

Here are solutions to problems 2.1 : 33, 35, 48, 50, 51 and 2.2 : 11, 12, 14.

(33, 35) *The limit shown is  $f'(a)$  for some function  $f$  and some number  $a$ . Identify  $f$  and  $a$ .*

(33)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 2}{x - 4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{4}}{x - 4} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}\end{aligned}$$

where  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $a = 4$ .

(35)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos h - 1}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos h - \cos 0}{h - 0} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow a} \frac{f(h) - f(a)}{h - a}\end{aligned}$$

where  $f(h) = \cos h$  and  $a = 0$ .

(48, 50, 51)  *$h$  is a function such that  $h(0) = 1, h(2) = 7, h(4) = 5, h'(0) = -2, h'(2) = 3, h'(4) = -1$ .*

(48) *What is the average rate of change of  $h$  over the interval  $[0, 4]$ ?*

By definition, the average rate of change of a function  $f$  over an interval  $[a, b]$  is  $\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$ . In this case we have  $\frac{h(4) - h(0)}{4 - 0}$  which by the information given in the problem equals 1.

(50) *Evaluate  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(w) - 1}{w}$ .*

Since  $h(0) = 1$ , we have that

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(w) - 1}{w} = \lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(w) - h(0)}{w - 0}$$

with the right hand side being a definition for  $h'(0)$ . Since we're given that  $h'(0) = -2$ , the limit is  $-2$ .

(51) *Evaluate  $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(4 + \Delta x) - 5}{\Delta x}$ .*

Since  $h(4) = 5$ , we can rewrite this as:

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(4 + \Delta x) - 5}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(4 + \Delta x) - h(4)}{\Delta x}$$

with the right hand side being a definition of  $h'(4)$  (here we use the notation  $\Delta x$  instead of the usual  $h$ ). But  $h'(4) = -1$ , so the value of the limit is  $-1$ .

(11) Let  $f(w) = w^{1/2}$ . Evaluate  $f'(9)$ .

By example 2 we see that  $f'(w) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{w}}$ . Plugging in 9 we get  $f'(9) = 1/6$ .

(12) Let  $g(t) = t^{-1}$ . Evaluate  $g'(2)$ .

By example 2 we see that  $g'(t) = -t^{-2}$ . Thus  $g'(2) = -1/4$ .

(14) Let  $g(x) = 2^x$ . Explain why Theorem 1 cannot be used to find an expression for  $g'(x)$ .

Theorem 1 applies only to functions of the form  $f(x) = x^k$  where  $k$  is any real constant, and  $g(x) = 2^x$  is not of that form.