

EXERCISE 10.2

1. If f is defined by $f(x) = x^2$, find $f'(2)$.

Solution:

We have a polynomial function $f(x) = x^2$, and we have to find whether it is

derivable at $x = 2$ or not, so by using the formula, $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$,

$$\text{We get, } f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 2^2}{x - 2}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x + 2)(x - 2)}{x - 2}$$

[Using $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$]

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x + 2 = 4$$

Hence, the function is differentiable at $x = 2$ and its derivative equals to 4.

2. If f is defined by $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 7$, show that $f'(5) = 2 f'(7/2)$

Solution:

We have a polynomial function $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 7$, and we have to find $f'(x)$ its value

at $x = 5$ and $x = 7/2$, so by using the formula, $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$,

$$\text{We get, } f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{f(x) - f(5)}{x - 5}$$

$$f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 4x + 7 - (5^2 - 4 \times 5 + 7)}{x - 5}$$

$$f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 5}{x - 5}$$

$$f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x(x-5) + 1(x-5)}{x-5}$$

$$f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x + 1) = 6$$

Hence the function is differentiable at $x = 5$ and has value 6.

$$f'(7/2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{7}{2}} \frac{f(x) - f(\frac{7}{2})}{x - \frac{7}{2}}$$

$$f'(7/2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{7}{2}} \frac{x^2 - 4x + 7 - [(\frac{7}{2})^2 - 4 \times \frac{7}{2} + 7]}{x - \frac{7}{2}}$$

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$$f'(7/2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{7}{2}} \frac{(2x-1)(2x-7)}{2(2x-7)}$$

$$f'(7/2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{7}{2}} \frac{(2x-1)}{2} = 3$$

Therefore $f'(5) = 2 f'(7/2) = 6$,

Hence the proof.

3. Show that the derivative of the function f is given by $f(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x + 9$, at $x = 1$ and $x = 2$ are equal.

Solution:

We are given with a polynomial function $f(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x + 9$, and we have



to find $f'(x)$ at $x = 1$ and $x = 2$, so by using the formula, $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$, we get,

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

$$f'(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x + 9 - [2(1)^3 - 9(1)^2 + 12(1) + 9]}{x - 1}$$

$$f'(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x - 5}{x - 1}$$

$$f'(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(2x^2 - 7x + 5)}{x - 1}$$

$$f'(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2x^2 - 7x + 5 = 0$$

For $x = 2$, we get,

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x + 9 - [2(2)^3 - 9(2)^2 + 12(2) + 9]}{x - 2}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x - 4}{x - 2}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(2x^2 - 5x + 2)}{x - 2}$$

$$f'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$$

Hence they are equal at $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

4. If for the function $\phi(x) = \lambda x^2 + 7x - 4$, $\phi'(5) = 97$, find λ .

Solution:

We have to find the value of λ given in the real function and we are given with the differentiability of the function $f(x) = \lambda x^2 + 7x - 4$ at $x = 5$ which is $f'(5) = 97$, so we will adopt the same process but with a little variation.

So by using the formula, $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$, we get,

$$f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{f(x) - f(5)}{x - 5}$$

$$f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\lambda x^2 + 7x - 4 - [\lambda(5)^2 + 7(5) - 4]}{x - 5}$$

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$$f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\lambda x^2 + 7x - 35 - 25\lambda}{x - 5}$$

As the limit has some finite value, then there must be the formation of some indeterminate form like $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, so if we put the limit value, then the numerator will also be zero as the denominator, but there must be a factor $(x - 5)$ in the numerator, so that this form disappears.

$$f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-5)(\lambda x + 5\lambda + 7)}{x-5}$$

$$f'(5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \lambda x + 5\lambda + 7 = 97$$

$$f'(5) = 10\lambda + 7 = 97$$

$$10\lambda = 90$$

$$\lambda = 9$$

5. If $f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 8x - 9$, find $f'(4)$.

Solution:

We are given with a polynomial function $f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 8x - 9$, and we have to find whether it is derivable at $x = 4$ or not,

So by using the formula, $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$,

$$\text{We get, } f'(4) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{f(x) - f(4)}{x - 4}$$

$$f'(4) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^3 + 7x^2 + 8x - 9 - [4^3 + 7(4)^2 + 8(4) - 9]}{x - 4}$$

$$f'(4) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-4)(x^2 + 11x + 52)}{x-4}$$

$$f'(4) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x^2 + 11x + 52$$

$$f'(4) = 112.$$

6. Find the derivative of the function f defined by f(x) = mx + c at x = 0.

Solution:

We are given with a polynomial function $f(x) = mx + c$, and we have to find whether it is derivable at $x = 0$ or not,

So by using the formula, $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$,

$$\text{We get, } f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$$

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{mx + c - [m(0) + c]}{x - 0}$$

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{mx + c - c}{x - 0}$$

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} m = m$$

This is the derivative of a function at $x = 0$, and also this is the derivative of this function at every value of x .

