



Week 3 - Differentiation

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Difference Quotient

$$Q = \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

Tangent

$$f'(a) = m = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

$$f'(a) = m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

Theorem 3.1 Differentiability Implies Continuity

If $f(x)$ is differentiable at a then $f(x)$ is continuous at a

Proof:

To prove that $f(x)$ is continuous at a , we need to show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \rightarrow f(a)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - f(a) + f(a)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \cdot (x - a) + f(a)$$

$$= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \right) \cdot \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x - a \right) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(a)$$

$$= f'(a) \cdot 0 + f(a)$$

$$= f(a)$$

Therefore, since $f(a)$ is defined and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$, we conclude that $f(x)$ is continuous at a \square

Theorem 3.2 The Constant Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}c = 0$$

Theorem 3.3/3.7/3.12 Power Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}x^n = nx^{n-1}$$

Theorem 3.4 Sum, Difference and Constant Multiple Rules

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) \pm g(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) \pm \frac{d}{dx}g(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}kf(x) = k\frac{d}{dx}f(x)$$

Theorem 3.5 Product Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)g(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) \cdot g(x) + \frac{d}{dx}(g(x)) \cdot f(x) = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + g'(x) \cdot f(x)$$

Theorem 3.6 Quotient Rule

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

Theorem 3.8/3.9 Trigonometric Derivatives

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

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

To prove this:

We need to know that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} = 1$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) \cos(h) + \cos(x) \sin(h) - \sin(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) \cos(h) - \sin(x)}{h} + \frac{\cos(x) \sin(h)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(x) \left(\frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right) + \cos(x) \frac{\sin(h)}{h}$$

$$= \sin(x) \cdot 0 + \cos(x) \cdot 1$$

$$= \cos(x)$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot(x) = -\csc^2(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) = \sec(x) \tan(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \csc(x) = -\csc(x) \cot(x)$$

Theorem 3.10 Chain Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} \cdot \frac{dy}{du}$$

Proof:

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

$$h'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(a))}{x - a}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(a))}{g(x) - g(a)} \cdot \frac{g(x) - g(a)}{x - a}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(a))}{g(x) - g(a)} \cdot g'(a)$$

let $y = g(x)$ and $b = g(a)$:

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{f(y) - f(b)}{y - b} = f'(b) = f'(g(a))$$

Therefore

$$= f'(g(a)) \cdot g'(a)$$

Theorem 3.11 Inverse Function Theorem

$$\frac{d}{dx} f^{-1}(x) = (f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}$$

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

Theorem 3.14 Derivative of the Natural Exponential Function

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^{g(x)} = e^{g(x)} g'(x)$$

Proof, assuming e is the only value of b for which this holds:

$$B(x) = b^x$$

$$B'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^{x+h} - b^x}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^x b^h - b^x}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^x (b^h - 1)}{h}$$

$$= b^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^h - 1}{h}$$

$$b^x B'(0)$$

Theorem 3.15 Derivative of the Natural Logarithm Function

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(g(x)) = \frac{1}{g(x)} g'(x)$$

Proof:

$$y = \ln(x)$$

$$e^y = x$$

$$e^y \frac{d}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{e^y}$$

Then, substituting $y = \ln(x)$

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

Theorem 3.16 Derivatives of General Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

If $y = \log_b x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x \ln(b)}$$

More generally:

If $h(x) = \log_b(g(x))$

$$h'(x) = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x) \ln(b)}$$

Proof:

$$y = \log_b x$$

$$b^y = x$$

$$\ln(b^y) = \ln(x)$$

$$y \ln(b) = \ln(x)$$

$$y = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(b)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x \ln(b)}$$

If $y = b^x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = b^x \ln(b)$$

More generally:

If $h(x) = b^{g(x)}$

$$h'(x) = b^{g(x)} g'(x) \ln(b)$$

Proof:

$$y = b^x$$

$$\ln(y) = x \ln(b)$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \ln(b) = b^x \ln(b)$$