

## 6. Differentiation

### The derivative

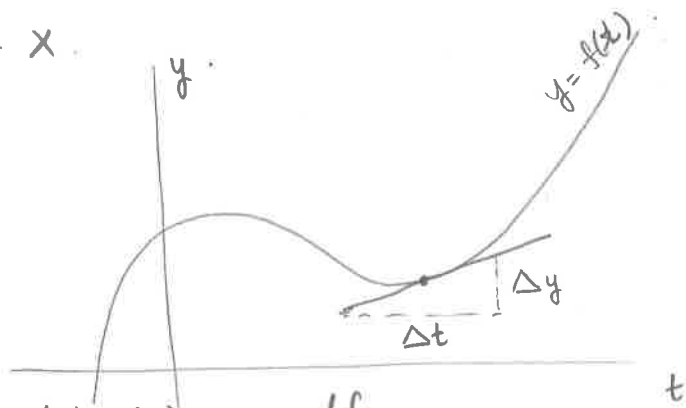
Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined. For any  $x \in (a, b)$ , we say  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$  if

$$f'(x) := \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

exists. We then denote by  $f'(x)$ , and call it the derivative of  $f$  at  $x$ . We say  $f$  is diff on  $(a, b)$  if it is diff at all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

Rk: 1) For diff we need  $x$  to be an interior point of  $(a, b)$ .

2) Geometrically,  $f'(x)$  calculates the slope of  $y = f(t)$  at  $t = x$ .



3) Notation:  $f'(x) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right|_{t=x} = \frac{df}{dx}$ .

Th<sup>m</sup> 5.1 Sp<sup>s</sup>  $f, g$  are diff at  $x \in (a, b)$ . Then  $f \pm g$  &  $fg$  are diff at  $x$ .  $f/g$  is also diff at  $x$ , if  $g(x) \neq 0$ . Moreover we have.

$$(a) (f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$$

$$(b) (cf)' = cf' \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(c) (fg)' = f'g + g'f$$

$$(d) (f/g)' = \frac{gf' - fg'}{g^2}$$

Pf: let us prove (c). Other parts are similar.

$$\text{let } h(t) = f(t)g(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) - h(x) &= f(t)g(t) - f(x)g(x) \\ &= f(t)g(t) - f(t)g(x) + f(t)g(x) - f(x)g(x) \\ &= f(t)[g(t) - g(x)] + g(x)[f(t) - f(x)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{h(t) - h(x)}{t - x} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f(t) \left[ \frac{g(t) - g(x)}{t - x} \right] \\ &\quad + g(x) \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} \\ &= f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x) \end{aligned}$$

Examples: 1) Constant:  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = c$ .

Then  $f'$  exists &  $f'(x) = 0 \quad \forall x$ .

2) Monomials:  $P_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $x \rightarrow x^n$ .

Claim:  $P_n$  is diff. on  $\mathbb{R} \forall x$  and

$$P_n'(x) = \begin{cases} nx^{n-1}, & n \neq 0 \\ 0 & n = 0 \end{cases}$$

Pf:  $n=0 \Rightarrow P_0(x) = 1 \Rightarrow P_0' = 0$ . Sp.  $n \neq 0$ .

Then:  $t^n - x^n = (t-x)(t^{n-1} + xt^{n-2} + \dots + x^{n-1})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t^n - x^n}{t-x} = t^{n-1} + xt^{n-2} + \dots + x^{n-1} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow x} n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{P_n(t) - P_n(x)}{t-x} = nx^{n-1}$$

3) Polynomials: Th<sup>m</sup> 6.1  $\Rightarrow$  any

$$P: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$P(t) = a_n t^n + \dots + a_0$$

is diff at any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

4) Absolute value:  $f(x) = |x|$

$$= \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $f$  is diff at every  $x \neq 0$ .

