

# Derivative of a real function

Derivative at a point: Let  $f: I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a real function and let  $a \in I$ . we say that  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  iff

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \neq a}} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \text{ exists and finite.}$$

if  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , we denote by:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \neq a}} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}.$$

Example: Let  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . calculate  $f'(a)$ .

sol  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  exists and finite.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \neq a}} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} &= \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \neq a}} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x - a} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \neq a}} \frac{(x - a)(x + a)}{(x - a)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x + a) = 2a \end{aligned}$$

so  $f'(a) = 2a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Example 2: Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  calculate  $f'(a) \quad \forall a > 0$ .

Sol

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \neq a}} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \neq a}} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a}}{x - a} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \neq a}} \frac{(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a})}{(x - a)(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a})}$$

$$= \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \neq a}} \frac{\cancel{x - a}}{(\cancel{x - a})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}}$$

So  $f'(a) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} \quad \forall a > 0.$

Exercise: Show that ①  $(\sin x)' = \cos x$   
 ②  $(\cos x)' = -\sin x.$

Derivative from the Left and Right

Def: We say that  $f$  is differentiable from the left at  $a$  i.e.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  exists and finite. we denote by:

$$f'_-(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}.$$

Def: we say that  $f$  is differentiable from the right at  $a$  i.e.

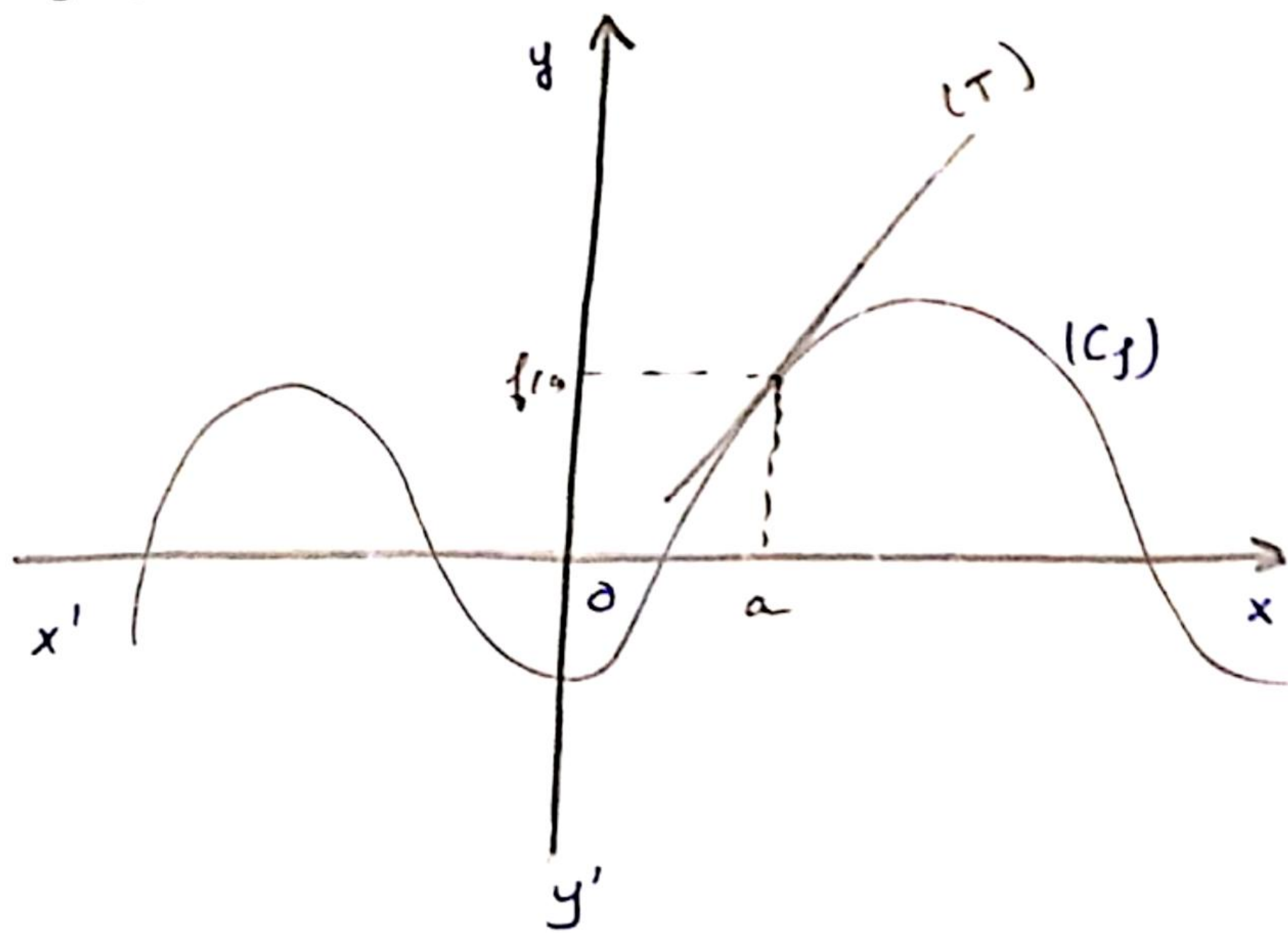
$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  exists and finite. we denote by:

