Calculus I Notes MATH 1190

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Chapter 2

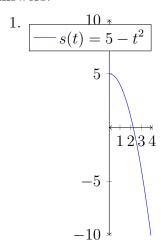
The Derivative

2.1 Rates of Change and The Derivative

A particle's rectilinear (1D) motion has its position defined by the function $s(t) = 5 - t^2$, where s is measured in meters and t in seconds.

- 1. Sketch the graph of the function on the interval from t = 0 to t = 4.
- 2. Find the average velocity over the time over the time interval from t = 0 to t = 4. On your graph, draw what this quantity represents.
- 3. Approximate the *instantaneous* velocity when t = 2 by finding the average velocity over the intervals t = 2 to t = 3, t = 2 to t = 2.5, and t = 2 to t = 2.1.
- 4. Write a general expression that represents the average velocity over the time interval from t = 2 to t = 2 + h.
- 5. Find the instantaneous velocity when t=2 by finding the limit of the above expression as $h\to 0$.

Answers:



2.

$$\frac{\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}}{\frac{5(4) - s(0)}{4 - 0}}$$

$$\frac{(5 - 4^2) - (5 - 0^2)}{4}$$

$$\frac{-11 - 5}{4}$$

$$-4[m/s]$$

3. • t = 2 to t = 3:

$$\frac{s(3) - s(2)}{3 - 2}$$
$$\frac{(5 - 3^2) - (5 - 2^2)}{1}$$
$$-5[m/s]$$

• t = 2 to t = 2.5:

$$\frac{s(2.5) - s(2)}{3 - 2}$$
$$\frac{(5 - 2.5^{2}) - (5 - 2^{2})}{0.5}$$
$$-4.5[m/s]$$

• t = 2 to t = 2.1:

$$\frac{s(2.1) - s(2)}{3 - 2}$$
$$\frac{(5 - 2.1^{2}) - (5 - 2^{2})}{0.1}$$
$$-4.1[m/s]$$

Guess: velocity at t = 2 is approximately 4[m/s].

4.

$$\frac{s(2+h)-s(2)}{2+h-2}$$

$$\frac{(5-(2+h)^2)-(5-2^2)}{h}$$

$$\frac{5-(4+4h+h^2)-(1)}{h}$$

$$\frac{-4h-h^2}{h}$$

$$-4-h$$

5.

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{s(2+h) - s(2)}{h} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} (-4-h)$$

$$-4-0$$

$$-4$$

2.1.1 Definitions

The slope of a curve can be found using the following equations:

$$\lim_{x \to c} \left(\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right) \tag{2.1}$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \right) \tag{2.2}$$

These are also known as:

- The *instantaneous* velocity of an object at time c whose position is given by the function f(x).
- The slope of the tangent line to the curve y = f(x) at x = c.
- The instantaneous rate of change of the function f(x) at x = c.
- The derivative of f at c.
- f'(c)

Example 2.1.0.1. Find the slope of the line tangent to $y = \frac{1}{x+5}$ when x = 1. Then find the equation for the tangent line at that point.

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{1+h+5} - \frac{1}{1+5}}{h} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{6}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{1+h+5} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{1+5} \cdot \frac{6+h}{6+h} \right)}{h} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{\frac{6}{6(6+h)} - \frac{6+h}{6(6+h)}}{h} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{\frac{-h}{6(6+h)}}{h} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{\cancel{K}} \cdot \frac{-\cancel{K}}{6(6+h)}}{6(6+h)} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{-1}{6(6+h)} \right)$$

$$\frac{-1}{36}$$

Equation of line: We have the slope, all we need is a point (substitute 1 in for x).

$$y = \frac{1}{1+6}$$
$$y = \frac{1}{6}$$

So the point is $(1, \frac{1}{6})$. Equation:

$$y - \frac{1}{6} = -\frac{1}{36}(x - 1)$$
$$y = -\frac{1}{36}x + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{6}$$
$$y = -\frac{1}{36}x + \frac{7}{36}$$

2.2 The Derivative of a Function

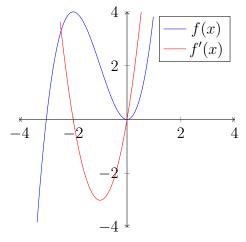
Theorem 2.2.1 (Derivative). The derivative of f is the function

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right) \tag{2.3}$$

Remark. This is only true if the limit exists.

