

4. (12 points) (a) Give the limit definition of the derivative of a function f at a point a .

Solution:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}.$$

(b) Use the limit definition of the derivative to find $g'(x)$ for the function $g(x) = 2x^2 - 3x$. [Be sure to show all of your work!]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2(x+h)^2 - 3(x+h)) - (2x^2 - 3x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2x^2 + 4xh + 2h^2 - 3x - 3h) - (2x^2 - 3x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4xh - 3h + 2h^2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 4x - 3 + 2h = 4x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to find $\int_2^4 (4x - 3) dx$. [Note: You must show your work to receive credit.]

Solution: If $g(x) = 2x^2 - 3x$ then $g'(x) = 4x - 3$ so that

$$\int_2^4 (4x - 3) dx = \int_2^4 g'(x) dx = g(4) - g(2) = 20 - 2 = 18$$

where second equality holds because of the Fundamental Theorem.