$$f'_+(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}.$$

**Theorem:**  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  iff  $f$  is differentiable from the left and right at  $a$  and  $f'_+(a) = f'_-(a)$ .

**Graphically:** The derivative of  $f$  at  $a$  represents the slope of the tangent to the curve  $(C_f)$  at  $A(a, f(a))$ . Let  $(T)$  be the tangent to  $(C_f)$  at  $A(a, f(a))$ , we have

$$(T) : y = f'(a)(x-a) + f(a).$$



**Def:** Let  $f: I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a real function. we say that  $f$  is differentiable on  $I$  iff  $f$  is differentiable at every point of  $I$ .

**Exercise:** Let  $f(x) = |x|$ .

1) Is  $f$  continuous at  $x=0$ ?

2) Is  $f$  differentiable at  $x=0$ ?

3) conclude

Sol:  $f(x) = |x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$

1)  $f$  is continuous at  $x=0$  iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = f(0)$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x = 0.$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-x) = 0$$

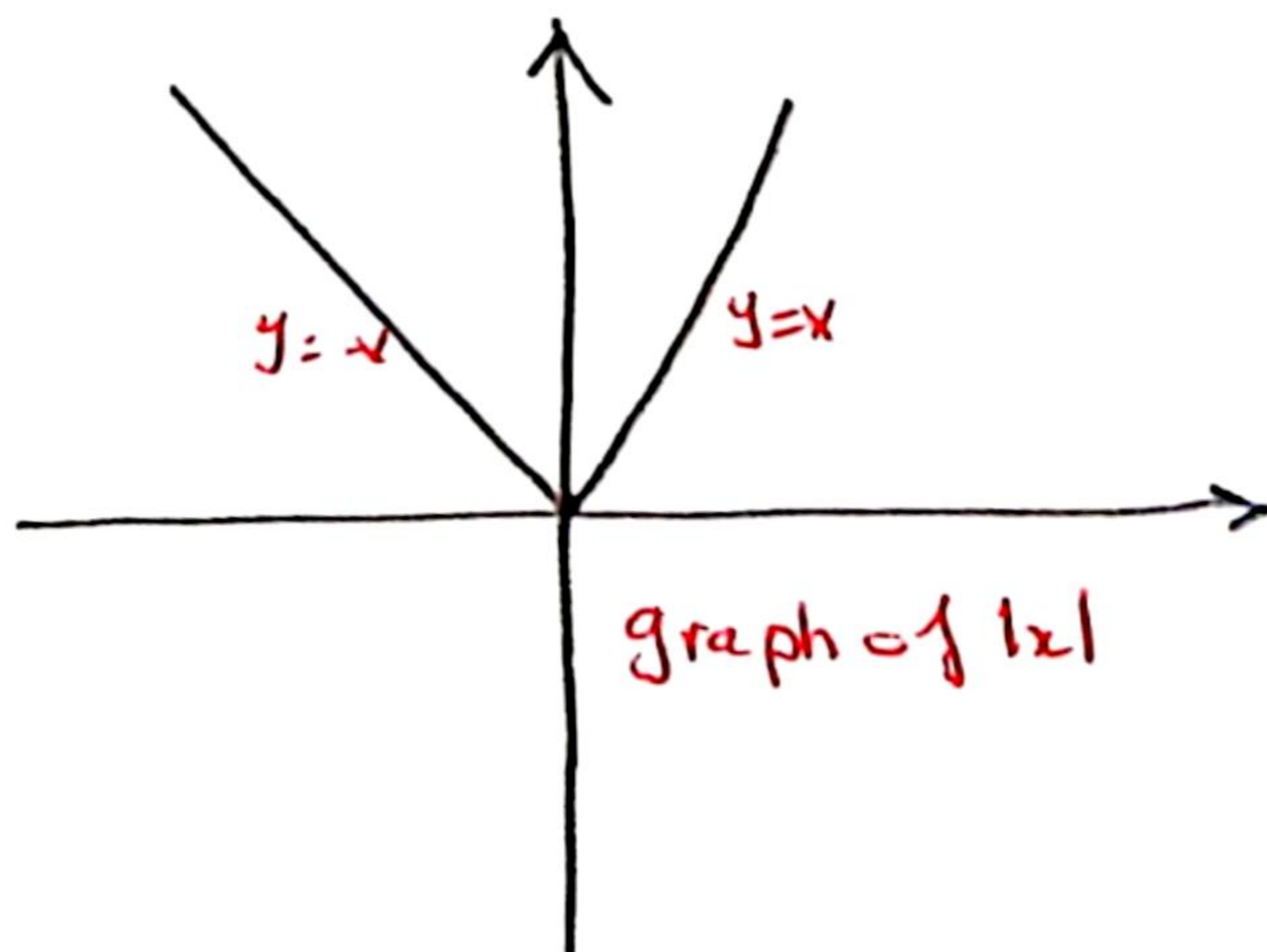
as  $f(0) = 0$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0)$  so  $f$  is continuous at  $x=0$ .

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x - 0}{x - 0} = 1 \Rightarrow f'_+(0) = 1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-x - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-1) = -1 \Rightarrow f'_-(0) = -1.$$

as  $f'_+(0) \neq f'_-(0)$  so  $f$  is not differentiable at  $x=0$

3)  $f$  is continuous at  $x=0$  but  $f$  is not differentiable at  $x=0$



