Exercise 58

The function $f(x) = \sin(x + \sin 2x), 0 \le x \le \pi$, arises in applications to frequency modulation (FM) synthesis.

- (a) Use a graph of f produced by a calculator to make a rough sketch of the graph of f'.
- (b) Calculate f'(x) and use this expression, with a calculator, to graph f'. Compare with your sketch in part (a).

Solution

Take a derivative of the given function.

$$f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\sin(x + \sin 2x) \right]$$
$$= \cos(x + \sin 2x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x + \sin 2x)$$
$$= \cos(x + \sin 2x) \cdot \left[1 + (\cos 2x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (2x) \right]$$
$$= \cos(x + \sin 2x) \cdot \left[1 + (\cos 2x) \cdot (2) \right]$$
$$= \cos(x + \sin 2x) (1 + 2\cos 2x)$$



The graph of f'(x) is negative wherever f(x) is decreasing, and the graph of f'(x) is positive wherever f(x) is increasing.