

Exercise 3.41

Let $f(x) = xe^x - 1$ and let the interval of length of 1 be $[0,1]$. Then at $x = 0$, $f(0) = 0e^0 - 1 = -1$ and at $x = 1$, $f(1) = 1e^1 - 1$. The value $e \approx 2.72$ then $f(1) \approx 1.72$.

Then by the Bolzano's theorem since $f(0)$ is a negative value and $f(1)$ is a positive value it follows that there exists a value $c \in (0, 1)$ such that $f(c) = 0$.

Hence there is a root within the length of 1 for $xe^x = 1$

Exercise 3.42

Let $\phi(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2.826$ and since we are dealing with an interval of length 1 let it be $(0,1)$. Then for $x = 0$, $\phi(0) = 0^3 - 6(0)^2 + 2.826 = 2.826$ and let $\phi(1) = 1^3 - 6(1)^2 + 2.826 = -4.826$. Then by the Bolzano's Theorem since $\phi(0)$ and $\phi(1)$ have opposite signs then there exists $c \in (0, 1)$ such that $\phi(c) = 0$.

Therefore, there is a root within the interval of length of 1 such that $x^3 - 6x^2 + 2.826$.

Exercise 3.44

Let $g(x) = f(x) - x$. Then for $x = a$, then

$$g(a) = f(a) - a \geq a - a = 0$$

And for $x = b$ then

$$g(b) = f(b) - b \leq b - b = 0$$

If $g(a) > 0$ and $g(b) < 0$ then by Bolzano's theorem there exists a $x \in (a, b)$ such that $g(x) = 0$. Then if $g(x) = 0$ then there exists a fixed point such that $f(x) = x$.

Otherwise, if $g(a) = 0$ or $g(b) = 0$, then there exists a fixed point such that $x = a$ for $a \in (a, b)$ or $x = b$ for $b \in (a, b)$.

Exercise 4.3

Suppose $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ for all $x > 0$. From the definition, let $x_0 = 0$ and then from the definition let us define $T(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$. Then it follows that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} T(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^{0.5}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{-0.5}.$$

It follows that the derivative of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ is $x^{-0.5}$. However, since the limit tends to ∞ then f is not differentiable at 0.

Exercise 4.4

Let $g(x) = x^2$. Then from the definition of derivatives, let $x_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ and x_0 be an accumulation point such that $x_0 \neq 0$.

Suppose for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x_0 + t \in \mathbb{D}$ and $t \neq 0$ then let us define $Q(t)$ as

$$Q(t) = \frac{g(x_0 + t) - g(x_0)}{t}$$

Then by doing some algebraic work it follows that and taking the limit as $t \rightarrow 0$ from the alternate definition:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} Q(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x_0 + t)^2 - (x_0)^2}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} 2x_0 + t = 2x_0$$

Thus the derivative of $g(x) = x^2$ is $g'(x) = 2x$.

Exercise 4.5

Suppose we define $h(x) = x^3 \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ for $x \neq 0$ and $h(0) = 0$.

By applying the definition of derivatives given in Chapter 4, suppose we define $T(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(x) - h(0)}{x - 0}$. Then it follows that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 \sin(\frac{1}{x}) - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x})$$

By using the similar concept that was used in past homework problem 2.6, we know that there exists a derivative at $x_0 = 0$ and that the $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x}) = 0$. Therefore, from theorem 3.1 it follows that if there is a limit then it is equivalent to being continuous at 0. However, using the product rule that was taught in Calculus course, it follows that the derivative of $h(x)$ is

$$h'(x) = 2x \sin(\frac{1}{x}) - x \cos(\frac{1}{x})$$

Thus h' is continuous everywhere but fails to have a derivative at 0.