**Theorem:** If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

but the converse is not always true.

**Derivative of the usual functions:**

$f$	$f'$
$\cdot cte$	$\cdot 0$
$\cdot x^n$	$n x^{n-1}$
$\cdot \sin x$	$\cos x$
$\cdot \cos x$	$-\sin x$
$\cdot \sqrt{x}$	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}, x > 0$
$\cdot e^x$	$e^x$
$\cdot \ln x$	$\frac{1}{x}, x > 0$
$\cdot \tan x$	$\frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = 1 + \tan^2 x$

**Theorem:** Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two differentiable functions on  $I$ . Then:

$$1) (u+v)' = u' + v'$$

$$2) (ku)' = ku', k \in \mathbb{R} \text{ constant.}$$

$$3) (u \cdot v)' = u'v + v'u$$

$$4) \left(\frac{u}{v}\right)' = \frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2}, v \neq 0$$

Example:

$$1) f(x) = e^x + \sin x \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^x + \cos x$$

$$2) f(x) = \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{\cos x \cdot \cos x + \sin x \cdot \sin x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = 1 + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = 1 + \tan^2 x.$$

$$3) f(x) = \sin x \cdot e^x \Rightarrow f'(x) = \cos x e^x + \sin x e^x.$$

**Def:** A composite function is a function that depends on another function. A composite function is created when one function is substituted into another function.  $u(v(x))$  is the composite function that is formed when  $v(x)$  is substituted for  $x$  in  $u(x)$ .  
we denote by:  $(u \circ v)(x) = u(v(x))$ .