At  $x=0$ : let 
$$\varphi(h) = \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \frac{|h|}{h}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & h \geq 0 \\ -1 & h < 0 \end{cases}$$

So 
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi(h) = 1 \neq -1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \varphi(h)$$

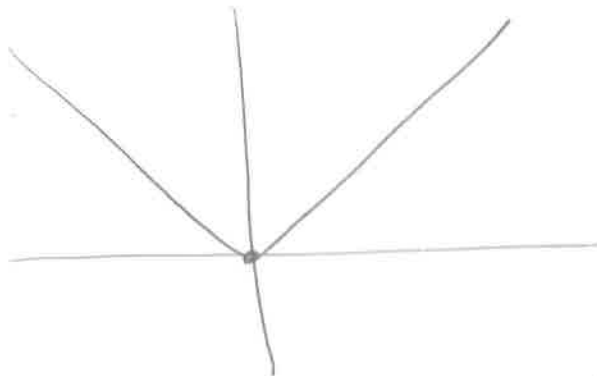
So  $f$  is NOT diff at  $x=0$ .

Rk: 1) More generally for any  $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^p = p x^{p-1}$$

We'll see a proof later.

2) In example 4), the graph has a sharp



corner at  $x=0$ . This is prototypical of non-diff.

Th<sup>m</sup> 5.2  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  diff at  $x \Rightarrow f$  is cont at  $x$ .

Pf:  $f(t) - f(x) = \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} \cdot (t - x) \xrightarrow[\text{for lim}]{\text{prod. rule}} f'(x) \cdot 0 = 0$ .

• Chain rule:

Th<sup>m</sup> 5.3 Sps  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cont & diff at  $x$ .

Sps  $g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , diff at  $f(x)$ . Then

$$h(t) = g \circ f(t) = g(f(t))$$

is diff at  $x$  &

$$h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$$

Pf:

$$\frac{h(t) - h(x)}{t - x} = \frac{g(f(t)) - g(f(x))}{f(t) - f(x)} \cdot \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x}$$

Now,  $f(t) \rightarrow f(x)$  as  $t \rightarrow x$  since  $f$  is cont at  $x$ .

So, as  $t \rightarrow x$

$$\frac{h(t) - h(x)}{t - x} \rightarrow g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) \quad \text{Done!}$$

• Mean Value Theorems

Def<sup>n</sup>: (local max/min): Let  $X$  be metric space,

and  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We say  $p \in X$  is a local max

(min resp.) if  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x \in B_\delta(p)$ .

$$f(x) \leq f(p) \quad (\text{resp. } f(x) \geq f(p))$$

Th<sup>m</sup> 5.4 Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  has a local max (or min) at  $p \in (a, b)$  and  $f'(p)$  exist, then

$$f'(p) = 0$$

Pf: Suppose  $p$  is local max. (other case is identical) &  $f'(p)$  exist. Then

$$f'(p) = \lim_{t \rightarrow p} \frac{f(t) - f(p)}{t - p}$$

$\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall t \in (p - \delta, p + \delta), f(t) \leq f(p)$ .

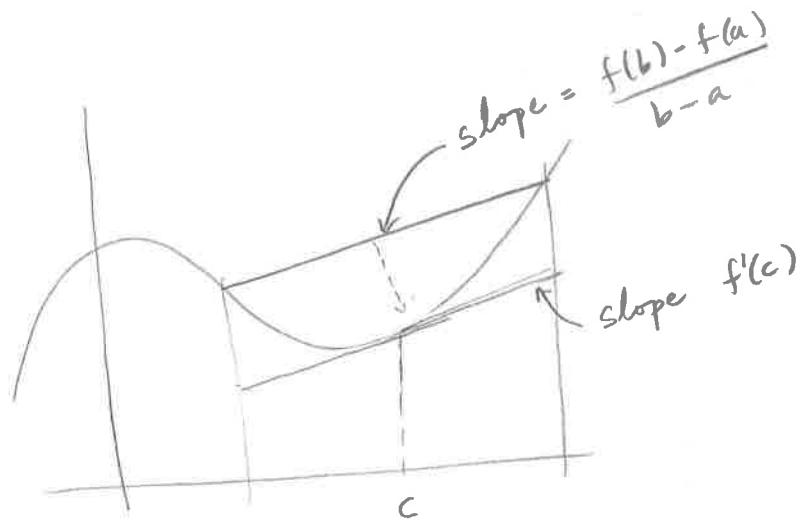
$$\Rightarrow \forall t \in (p - \delta, p + \delta), \quad \frac{f(t) - f(p)}{t - p} \begin{cases} \leq 0 & t > p \\ \geq 0 & t < p \end{cases}$$