Corollary 2.2.1.1. If the limit does exist at x = c then f is differentiable at c

Corollary 2.2.1.2. If the limit exists at every point in interval [a, b] then f is differentiable on [a, b].



Example 2.2.1.1. If $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$ find f'(x).

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{\left((x+h)^2 + 2(x+h) + 1 \right) - (x^2 + 2x + 1)}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{\cancel{x}^2 + 2xh + h^2 + \cancel{2}\cancel{x} + 2h + \cancel{1} - \cancel{x}^2 - \cancel{2}\cancel{x} - \cancel{1}}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{2xh + h^2 + 2h}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} (2x + h + 2)$$

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2$$

Example 2.2.1.2. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$. Find f'(x).

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{x+h-x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{K}{K(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+0} + \sqrt{x}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

Corollary 2.2.1.3. Functions will fail to be differentiable at

- Cusps
- Corners

- Vertical Tangents
- Any point where it is discontinuous

Lemma 2.2.2. If f is differentiable at x = c then f is continuous at c. However a function can be continuous but not differentiable (e.g. y = |x| at x = 0).

2.3 The Derivative of Polynomial Functions and $y = e^x$

Recall that if $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$, then f'(x) = 2x + 2. We could write this in different ways.

- If $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$ then y' = 2x + 2.
- If $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 2$.
- If $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$ then $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 2x + 1) = 2x + 2$.

Remark. The last one, $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}$ is an instruction to take a derivative of what comes after it.

Theorem 2.3.1 (Derivative of a Constant). If A is a constant and f(x) = A then f'(x) = 0.

Theorem 2.3.2 (Derivative of a line with a slope of 1). If f(x) = x then f'(x) = 1.

Review 2.3.1. Use the definition of a derivative to find $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2)$.

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{x^2 + h^2 + 2xh - x^2}{h} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{h^2 + 2xh}{h} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} (h + 2x)$$

$$0 + 2x$$

$$2x$$

2.3.1 Basic Rules

Power Rule

Theorem 2.3.3 (Power Rule). If $n \ge 1$ is an integer, then

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(x^{n}\right) = nx^{n-1}\tag{2.4}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(Cx^n) = (C \cdot n)x^{n-1} \qquad \text{If } C \text{ is a constant.}$$
 (2.5)

Review 2.3.2. If $y = 5x^2$ find y' using the definition of a derivative.

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{5(x+h)^2 - 5x^2}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{5((x+h)^2 - x^2)}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{5(x^2 + h^2 + 2xh - x^2)}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = 5\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{x^2 + h^2 + 2xh - x^2}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = 5\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{h^2 + 2xh}{h} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = 5\lim_{h \to 0} (h + 2x)$$

$$f'(x) = 5 \cdot 2x$$

$$f'(x) = 10x$$

Constant Multiplication Rule

Theorem 2.3.4 (Constant Multiplication Rule). Suppose $F(x) = k \cdot f(x)$ for some real number k if f(x) is differentiable then F(x) is also differentiable, and

$$F'(x) = k \cdot f'(x) \tag{2.6}$$

Example 2.3.4.1. If $f(x) = \pi x^7$ find f'(x).

$$f'(x) = \pi \frac{d}{dx} (x^7)$$
$$f'(x) = \pi \cdot (7x^6)$$
$$f'(x) = 7\pi x^6$$

Addition Rule

Theorem 2.3.5 (Addition Rule). If F(x) = f(x) + g(x) and f and g are differentiable then F(x) is also differentiable.

$$F'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$$
 (2.7)

Example 2.3.5.1. If
$$y = 3x^5 - 7x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x + 5$$
 find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$y' = 3 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^5) - 7 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^2) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} (x) + \frac{d}{dx} (5)$$

$$y' = 3 \cdot 5x^4 - 14x - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + 0$$

$$y' = 15x^4 - 14x - \frac{1}{2}$$

2.3.2 Derivative of $f(x) = e^x$

Theorem 2.3.6 (Derivative of $f(x) = e^x$).

