

6.1 Continued

Theorem 6.1.3

Let: I be an interval containing the point c

Assume: $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

f is differentiable at c

iff

for every sequence $\{x_n\}$ in I st $x_n \rightarrow c$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ with $x_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,
the sequence

$$\frac{f(x_n) - f(c)}{x_n - c}$$

converges.

Furthermore, if f is differentiable at c , then the sequence of quotients converges to $f'(c)$.

(this looks weird, haven't we already proved it?

they're just saying it to be specific, emphasizing the p iff q and not p iff not q part)

Proof.

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Assume: $f'(c)$ exists

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right) = f'(c)$.

By Theorem 5.1.8, if $\{x_n\}$ lies in I , $x_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $x_n \rightarrow c$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x_n) - f(c)}{x_n - c} = f'(c)$$

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Conversely,

Assume: $\{x_n\}$ lies in I , $x_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $x_n \rightarrow c$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x_n) - f(c)}{x_n - c}$$

exists.

Then, by the negation of Theorem 5.1.10,

$$\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$$

has a limit at $x = c$.

Hence, result. □

Example 6.1.4

- a. **Let:** $f(x) = |x| = x$ if $x \geq 0$, $-x$ if $x < 0$. Prove that f is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

Solution:

Let: $x_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Notice that if

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

exists, then f is differentiable and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x_n) - f(0)}{x_n - 0}$$

exists.

Also, notice that $x_n \neq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and

$$s_n = \frac{f(x_n) - f(0)}{x_n - 0} = \frac{\left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right| - |0|}{\frac{(-1)^n}{n}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{(-1)^n}{n}} = \frac{1}{(-1)^n}$$

Since $s_n = -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, \dots, \{s_n\}$ does not converge.

So by Theorem 6.1.3, f is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

- b. **Let:** $f(x) = 3x^2 + 1$ if $x < 1$, $2x^3 + 2$ if $x \geq 1$. Prove that f is differentiable at $x = 1$.

Solution: We must prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1}$$

exists.

We know that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) \text{ exists iff } \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} g(x) = L$$

Left hand side limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{3x^2 + 1 - 4}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{3(x - 1)(x + 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 3(x + 1) = 6$$

Right hand side limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{2x^3 + 2 - 4}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{2(x^3 - 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{2(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2(x^2 + x + 1) = 6$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = 6$$

Practice 6.1.5

Let: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = x \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ if $x \neq 0$ and 0 if $x = 0$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin \frac{1}{x} - 0}{x - 0}$$

Let: $x_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Then $x_n \neq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

However,

$$\frac{f(x_n) - f(0)}{x_n - 0} = \sin \frac{1}{x_n} = \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

Since $\sin(\frac{n\pi}{2}) = 1, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, -1, \dots$,

by Theorem 6.1.3, f is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

Theorem 6.1.6

If $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at a point $c \in I$, then f is continuous.

Proof.

Recall:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$ is saying 3 things:

The limit exists, the function is defined at c , and that they're equal to each other.

(you can't say undefined = undefined)

Let: $x \in I$ with $x \neq c$

Then

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right) (x - c) + f(c) \rightarrow f(c)$$

as $x \rightarrow c$.

by Theorem 5.1.13.

Thus, by Theorem 5.2.21(d)(a), f is continuous.

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Theorem 6.1.7

Assume: $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are differentiable at $c \in I$.

Then,

- If $k \in \mathbb{R}$, then $(kf)'(c) = k * f'(c)$
- $(f + g)'(c) = f'(c) + g'(c)$
- $(fg)'(c) = f(c)g'(c) + f'(c)g(c)$
- If $g(c) \neq 0$, then $(\frac{f}{g})'(c) = \frac{g(c)f'(c) - f(c)g'(c)}{[g(c)]^2}$

There's no homework this week, but make sure you know how to prove a, b, and c on your own.

Proof.

(d):

Let: $x \in I, x \neq c$

Then,

$$\frac{(\frac{f}{g})(x) - (\frac{f}{g})(c)}{x - c} = \frac{\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - \frac{f(c)}{g(c)}}{x - c} = \frac{f(x)g(c) - f(c)g(x)}{[g(x)g(c)](x - c)}$$

We have a problem. What if $g(x) - g(c) = 0$?

Since $g(c) \neq 0$ and g is differentiable at c , we know that g is continuous at c by 5.2 HW problem 11 on 213.

Recall:

$$|a| - |b| \leq ||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|$$

$$|b| \geq |a| - |a - b|$$

so,

$$|g(x)| \geq g(c) - |g(c) - g(x)| > \frac{|g(c)|}{2} > 0$$

Hence,

$\exists \delta > 0$ st

$$-|g(c) - g(x)| > \frac{-|g(c)|}{2}$$

where $|x - c| < \delta$

So we know that:

\exists an interval $J \subset I$ st $c \in J$ and if $x \in J$, then $g(x) \neq 0$.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) - \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(c) &= \frac{f(x)g(c) - f(c)g(c) \times f(c)g(c) - f(c)g(x)}{g(x)g(c)(x - c)} = \frac{g(c)[f(x) - f(c)]}{g(x)g(c)(x - c)} - \frac{f(c)[g(x) - g(c)]}{g(x)g(c)(x - c)} \\ &= \frac{g(c)f'(c) - f(c)g'(c)}{[g(c)]^2} \end{aligned}$$

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