

19 September 2014    **The Derivative as a function**

(1) Suppose that  $f(x) = x^3$ .

(a) Using the limit definition of the derivative, find  $f'(x)$ .

(b) Sketch  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f'(x)$  on the same graph. Does your answer from part (a) make sense graphically?

(2) Suppose that  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .

(a) Using the limit definition of the derivative, find  $f'(x)$ .

(b) What is the domain of  $f(x)$ ? What is the domain of  $f'(x)$ ? Does this make sense?

- (3) Make a careful sketch of the graph of  $f(x) = \cos(x)$ . On the same graph, make a sketch of  $f'(x)$  (hint: where is the derivative equal to zero?). Can you guess a formula for  $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x$  from your graph?

- (4) (a) Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = x|x|$ .

(b) For what values of  $x$  is  $f$  differentiable?

(c) Find a formula for  $f'(x)$ .

- (5) Suppose  $f$  is a function that satisfies the equation

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) + x^2y + xy^2$$

for all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ . Suppose also that

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

(a) Find  $f(0)$

(b) Find  $f'(0)$

(c) Find  $f'(x)$