So limit has to be zero!

$$\Rightarrow f'(p) = 0$$

Th<sup>m</sup> (5.5) (Mean Value Theorem) <sup>(MVT)</sup> If  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  cont. and diff on  $(a, b)$ , then  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.

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



Pf: Consider  $h(t) = [f(b) - f(a)]t - [b - a]f(t)$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ .

Then  $h$  is diff. on  $(a, b)$  & cont. on  $[a, b]$ ,  $\boxed{h(a) = h(b)}$

To prove Th<sup>m</sup> we need.

Aim:  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $h'(c) = 0$ .

CASE 1  $h$  is const  $\Rightarrow h'(t) = 0 \forall t$ , so nothing to prove

CASE 2:  $h$  is not const.  $h$  cont. on  $[a, b] \Rightarrow \exists$  max & min of  $h$ . Since  $h(a) = h(b)$ , either the max or the min is in the interior  $(a, b)$ .

Say the max  $c \in (a, b)$ .

1<sup>st</sup> derivative test  $\Rightarrow f'(c) = 0$  Done!

Rk: Th<sup>m</sup> not true if  $f$  is cont. only on  $(a, b)$ .

Consider  $f(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 2 & t = 1 \end{cases}$

Then  $\frac{f(1) - f(0)}{1 - 0} = 2$ , but  $f'(t) = 1 < 2$ .

Cor 5.6 SpS  $f$  is diff on  $(a, b)$ .

(a)  $f'(x) \geq 0$  (resp  $\leq 0$ ) on  $(a, b) \Rightarrow f$  is increasing (resp decreasing) on  $(a, b)$ .

(b)  $f'(x) = 0$  on  $(a, b) \Rightarrow f = \text{const}$ .

Pf: (b).



For any  $s, t \in (a, b)$ ,  $f$  is cont. on  $[s, t]$ .  
 $f$  is diff on  $(s, t)$ .

$\forall$  MVT  $\Rightarrow \exists c \in (s, t)$

$$\frac{f(t) - f(s)}{t - s} = f'(c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = f(s) \quad \forall s, t \in (a, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \text{const}$$

(a) Pf is similar.

Taylor's Theorem: We denote higher order derivatives

by  $f', f'', f''', f^{(4)}, \dots, f^{(n)}$  etc.

Note that if  $f^{(k)}$  exists,  $f', \dots, f^{(k-1)}$  are also cont.



Def<sup>n</sup>: We say  $f$  in  $C^k$  on  $[a, b]$  if  $f', \dots, f^{(k)}$  exist on  $(a, b)$  and are cont. on  $[a, b]$ .

We say  $f$  is smooth or  $C^\infty[a, b]$  if  $f$  in  $C^k[a, b]$   $\forall k$ .

e.g. Polynomials.

