

Math 140B Lecture Notes (Professor: Brandon Seward)

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Let $f : E \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Since E is the domain of f , we shall also refer to it as $\text{dom}(f)$.

Fix a point $x \in E \cap E'$. Then consider the function $\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x}$ for $t \in \text{dom}(f) \setminus \{x\}$ and define the derivative of f at x to be $f'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \left(\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \right)$ provided that this limit exists. When the above limit exists, we say f is differentiable at x .

We say f is differentiable on $D \subseteq E$ if f is differentiable at every point in D , and if f is differentiable on its entire domain, then we call f differentiable.

The function $f'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \left(\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \right)$ is called the derivative of f .

Proposition 83: If f is differentiable at x , then f is continuous at x .

Proof:

Note that $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} (f(t)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \left((t-x) \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} + f(x) \right)$.

Now $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} (t-x) = 0$ and we know $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} = f'(x)$ exists because f is differentiable at x . Also, obviously $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} f(x) = f(x)$.

Thus by proposition 66 (check 140A notes), we know that:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \left((t-x) \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} + f(x) \right) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} (t-x) \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \left(\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \right) + \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f(x) \\ &= 0 \cdot f'(x) + f(x) \\ &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, f is continuous at x .

Notes:

1. The above proposition says that differentiability is stronger than continuity.
2. The converse of this proposition is false. For example, the function $f(x) = |x|$ is continuous at $x = 0$ but not differentiable at $x = 0$.

Proposition 84: Suppose f and g are real valued functions with $\text{dom}(f), \text{dom}(g) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Also suppose f and g are differentiable at x . Then $f + g$, fg , and (when $g(x) \neq 0$) $\frac{f}{g}$ are differentiable at x with:

- (A) $(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$ (sum rule)
 (B) $(fg)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$ (product rule)
 (C) $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$ (quotient rule)

Proof:

(A) Since both f and g are differentiable, we know that both $f'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x}$ and $g'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{g(t) - g(x)}{t - x}$ exist. So by proposition 66:

$$(f + g)'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t) + g(t) - f(x) - g(x)}{t - x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} + \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{g(t) - g(x)}{t - x}$$

This means $(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$.

(B) Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} (fg)'(x) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t)g(t) - f(x)g(x)}{t - x} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t)g(t) - f(x)g(t) + f(x)g(t) - f(x)g(x)}{t - x} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \left(g(t) \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} + f(x) \frac{g(t) - g(x)}{t - x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

By proposition 83, $g(t) \rightarrow g(x)$ as $t \rightarrow x$. Also, since both f and g are differentiable, we know $f'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x}$ and $g'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{g(t) - g(x)}{t - x}$ exist. So by proposition 66:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \left(g(t) \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} + f(x) \frac{g(t) - g(x)}{t - x} \right) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x).$$

(C) Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}}{t - x} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \left(\frac{1}{g(x)g(t)} \frac{f(t)g(x) - f(x)g(t)}{t - x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

A List of How The Proposition Numbering in my Notes Lines up With Our Textbook:

Proposition Number	Label in Textbook	Proposition Number	Label in Textbook
83	5.2	84	5.3

Our textbook is *Principles of Mathematical Analysis* by Walter Rudin.