**Derivative of composite functions:**

$$(u \circ v)'(x) = u'(v(x)) \cdot v'(x)$$

where  $u$  is a differentiable in  $v(x)$  and  $v$  is diff. at  $x$ .

Examples:

$$1) h(x) = e^{x^2} ; f(x) = e^x, g(x) = x^2.$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x^2) = e^{x^2} \Rightarrow h(x) = (f \circ g)(x).$$

$$2) h(x) = \ln(1+x^2); f(x) = \ln x, g(x) = 1+x^2.$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(1+x^2) = \ln(1+x^2) = h(x).$$

Example: Calculate the derivative of the following functions:

$$1) f(x) = \ln(1+x^2); u(x) = \ln x, v(x) = 1+x^2$$

$$f(x) = (u \circ v)(x) = u(v(x))$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = u'(v(x)) \cdot v'(x).$$

$$u'(x) = \frac{1}{x}, v'(x) = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{v(x)} \cdot v'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \cdot 2x = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$$

$$\text{Note: } (\ln u(x))' = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x)}, u \neq 0, u(x) > 0.$$

$$\cdot (e^{u(x)})' = u'(x) \cdot e^{u(x)}$$

$$\cdot (\sin(u(x)))' = u'(x) \cos(u(x))$$

$$\cdot (\cos(u(x)))' = -u'(x) \sin(u(x))$$

$$\cdot (\sqrt{u(x)})' = \frac{u'(x)}{2\sqrt{u(x)}}$$

Example 2:  $f(x) = \tan(e^x)$

$$f'(x) = (1 + \tan^2(e^x)) \cdot e^x.$$

$$3) f(x) = \ln(1 + \cos x).$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x)} \text{ where } u(x) = 1 + \cos x, u'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{-\sin x}{1 + \cos x}.$$

Exercise: Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f$  be a real function defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1+x} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \frac{x+a}{x-2} & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

1) Determine "a" so that  $f$  is extended by continuity at  $x=0$ .

Let  $g$  be the extension by continuity of  $f$  at 0.

2) Determine  $g'(x)$  if  $x \neq 0$ .

3) Is  $g$  differentiable at  $x=0$ ? Justify.

Sol:  $f$  is extendable by continuity at  $x=0$  iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  exists

and finite.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\sqrt{1+x}) = \sqrt{1+0} = 1.$$

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

So  $f$  is extendable by continuity at  $x=0$  iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{-a}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -2}$$

Let  $g$  be the extension of  $f$  ( $a = -2$ ) Then  $g$  is given by:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1+x} & x > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow g'(x) ? \forall x \neq 0$

$$\text{For } x > 0 \Rightarrow g(x) = \sqrt{1+x} \Rightarrow g'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1+x}} \quad \forall x > 0.$$

$$\text{For } x < 0 \Rightarrow g(x) = 1 \Rightarrow g'(x) = 0 \quad \forall x < 0.$$

$\Rightarrow g$  is diff. at 0?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(\sqrt{1+x} - 1)(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)}{x(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{x(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x} + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

So  $\boxed{g'_+(0) = \frac{1}{2}}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1 - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 0 = 0$$

So  $\boxed{g'_-(0) = 0}$

as  $g'_+(0) \neq g'_-(0)$  then  $g$  is not differentiable at  $x=0$ .

Exercise: Let  $f(x) = (x+1)e^{-xL}$ .