Th<sup>m</sup> (Taylor's theorem) Sp<sup>s</sup>  $f$  in  $C^n[a, b]$  s.t.  $f^{(n+1)}$  also exists on  $(a, b)$ . For any  $p, q$  in  $(a, b)$ ,  $\exists t_{p,q}$  between  $q$  &  $p$  s.t.

$$f(q) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(p)}{k!} (q-p)^k + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t_{p,q})}{(n+1)!} (q-p)^{n+1}$$

Denoting  $f(q) = T_n(q) + R_n(q)$ , if  $M = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f^{(n+1)}(t)|$  exists, then

$$|R_n(q)| < \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |q-p|^{n+1}$$

Pf: let  $T_n(q) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(p)}{k!} (q-p)^k$

For  $p \neq q$ , define

$$M = \frac{f(q) - T_n(q)}{(q-p)^{n+1}}$$

Lim:  $M = f^{(n+1)}(t_{p,q}) / (n+1)!$  for some  $t_{p,q}$  between  $p, q$ .

Consider

$$g(t) = f(t) - T_n(t) - M(t-p)^{n+1}$$

Clearly  $g^{(n+1)}(t) = f^{(n+1)}(t) - M(n+1)!$

Since  $T^{(k)}(p) = f^{(k)}(p)$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$

$$g^{(k)}(p) = 0 \text{ for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

Moreover  $g(q) = 0$  by choice of  $M$

So  $M \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists t_1$  between  $p, q$  s.t.  $g'(t_1) = 0$

Since  $g'(p) = 0$ ,  $\exists t_2$  between  $p, t_1$  (and hence also between  $p$  &  $q$ ) s.t.  $g''(t_2) = 0$

After  $n$  steps,  $\exists t_n$  between  $p, q$  s.t.  $g^{(n)}(t_n) = 0$

Again  $g^{(n)}(p) = 0 \Rightarrow \exists t_{p,q}$  between  $p, q$  s.t.

$$g^{(n+1)}(t_{p,q}) = 0 \iff M = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t_{p,q})}{(n+1)!} \quad \text{Done!}$$

~~• Extremum Values / Convexity~~

~~Th<sup>m</sup> (Second derivative test). Let  $f$~~

• Application of derivative

1) Extremum value problems

Def<sup>n</sup>: A point  $p$  is a local extrema for  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if  $p$  is a local max/min. It is called a critical point if either  $f$  is not diff at  $p$  or  $f'(p) = 0$ .

Th<sup>m</sup>: Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be cont.

- 1) If  $p \in (a, b)$  is a local extrema, then  $p$  is a critical point.
- 2) If  $p$  is critical point s.t.  $f'(p) = f''(p) = \dots = f^{(n)}(p) = 0$  &  $f^{(n+1)}(p) \neq 0$ . Additionally sps  $f^{(n+1)}$  cont. near  $p$ . Then.
  - (a)  $n$  is odd,  $f^{(n+1)}(p) > 0 \Rightarrow f$  has local min at  $p$
  - (b)  $n$  is odd,  $f^{(n+1)}(p) < 0 \Rightarrow f$  has local max at  $p$ .
  - (c)  $n$  is even  $\Rightarrow f$  has neither.  $p$  is then called an inflection point.

Pf: 1) Already prove (Th<sup>m</sup> 5.)

2) Sps  $f \in C^{n+1}$  near  $p$ . and sps  $f^{(n+1)}(p) > 0$ .  
Since  $f^{(n+1)}$  is cont. near  $p$ ,  $\exists \delta$  s.t.  $f^{(n+1)}(t) > 0$   
 $\forall t \in (p - \delta, p + \delta)$ .



Claim: If  $n$  is odd, then  $\forall q \in (p-s, p+s)$ ,

$$f(q) > f(p)$$

Pf: Taylor's theorem  $\Rightarrow \exists t_{p,q}$  between  $p$  &  $q$

s.t

$$f(q) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(p)}{k!} (q-p)^k + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t_{p,q})}{(n+1)!} (q-p)^{n+1}$$

$$f^{(k)}(p) = 0 \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad f^{(n+1)}(t_{p,q}) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(q) = f(p) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t_{p,q})}{(n+1)!} (q-p)^{n+1}$$

Note that  $t_{p,q} \in (p-s, p+s) \Rightarrow f^{(n+1)}(t_{p,q}) > 0$

$$\text{If } q > p \Rightarrow q-p > 0 \Rightarrow f(q) > f(p)$$

$$\text{If } q < p \Rightarrow (q-p)^{n+1} > 0 \text{ since } n+1 \text{ is even}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(q) > f(p)$$

So claim is proved.