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(e^x\right) = e^x\tag{2.8}$$

If $f(x) = e^x$, then $f'(x) = e^x$.

2.4 Product Rule, Quotient Rule, and Higher Order Derivatives

2.4.1 Basic Rules Continued

Product Rule

Theorem 2.4.1 (Product Rule). If f and g are differentiable then

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(f(x)\cdot g(x)\right) = f(x)\cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(g(x)\right) + \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(f(x)\right)\cdot g(x) \tag{2.9}$$

Restated:

$$(f \cdot g)' = f \cdot g' + f' \cdot g \tag{2.10}$$

Example 2.4.1.1. If $f(x) = e^x x^4$ find f'(x).

$$f'(x) = e^{x} \cdot 4x^{3} + x^{4} \cdot e^{x}$$
$$f'(x) = 4e^{x}x^{3} + e^{x}x^{4}$$
$$f'(x) = e^{x}x^{3}(4+x)$$

Example 2.4.1.2. If $y = 4(x^2 - 7)$, find y'.

$$f'(x) = 4x^2 - 28$$
$$f'(x) = 8x$$

Quotient Rule

Theorem 2.4.2 (Quotient Rule). If f and g are differentiable at x and $g(x) \neq 0$ then $\frac{f}{g}$ is differentiable at x and

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{g(x) \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \left(f(x) \right) - f(x) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \left(g(x) \right)}{g(x)^2} \tag{2.11}$$

Restated:

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{g \cdot f' - f \cdot g'}{g^2} \tag{2.12}$$

Remark. The order of the quotient rule can be remembered with the rhyme "hi d lo lo d hi all over the square of what's below".

Example 2.4.2.1. Find
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{3x^3 - 5x}{5e^x + 2} \right)$$

$$f' = 9x^{2} - 7$$

$$g' = 5e^{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{3x^{3} - 5x}{5e^{x} + 2} \right) = \frac{(5e^{x} + 2)(9x - 7) - (3x^{3} - 7x)(5e^{x})}{(5e^{x} + 2)^{2}}$$

Remark. In some cases it is okay to not simplify the answer.

2.4.2 Revising the Power Rule

$$f(x) = x^{n}$$

$$f(x) = Ax^{n}$$

$$f'(x) = nx^{x-1}$$

$$f'(x) = Anx^{n-1}$$

Where n is any integer.

Example 2.4.2.2. Find
$$f'(x)$$
 if $f(x) = \frac{1}{3x^4}$.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3x^4}$$
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-4}$$
$$f(x) = -\frac{4}{3}x^{-5}$$

2.4.3 Higher Order Derivatives

Definition 2.4.1. The derivative if f' is the second derivative of f.

Notation: f''(x)

Read: "f double prime of x"

Can also consider third derivative f''', fourth derivatives $f^{(4)}$, etc.

Example 2.4.2.3. If $f(x) = 5x^3$, find f', f'', and f'''

$$f'(x) = 15x^2$$

$$f''(x) = 30x$$

$$f'''(x) = 30$$

Why do we care?

We know f'(x) tells us the rate of change of f. What does f''(x) tell us?

- Rate of change of the rate of change...
- In the context of f = position:
 - -f' is velocity (how fast the position is changing)
 - -f'' is acceleration (how fast the velocity is changing)
- In the context of f = number of unemployed people in the U.S.:
 - -f' is how quickly unemployment is growing or shrinking
 - Suppose we are in a recession where unemployment is increasing. As f'' decreases, it means that jobs are being more slowly.

Example 2.4.2.4. A rock thrown vertically from the surface of the moon at an initial velocity of 24 [m/s] reaches a height of $s = 24t - 0.8t^2$ meters in t seconds

- 1. What is the velocity at time t? What is the acceleration?
- 2. How long before the rock reaches its highest point?
- 3. How high does the rock go?
- 4. How long before the rock reaches half of it's maximum height?
- 5. How long is the rock aloft?
- 6. What is the rock's speed on impact?