1) calculate  $f'(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Deduce  $f'(0)$ ?

2) Deduce  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - (x+1)e^{-xL})}{x - 0}$ . Note that  $f(0) = 1$ .

Sol.

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (x+1)e^{-x^2} \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{-x^2} + (x+1)(-2x)e^{-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{-x^2}(1 - 2x(x+1)) = e^{-x^2}(1 - 2x - 2x^2) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(0) = e^0(1) = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (x+1)e^{-x^2}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0) - f(x)}{x - 0}$$

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

### Derivative of highest order:

Let  $f$  be a real function of the real variable  $x$  defined over the interval  $I$ .

If  $f$  admits a derivative on  $I$  and if its derivative function  $f'$  is differentiable over  $I$ , then the derivative of  $f'$  denoted by  $f''$  is called the second derivative of  $f$  over  $I$ .

We define, by mathematical induction, the derivative of order  $n$  of  $f$  denoted by  $f^{(n)}$  over  $I$  by:

$$f^{(n)} = (f^{(n-1)})' \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

Then  $f' = f^{(1)}$ ,  $(f')' = f'' = f^{(2)}$ ,  $(f^{(2)})' = f^{(3)}$

.....  $(f^{(n-1)})' = f^{(n)}$ .

Example:  $f(x) = x^3 \Rightarrow f^{(1)}(x) = 3x^2 \Rightarrow f^{(2)}(x) = 6x \Rightarrow f^{(3)}(x) = 6$

$\Rightarrow f^{(4)}(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f^{(n)}(x) = 0 \forall n \geq 4$ .

Applications:

### 1. Rolle's Theorem:

Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . such that:

•  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ .

•  $f$  is differentiable on  $]a, b[$

•  $f(a) = f(b)$ .

Then there exists at least  $c \in ]a, b[$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$

Graphically: there exists a point  $(c, f(c))$  in  $(C_f)$  such that

the tangent to the curve  $(C_f)$  at  $C(c, f(c))$  is parallel to

$x$ -axis. indeed; let  $(T)$  be the ~~equation~~ tangent line

to  $(C_f)$  at  $(c, f(c))$  then

$$(T) y = f'(c)(x-c) + f(c) = f(c) \quad (f'(c) = 0)$$

$\Rightarrow (T) \parallel (x'oy)$

**Exercise:** Let  $u: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function on  $[0, 1]$  and differentiable on  $]0, 1[$ .

1) Show that  $g(x) = (x^2 - x)e^{u(x)}$  verifies the Rolle's conditions on  $[0, 1]$ .

2) Deduce that, there exists  $c \in ]0, 1[$  such that:

$$u'(c) = \frac{1-c}{c^2-c}$$

Sol:

1)  $g(x)$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$  as the product and composite of continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$

$g$  is differentiable on  $]0, 1[$  as product and composite of differentiable functions on  $]0, 1[$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g(0) &= (0-0)e^{u(0)} = 0 \\ g(1) &= (1-1)e^{u(1)} = 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow g(0) = g(1)$$

$\Rightarrow g$  verifies Rolle's conditions on  $[0, 1]$ .

2) as  $g$  verifies Rolle's conditions on  $[0, 1]$ , there exists at least  $c \in ]0, 1[$  s.t.  $g'(c) = 0$

$$g(x) = C(L-x)e^{u(x)} \Rightarrow g'(x) = (2x-1)e^{u(x)} + u'(x)(L-x)e^{u(x)}$$

$$g'(c) = 0 \Rightarrow (2c-1)e^{u(c)} + u'(c)(L-c)e^{u(c)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2c-1) + u'(c) \cdot (L-c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u'(c) = \frac{1-2c}{L-c}, \quad c \in ]0, 1[.$$

### Mean Value Theorem: (MVT)

Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a real function. If:

- ①  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$
- ②  $f$  is differentiable on  $]a, b[$