(b) & (c) are proved similarly.

Cor: A cont function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has an extremum at  $p$ . Then one of the foll holds

(1)  $p = a$  or  $b$ .

(2)  $f$  is not diff at  $p$ .

(3)  $f'(p) = 0$ .

Examples: 1)  $f(x) = x^2$  on  $[-1, 1]$ .

$$f'(x) = 2x, \quad f'(0) = 0.$$

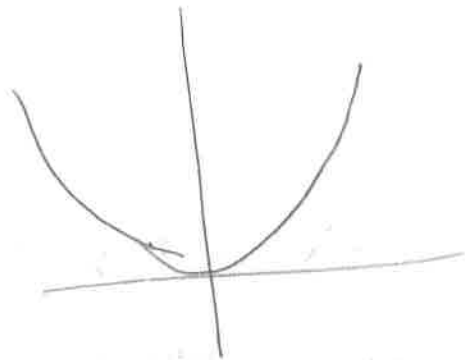
So  $x = 0$  only critical point

$f''(x) = 2 > 0 \Rightarrow f$  has local min at  $x = 0$ .

Possible extremas =  $-1, 0, 1$ ,  $f(-1) = f(1) = 1$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ .

So Max at  $x = \pm 1$

Min at  $x = 0$



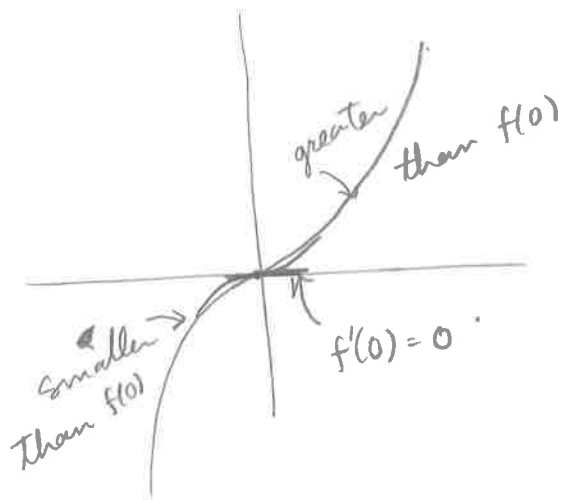
2)  $f(x) = x^3$ ,  $f'(x) = 3x^2$ . So  $x = 0$  critical point on  $[-1, 1]$ .

$$f''(x) = 6x, \quad f''(0) = 0$$

$$f'''(x) = 6 \neq 0$$

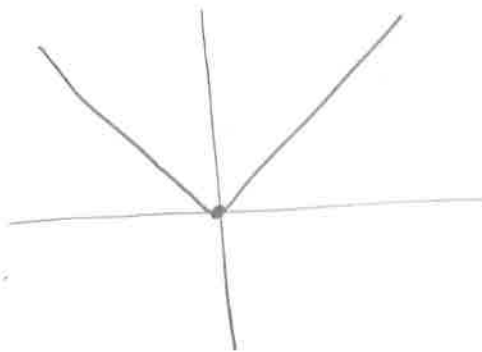
So  $n = 2$  (even) in the last Th<sup>m</sup>.

$\Rightarrow x = 0$  is an inflection point



3)  $f(x) = |x|$

$x=0$  critical point & local min



2) L'Hopital's rule

Th<sup>m</sup>: Sps  $f$  &  $g$  are real diff on  $(a,b)$ ,  $g'(x) \neq 0$   
 Sps  $c \in (a,b)$

(i)  $f(x), g(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow a} 0$  OR (ii)  $g(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$

Then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = A$$

## 2) L'Hopital's rule

Th<sup>m</sup>: Sps  $f, g$  are in  $C^n(a, b)$

(a) Sps  $c \in (a, b)$  s.t  $f(c) = f'(c) = \dots = f^{(n-1)}(c) = 0$ .  
 $\&$   $g(c) = \dots = g^{(n-1)}(c) = 0$  but  $g^{(n)}(c) \neq 0$  on  $(a, b)$ .

Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{g^{(n)}(c)}$$

(b) Sps  $g(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a^+$   $\&$   $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = A$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = A$$

Pf (a) First Sps  $n=1$  i.e  $f(c) = g(c) = 0$ ,  $g'(c) \neq 0$

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \left( \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{x - c}{g(x) - g(c)} \right) = \frac{\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}}{\frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} \quad \text{since } g'(c) \neq 0$$

If  $n > 1$ , we proceed by induction Sps Th<sup>m</sup> proved

for  $n$ . Sps  $f, g \in C^{n+1}$  s.t  $f(c) = \dots = f^{(n)}(c) = 0$   
 $g(c) = \dots = g^{(n)}(c) = 0$

but  $g^{(n+1)}(c) \neq 0$ . Then  $F = f'$ ,  $G = g'$  satisfy,  $F, G \in C^n$

$$F(c) = \dots = F^{(n-1)}(c) = G(c) = \dots = G^{(n-1)}(c) = 0$$

And  $G_1^{(n)}(c) \neq 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Inductive hyp  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{F(x)}{G_1(x)} = \frac{F^{(n)}(c)}{G_1^{(n)}(c)} = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{g^{(n+1)}(c)}$

i.e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{g^{(n+1)}(c)}$

Claim:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{g^{(n+1)}(c)}$

Pf: Let  $\frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{g^{(n+1)}(c)} = A$

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta$  s.t

$$|x - c| < \delta \implies A - \epsilon < \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} < A + \epsilon \quad (*)$$

$x \neq c$

Sub-claim: For any  $p \in (a, b)$ ,  $\exists x_0$  between  $c$  and  $p$  s.t  $f(p) \cdot g'(x_0) = g(p) f'(x_0)$ .

Pf: Consider  $h(x) = f(x)g(p) - g(x)f(p)$

$$h(c) = 0, \quad h(p) = 0$$

MVT  $\implies \exists x_0$  between  $p, c$  s.t  $h'(x_0) = 0$

$$h'(x_0) = f'(x_0)g(p) - g'(x_0)f(p) = 0 \quad \text{Done!}$$



Now. s.t.  $|p-c| < \delta$ .  $\exists x_0$  between  $p, c$  s.t.

$$f(p) \cdot g'(x_0) = g(p) f'(x_0)$$

By Taylor's theorem,

$$g(p) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{g^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (p-c)^k + \frac{g^{(n)}(t_{p,c})}{n!} (p-c)^n$$

$$= \frac{g^{(n)}(t_{p,c})}{n!} (p-c)^n$$

$g^{(n)}(c) \neq 0$  &  $g^{(n)}(t)$  cont  $\Rightarrow$  if  $\delta$  small, can make  
sure  $g^{(n)}(t_{p,c}) \neq 0 \Rightarrow g(p) \neq 0 \forall |p-c| < \delta, p \neq c$   
if  $\delta$  small.

Similarly  $g'(x_0) \neq 0$  if  $\delta$  small enough.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(p)}{g(p)} = \frac{f'(x_0)}{g'(x_0)}$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow A - \varepsilon < \frac{f(p)}{g(p)} < A + \varepsilon$$

So given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta$  s.t.

$$\left| \frac{f(p)}{g(p)} - A \right| < \varepsilon$$

$\forall p$  s.t.  $|p-c| < \delta$ .

$\Rightarrow \lim_{p \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = A$ . This proves Claim &

completes inductive Step.

(b) T See Rudin (pg 110)