holds when  $x_1 = x_2$ , so

$$\text{when } x_2 = 0, \quad f(x_1) - b = a \cdot x_1$$

$$f(x_1) = ax_1 + b \quad \forall x_1 \neq x_2$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = ax + b \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Exercise 4.2.15:** Prove *Theorem 4.2.5*.

**Theorem 4.2.5** (Cauchy's mean value theorem). Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Then there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that

$$(f(b) - f(a)) \varphi'(c) = f'(c) (\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)).$$

4.2.15. Define  $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$g(x) := f(x) - f(b) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} (\varphi(x) - \varphi(b))$$

$g$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , continuous on

$[a, b]$ , and  $g(a) = 0$ ,  $g(b) = 0$ . By Rolle's

theorem,  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $g'(c) = 0$ , which gives

$$g'(c) = f'(c) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} \varphi'(c) = 0$$

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} \varphi'(c)$$

$$(f(b) - f(a)) \varphi'(c) = f'(c) (\varphi(b) - \varphi(a))$$