Answers:

1.

$$v = s' = 24 - 16t[m/s]$$

 $a = s'' = -1.6[m/s^2]$

2.

$$24 - 1.6t = 0$$
$$24 = 1.6t$$
$$t = 15[s]$$

3.

$$24 (15) - 0.8 (15)^{2}$$
$$180[m]$$

4.

$$90 = 24 (t) - 0.8 (t)^{2}$$

$$0 = -0.8t^{2} + 24t - 90$$

$$-24 \pm \sqrt{576 - 4 \cdot -0.8 \cdot -90}$$

$$-1.6$$

$$-24 \pm \sqrt{288}$$

$$-1.6$$

$$-24 \pm 12\sqrt{2}$$

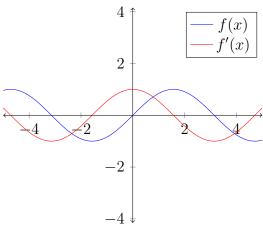
$$-1.6$$

$$t = 4.3934, 25.6066$$

- 5. 30[s] (Two times the time to reach the peak (see #2)
- 6. -24[m/s] (Same as initial velocity but negative)

2.5 The Derivative of Trigonometric Functions

Looking at the graph of $y = \sin(x)$, Can we get an idea of how the derivative looks?



The derivative of $y = \sin(x)$ is $y' = \cos(x)$

2.5.1 Derivatives of $f(x) = \sin(x)$ and $f(x) = \cos(x)$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\sin(x)\right) = \cos(x) \tag{2.13}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(\cos(x)) = -\sin(x) \tag{2.14}$$

Example 2.5.0.1. Find $\frac{d}{dx}(x\cos(x))$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(x) = 1$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(\cos(x)) = -\sin(x)$$

$$x \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} (\cos(x)) + \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} (x) \cdot \cos(x)$$
$$x (-\sin(x)) + 1 \cdot \cos(x)$$
$$-x \sin(x) + \cos(x)$$

2.5.2 Derivative of $f(x) = \tan(x)$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\tan(x)\right) = \sec^2(x) \tag{2.15}$$

Proof. Proof that
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(x)) = \sec^2(x)$$
.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}\right)$$
$$\frac{\cos(x) \cdot \cos(x) - \sin(x) \cdot - \sin(x)}{\cos^2(x)}$$
$$\frac{\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)}$$
$$\frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} - OR - 1 + \tan^2(x)$$
$$\sec^2(x)$$

Example 2.5.0.2. Find the derivative of $y = \cot(x)$ in two ways: Using sin(x) and cos(x), and using tan(x).

Method 1:

$$\frac{\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \left(\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}\right)}{\frac{\sin(x) \cdot - \sin(x) - \cos(x) \cdot \cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)}}$$

$$\frac{-\sin^2(x) - \cos^2(x)}{\sin^2(x)}$$

$$\frac{-\left(\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x)\right)}{\sin^2(x)}$$

$$\frac{-1}{\sin^2(x)}$$

$$-\csc^2(x)$$

Method 2:

$$\frac{\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\tan(x)}\right)}{\frac{\tan(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(1) - 1 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\tan(x))}{\tan^2(x)}}$$

$$\frac{\tan(x) \cdot 0 - \sec^2(x)}{\tan^2(x)}$$

$$-\frac{\sec^2(x)}{\tan^2(x)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2(x)}$$

$$\frac{\sin^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)}$$

$$-\frac{1}{\sin^2(x)}$$

$$-\csc^2(x)$$

2.5.3 Derivatives of SIX basic trig functions

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\sin(x)\right) = \cos(x) \tag{2.16}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\cos(x)\right) = -\sin(x) \tag{2.17}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(\tan(x)) = \sec^2(x) \tag{2.18}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\cot(x)\right) = -\csc^2(x) \tag{2.19}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\sec(x)\right) = \sec(x)\tan(x) \tag{2.20}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(\csc(x)) = -\csc(x)\cot(x) \tag{2.21}$$