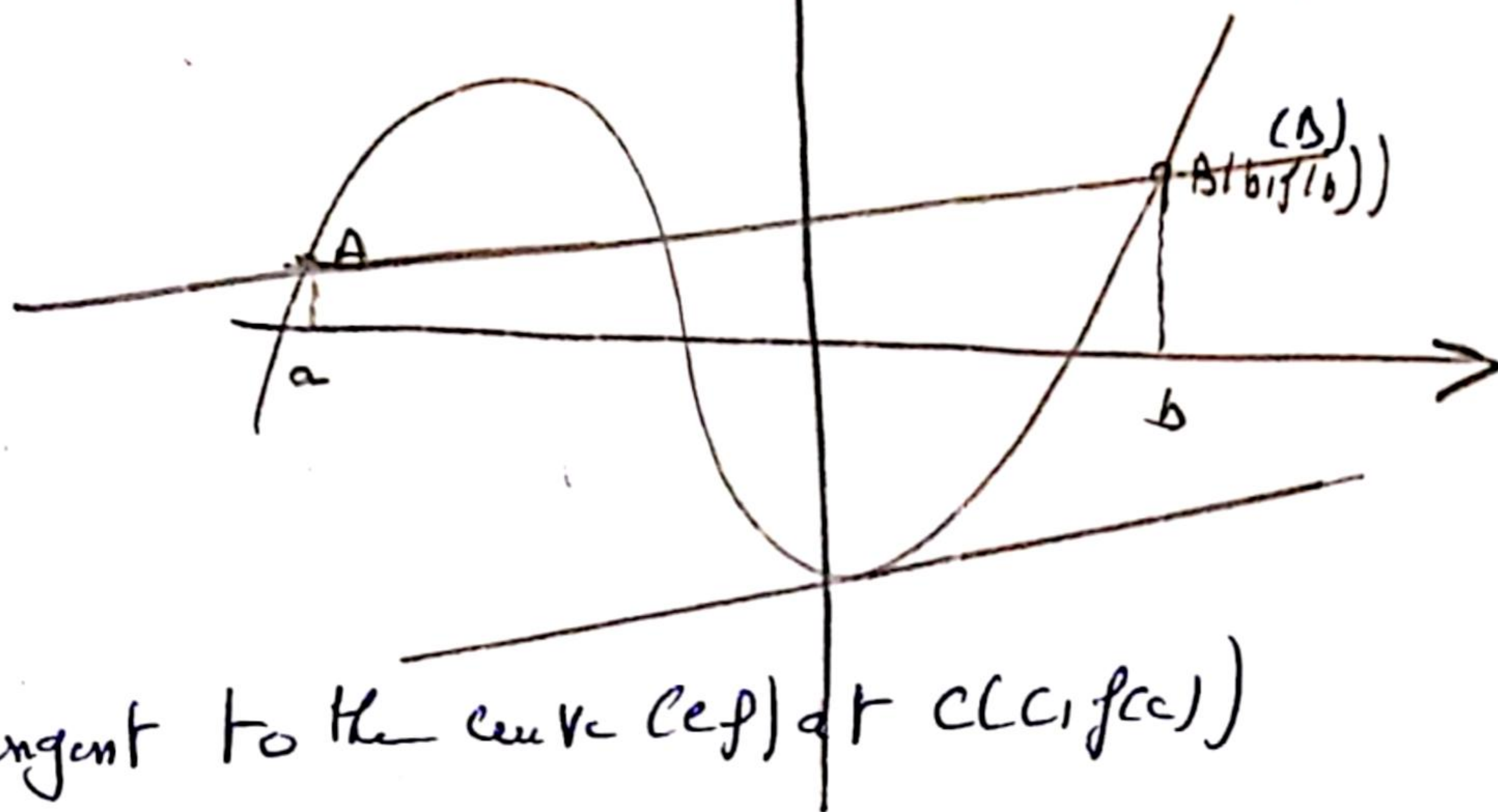
Then, there exists at least  $c \in ]a, b[$  such that:

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

$$\Leftrightarrow f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a}$$

Graphically: Let  $(\Delta)$  be the line passing in  $A(a, f(a))$  and

$$B(b, f(b)) \quad (\Delta): y = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a}(x-a) + f(a).$$



Let (T) be the tangent to the curve  $(e, f)$  at  $C(c, f(c))$

Then (T):  $y = f'(c)(x-c) + f(c)$

$$y = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a}(x-c) + f(c)$$

Thus, (T)  $\parallel$  ( $\Delta$ ).

