

Both limits exist, and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} Q(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} Q(h)$

hence $f(x)$ is differentiable at 1, and its derivative is given by

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} Q(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} = 3 \text{ for } c=1.$$

The derivative of $f(x)$ at $x=1$ is $f'(x) = 3$.

b) i) $g(x) = x^7 + x^3 + x + 1$

$$g'(x) = 7x^6 + 3x^2 + 1 \geq 1$$

hence $g(x)$ is monotonically increasing on its domain. $g(x)$ is a polynomial so it is continuous. Since $g(x)$ is differentiable and $g'(x) \neq 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, by the inverse function rule, $g(x)$ has an inverse function $g^{-1}(x)$, which is strictly increasing on \mathbb{R} and is continuous on \mathbb{R} , and $g^{-1}(x)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} (since $g(x)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} and $g'(x) \neq 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$).

ii) $g(1) = 4$

$$g^{-1}(g(1)) = g^{-1}(4)$$
$$1 = g^{-1}(4)$$

By the inverse function rule $(g^{-1})'(d) = \frac{1}{g'(c)}$ if the conditions are satisfied, where $d = g(c)$

$$g(1) = 4 \text{ so } c=1, d=4$$

$$(g^{-1})'(4) = \frac{1}{g'(1)}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^7 + x^3 + x + 1) = 7x^6 + 3x^2 + 1$$

$$g'(1) = 7 \times 1^6 + 3 \times 1^2 + 1 = 11$$

$$\therefore (g^{-1})'(4) = \frac{1}{g'(1)} = \frac{1}{11}$$

$$\frac{1}{11}$$