LECTURE 10: PRACTICE PROBLEMS

Using only that the derivative f'(a) is the slope of the tangent line to f at a,
(1) find the derivative of f(x) = c, where c ∈ ℝ

(2) find the derivative of f(x) = mx + b

(3) use the graph of $f(x) = \sin(x)$ to sketch f'(x); does this function look familiar?

• Use the definition of the derivative to compute f'(x), where (1) $f(x) = x^2$

(2) $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

(3) $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

• Use

Use $-\sin(x+h) = \sin(x)\cos(h) + \cos(x)\sin(h),$ $-\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} = 1, \text{ and}$ $-\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} = 0$ to compute $\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)].$