Chapter 3

More About Derivatives

3.1 The Chain Rule

Suppose we have

$$f(x) = \sin(x^2)$$

It is a composite function

$$g(x) = \sin(x)$$

$$h(x) = x^{2}$$

$$g(h(x)) = f(x)$$

$$(g \circ h)(x) = f(x)$$

3.1.1 The Chain Rule

Note. This is helpful in Calculus II

Theorem 3.1.1. Suppose we have f and g are both differentiable then

$$(f \circ g)' = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \tag{3.1}$$

Example 3.1.1.1.

$$f(x) = \sin(x^2)$$

$$f'(x) = \cos(x^2) \cdot 2x$$

 $y = \tan^2(\theta)$

Example 3.1.1.2.

$$y = (\tan(\theta))^{2}$$

$$f(x) = x^{2} \qquad f'(x) = 2x$$

$$g(\theta) = \tan(\theta) \qquad g'(\theta) = \sec^{2}(\theta)$$

$$y' = 2(\tan(\theta)) \cdot \sec^{2}(\theta)$$

Example 3.1.1.3.

$$s(x) = \csc(\cos(x))$$

$$f(x) = \csc(x)$$

$$g(x) = \cos(x)$$

$$f'(x) = -\csc(x)\cot(x)$$

$$g'(x) = -\sin(x)$$

$$s'(x) = -\csc(\cos(x))\cot(\cos(x)) \cdot -\sin(x)$$

 $s'(x) = \sin(x)\csc(\cos(x))\cot(\cos(x))$

Example 3.1.1.4.

a): find y'

$$y = \left(\frac{3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - x}\right)^4$$

$$f(x) = x^4 \qquad f'(x) = -\csc(x)\cot(x)$$

$$g(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - x} \qquad g'(x) = \frac{-3x^2 - 4x + 1}{(2x^2 - x)^2}$$

$$y' = 4\left(\frac{3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - x}\right)^3 \left(-\frac{3x^2 - 4x + 1}{(2x^2 - x)^2}\right)$$
$$y' = \frac{-4(3x^2 + 1)^3(3x^2 + 4x - 1)}{(2x^2 - x)^5}$$

b) Find where the curve has horizontal tangents. (y' = 0)

Example 3.1.1.5.

$$y = (x) (\sec(e^x))$$

$$y' = x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\sec(e^x)) + \frac{d}{dx} (x) \cdot (\sec(e^x))$$

$$y' = x \cdot \sec(e^x) \tan(e^x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (e^x) + \frac{d}{dx} (x) \cdot (\sec(e^x))$$

$$y' = x \cdot e^x \sec(e^x) \tan(e^x) + \frac{d}{dx} (x) \cdot (\sec(e^x))$$

$$y' = x \cdot e^x \sec(e^x) \tan(e^x) + 1 \cdot (\sec(e^x))$$

$$y' = \sec(e^x) (xe^x \tan(e^x) + 1)$$

Note. Do you chain rule or product rule "first"? It depends!

3.1.2 Constant to the Power of x Rule

We want to derive $y = 3^x$.

Start by writing 3^x in terms of e^x :

$$3^x = e^{\ln(3^x)}$$
$$3^x = e^{x\ln(3)}$$

Use the chain rule:

$$f(x) = e^{x}$$

$$g(x) = x \ln(3)$$

$$f'(x) = e^{x}$$

$$g'(x) = \ln(3)$$

$$y' = e^{x \ln(3)} \cdot \ln(3)$$
$$y' = 3^x \cdot \ln(3)$$

Theorem 3.1.2 (Constant to the Power of x Rule). If we assume that a is constant where a > 0 and $a \ne 1$ then:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(a^x) = a^x \cdot \ln(a) \tag{3.2}$$

Example 3.1.2.1.