Consequences of mean value theorem:

1) if  $f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in ]a, b[$  then  $f$  is a constant function on  $[a, b]$ .

2) if  $f'(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in ]a, b[$  then  $f$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$

3) if  $f'(x) \leq 0 \forall x \in ]a, b[$  then  $f$  is a decreasing function on  $[a, b]$

4) if  $f' = g' \Rightarrow f(x) = g(x) + C \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$ .

Exercise: Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two real parameters. Consider the

function  $f$  defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1-x} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 + ax + b & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

1) Determine  $a$  and  $b$  so that  $f$  is continuous at  $x=0$  and  $x=1$ .

2) a) Show ~~that~~ that  $f$  is differentiable at  $x=0$  and give  $f'(0)$ .

b) Is  $f$  differentiable at  $x=1$ ?

c) can we apply M.V.T to  $f$  on  $[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}]$ ?

Sol: 1)  $f$  is continuous at  $x=0$  iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0).$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \sqrt{1-x} = \sqrt{1-0} = 1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 + ax + b = b.$$

$$f(0) = b$$

So  $f$  is cont. at  $x=0 \Leftrightarrow b=1$ .

\*  $f$  is continuous at  $x=1 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = f(1)$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (x^2 + ax + 1) = 1 + a + 1 = a + 2.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$f(1) = \frac{3}{2}$$

So  $f$  is cont. at  $x=1 \Leftrightarrow a + 2 = \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow a = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\text{So } f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1-x} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x + 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x > 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x + 1 - 1}{x - 0} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x(x - \frac{1}{2})}{x} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f'_+(0) = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sqrt{1-x} - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sqrt{1-x} - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1-x} + 1}{\sqrt{1-x} + 1}$$

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

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow f'_-(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

as  $f'_+(0) = f'_-(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$  so  $f$  is diff. at 0 and  $f'(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\cancel{(x-1)}(x + \frac{1}{2})}{\cancel{(x-1)}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}, f'_+(1) = \frac{3}{2}$$

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

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

as  $f'_+(1) \neq f'_-(1)$  so  $f$  is not diff. at  $x=1$

$\Rightarrow f$  is not differentiable at  $x=1 \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}]$  so we

can't apply M.V.T. to  $f$  on  $[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}]$

Exercise: Let  $f$  be the function defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3-xL}{2} & \text{if } x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

1) Show that  $f$  is extendable by continuity at  $x=1$ . Let  $g$  be the extension.

2) Show that  $g$  is differentiable at  $x=1$ . Give  $g'(1)$ .

3) Show that there exists  $c \in ]0, 1[$  such that  $g(1) - g(c) = 2g'(c)$ .

Determine all the possible values of  $c$ .

Sol: 1)  $f$  is extendable by continuity at  $x=1 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  exists and finite

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x} = 1.$$

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

So  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1$ . The extension  $g$  is given by:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3-xL}{2} & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{g'_-(1) = -1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{g(x) - g(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1 - x}{x(x - 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{-1}{x} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{g'_+(1) = -1}$$

as  $g'_+(1) = g'_-(1) = -1$  so  $g$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$  and  $g'(1) = -1$

3)  $g$  is continuous on  $[0, 2]$

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so, according to MVT, there exists  $c \in ]0, 2[$  such that

$$g(2) - g(0) = (2 - 0)g'(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow g(2) - g(0) = 2g'(c) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = 2g'(c) \Rightarrow g'(c) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

c? on  $]0, 2[$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{3 - x^2}{2} \Rightarrow g'(x) = -x$

$$g'(c) = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -c = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{c = \frac{1}{2}}$$

On  $] -1, 2 [$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow g'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ .

$g'(c) = -\frac{1}{c^2} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{c^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow c = \sqrt{2}$  ( $c > 0$ ).

For  $x = -1$ ,  $g'(-1) = -1 \neq -\frac{1}{2}$ . So  $c = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $c = \sqrt{2}$ .

Exercise: Let  $f$  be the function defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1+x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \sqrt{1-x} - x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

1) Show that  $f$  is continuous at  $x=0$ .

2) Study the differentiability of  $f$  at  $x=0$ .

3) Could MVT be applied to  $f$  on  $[-1, 2]$ ?

Exercise: By using the M.V.T, show that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1$ .

Note:  $f(b) - f(a) = (b-a) \cdot f'(c) \Leftrightarrow f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a}$

Let  $t > 0$ ,  $[a, b] = [0, t]$

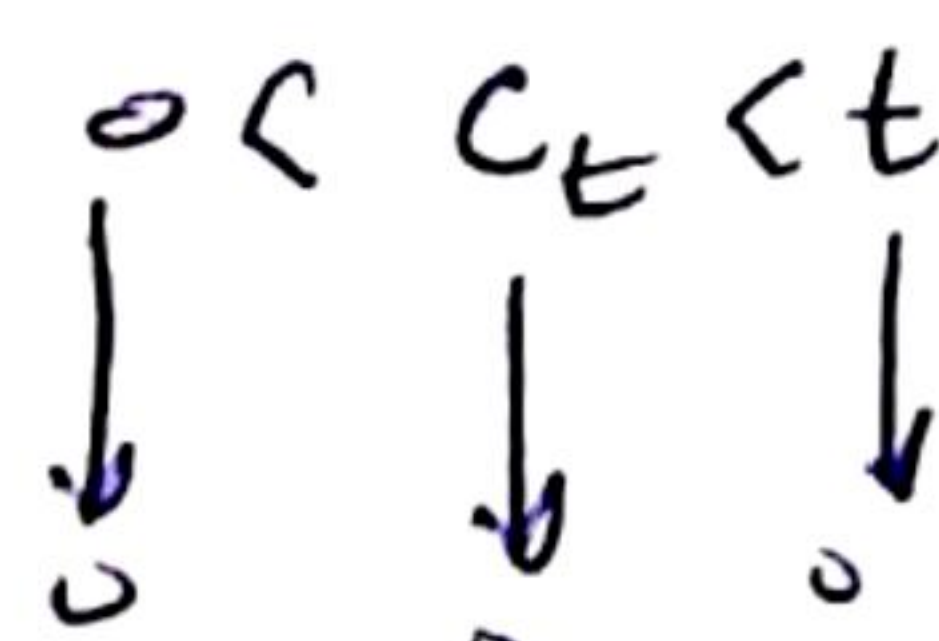
$f(x) = \sin x$ .

• The function  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, t]$

• The function  $f$  is diff. on  $]0, t[$

So by M.V.T there exists at least  $c \in ]0, t[$  such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin t - \sin 0}{t - 0} = \cos c \quad 0 < c < t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin t}{t} = \cos c \quad \text{where } 0 < c < t$$


$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin t}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \cos c = \cos 0 = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1. \quad \text{Similarly if } t < 0, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1.$$

Exercise: Consider the function  $g$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  by:

$$g(x) = x + \ln \left( \frac{e^{-x} + 1}{2} \right)$$

1) Determine  $g'(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

2) Show that  $g'$  is strictly increasing.

3) Using M.V.T, show that  $\forall x > 0: \frac{x}{2} \leq g(x) \leq \frac{x e^x}{1 + e^x}$ .