

**Theorem 25:** Suppose that each of  $f$  and  $g$  are functions that are differentiable at the point  $p$  and that  $h$  is the function defined by  $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  for all  $x \in D_f$ . Show that  $h$  is also differentiable at the point  $p$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D_f$  be the derivative of  $f$  at  $p$ , and let  $D_g$  be the derivative of  $g$  at  $p$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . By definition,  $\exists \delta_f$  such that if  $\left| \frac{f(t) - f(p)}{t - p} - D_f \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . Similarly,

$\exists \delta_g$  such that if  $\left| \frac{g(t) - g(p)}{t - p} - D_g \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

We know that  $p$  is a limit point of  $\text{dom}(f)$  and  $p$  is a limit point of  $\text{dom}(g)$ . Suppose  $p$  is not a limit point of  $\text{dom}(h) = \text{dom}(f) \cap \text{dom}(g)$ . Then there exists an open interval  $S$  containing  $p$  such that  $S \cap \text{dom}(h) = \{p\}$ . This is impossible because  $(p - \delta_f, p + \delta_f) \cap (p - \delta_g, p + \delta_g) \subset \text{dom}(h)$ .

Pick  $\delta = \min\{\delta_f, \delta_g\}$ . Let  $D = D_f + D_g$ . If  $|t - p| < \delta$ , then calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{h(t) - h(p)}{t - p} - D \right| &= \left| \frac{f(t) + g(t) - (f(p) + g(p))}{t - p} - (D_f + D_g) \right| \\ &= \left| \left[ \frac{f(t) - f(p)}{t - p} - D_f \right] + \left[ \frac{g(t) - g(p)}{t - p} - D_g \right] \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{f(t) - f(p)}{t - p} - D_f \right| + \left| \frac{g(t) - g(p)}{t - p} - D_g \right| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $h$  is differentiable at  $p$ . □