$$f(x) = 2^{x}$$
 $f'(x) = 2^{x} \cdot \ln(2)$
 $g(x) = x^{5}$ $g'(x) = 5x^{4}$

 $y = 2^{x^5}$

$$y' = 2^{x^5} \ln(2) \cdot 5x^4$$
$$y' = 5 \cdot \ln(2) \cdot x^4 \cdot 2^{x^5}$$

Example 3.1.2.2.

$$y = 3\sec(2^{x})$$

$$y' = 3\frac{d}{dx} (\sec(2^{x}))$$

$$f(x) = \sec(x) \qquad f'(x) = \sec(x) \tan(x)$$

$$g(x) = 2^{x} \qquad g'(x) = 2^{x} \cdot \ln(2)$$

$$f'(x) = 3\sec(2^{x}) \tan(2^{x}) \cdot 2^{x} \ln(2)$$

$$f'(x) = (3\ln(2)) 2^{x} \sec(2^{x}) \tan(2^{x})$$

3.2 Implicit Differentiation

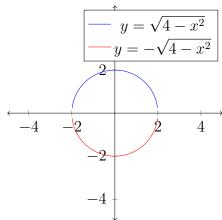
Some curves' equations can't be solved for y (or maybe not easily), but we should still be able find the tangent line and its slope.

Example 3.2.0.1.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4$$

- Not a function!
- Can solve for y

$$y = \pm \sqrt{4 - x^2}$$



Given an expression with xs and ys to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

- 1. Treat y as a function of x and differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to x
- 2. Solve for $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$

3. Win

Note. When doing step one (1), you can thing "Whenever I thake the derivative of y multiply that term by $\frac{dy}{dx}$."

Example 3.2.0.2. If $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

a)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} (x^2 + y^2) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} (4)$$

$$2x + 2y \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = 0$$

$$\frac{2y \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}}{2y} = \frac{-2x}{2y}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{-2x}{2y}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

b) Find the slope of the tangent line at $(1, \sqrt{3})$

$$\left. \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} \right|_{\left(1,\sqrt{3}\right)} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Note. The line after $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is read as " $\frac{dy}{dx}$ evaluated with x = 1 and $y = \sqrt{3}$ "

c) What is the equation of the tangent at $(1, \sqrt{3})$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

 $y - \sqrt{3} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(x - 1)$

3.3 Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions

Theorem 3.3.1 (Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions). If we recall that $\log_a(x) = y$, then $a^y = x$ as well as $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(a^x) = a^x \ln(a)$ then the following must be true:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\log_a(x)\right) = \frac{1}{x\ln(a)}\tag{3.3}$$

Proof.

$$\log_a(x) = y$$

$$a^y = x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^y) = \frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

$$a^y \ln(a) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{a^y \ln(a)}$$

This is fine but we don't want y in our answer.

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{1}{x\ln(a)}$$

This is valid because we know that $a^y = x$

What about $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(\ln(x))$?

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} (\ln(x)) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} (\log_e(x))$$

$$= \frac{1}{x \ln(e)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x}$$

Note. The power rule will never give an exponent of -1, since n = 0 would mean that it's a constant.

Example 3.3.1.1. Differentiate: $f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln(x)}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(\ln(x)) \frac{d}{dx} (x) - (x) \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(x))}{(\ln(x))^2}$$

$$= \frac{(\ln(x)) (1) - (x) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{(\ln(x))^2}$$

$$= \frac{\ln(x) - 1}{(\ln(x))^2}$$

$$= \frac{\ln(x)}{(\ln(x))^2} - \frac{1}{(\ln(x))^2}$$
(Optional)
$$= \frac{1}{\ln(x)} - \frac{1}{(\ln(x))^2}$$
(Optional)

Example 3.3.1.2. Differentiate y = |x|

$$y = \begin{cases} \ln(x) & x > 0\\ \ln(-x) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Note. Domain is all real number except 0

$$x > 0:$$

$$y = \ln(x)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{-x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(-x)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{-x}(-1)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x}$$

Conclusion: because y' was the same in both cases then the following must be true:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\ln(|x|)\right) = \frac{1}{x}$$