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Abstract

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Here are some resources explaining Rudin

- Supplements to the Exercises, Comments by Prof.Bergman from UCB.
- The Real Analysis Lifesaver: kind of companion for Rudin to explain ideas of a few smart proof.

[0.1] Especially '∩' and '∪' are often mistaken because of typos.

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Lecture 1: Differentiation

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1.1 Differentiable

Definition 1.1 (*Differentiable*)

Let $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}, x \in [a, b]$. Define

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x}$$

for $a \le t \le b, t \ne x$. We say f is ***differentiable*** *at x if and only if $f'(x) = \lim_{t\to x} \varphi(t)$ exists, and we denote the* ***derivative*** *of f at x by $f'(x)$.*

If f is differentiable at x, then $f'(x) = \lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x}$. Note that if φ is not defined at x and f is differentiable at x, we can define $\Phi(t) = \begin{cases} \varphi(t) & t \ne x \\ f'(x) & t = x \end{cases}$, then Φ is continuous at x.

e.g.1.

- Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be $f(x) = x^2$. Compute $f'(0)$ if exists.

  Proof: By the definition, we get $\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{f(t)-f(0)}{t-0} = \lim_{t\to 0} = \frac{t^2}{t} = 0$. ■

- $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$ is differentiable at 0.

  Proof: We need to compute (or show DNE) $\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{f(t)-f(0)}{t-0} = \lim_{t\to 0} \frac{f(t)}{t} = \lim_{t\to 0} \begin{cases} \frac{t^2}{t} & t \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & t \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases} = 0$. ■

- $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$ is continuous at 0 but not differentiable at 0.

  Proof: Proof of continuity is left as exercise. To show it is non-differentiable, we need to show the limit $\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{f(t)}{t}$ DNE. We want to find two sequences $t_n \to 0, s_n \to 0$ that $t_n \ne 0, s_n \ne 0$ such that $\frac{f(t_n)}{t_n} = 1$ and $\frac{f(s_n)}{s_n} \to 0$. So let $t_n = \frac{1}{n}$, then $\forall n : t_n \ne 0$ and $t_n \to 0$. Then $\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{f(t_n)}{t_n} = \frac{t_n}{t_n} = 1$. Let $s_n = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{n} \notin \mathbb{Q}$, then $\forall n : s_n \ne 0$ and $s_n \to 0$. Then $\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{f(s_n)}{s_n} = \frac{0}{s_n} = 0$. So $\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{f(t)}{t}$ DNE. ■

1.2 Properties of Differentiable Functions

Lemma 1.1

Let f be defined on $[a, b]$ and $x \in [a, b]$. If f is differentiable at x then f is continuous at x [1.1]*.*

Proof: We need to show that $\lim_{t\to 0} f(t) = f(x)$. We have $\lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} = f'(x)$. Note that $f(t) - f(x) = \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \cdot (t - x)$ since $t \neq x$. Then $f(t) = f(x) + \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \cdot (t - x)$. Now $\lim_{t\to x} f(t) = f(x)$ and $\lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \cdot (t - x) = \left(\lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x}\right) \cdot (\lim_{t\to x}(t - x)) = f'(x) \cdot 0 = 0$. Hence $\lim_{t\to x} f(t) = \lim_{t\to x} f(x) + \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \cdot (t - x) = f(x)$. So f is continuous at x. ■

Remark: If f is differentiable at x, then $f(t) = f(x) + (f'(x) + E(t))\,(t - x)$ where $\lim_{t\to x} E(t) = 0$. Indeed, $f(t) = f(x) + \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \cdot (t - x)$. And we write $\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} = f'(x) + E(t)$. Then since $f'(x)$ exists, $\lim_{t\to x} E(t) = 0$.

Proposition 1.2

Let $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}, g : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ be two functions which are differentiable at $x \in [a, b]$. Then $f + g$ and $f \cdot g$ are differentiable at x. If $g(x) \neq 0$, then $\frac{f}{g}$ is differentiable at x.

1. $(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$
2. $(f \cdot g)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$
3. $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) = \dfrac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$

Proof:

1. $\lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)+g(t)-(f(x)+g(x))}{t-x} = \lim_{t\to x} \left(\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} + \frac{g(t)-g(x)}{t-x}\right) = \lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} + \lim_{t\to x} \frac{g(t)-g(x)}{t-x} = f'(x) + g'(x)$.
2. $\lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)g(t)-f(x)g(x)}{t-x} = \lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)g(t)+f(t)g(x)-f(t)g(x)-f(x)g(x)}{t-x} = \lim_{t\to x}(\frac{g(t)-g(x)}{t-x} f(t) + \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} g(t))$. Now since f is differentiable at x, it is continuous at x. So $\lim_{t\to x} f(t) = f(x)$. $\lim_{t\to x} f(t)\frac{g(t)-g(x)}{t-x} = (\lim_{t\to x} f(t)) \cdot \left(\lim_{t\to x} \frac{g(t)-g(x)}{t-x}\right) = f(x) \cdot g'(x)$. Moreover, $\lim_{t\to x} g(x)\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} = g(x) \cdot f'(x)$. So $\lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)g(t)-f(x)g(x)}{t-x} = f(x) \cdot g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$.
3. First note that since g is differentiable at x. It is continuous at x. Then $\exists \delta > 0, \forall t \in (x - \delta, x + \delta) \cap [a, b] : f(t) \neq 0$. So we always assume $t \in (x - \delta, x + \delta) \cap [a, b]$ and hence $g(t) \neq 0$ and $\frac{f(t)}{g(t)}$ is defined. Now $\lim_{t\to x} \frac{1}{t-x} \cdot \left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \lim_{t\to x} \frac{1}{t-x} \cdot \frac{f(t)g(x)-f(x)g(t)}{g(t)g(x)} = \lim_{t\to x} \frac{1}{g(t)g(x)} \cdot \frac{f(t)g(x)-f(x)g(t)}{t-x}$. We now consider $\lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)g(x)-f(x)g(t)}{t-x} = \lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)g(t)-f(x)g(x)+f(x)g(x)-f(x)g(t)}{t-x} = \lim_{t\to x}(\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} g(x) - \frac{g(t)-g(x)}{t-x} f(x)) = g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)$. Moreover, since g is continuous at x, $\lim_{t\to x} g(t)g(x) = (g(x))^2 \neq 0$. Then $\lim_{t\to x} \frac{1}{t-x} \cdot \left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{g(x)f'(x)-f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$.

[1.1] Note that the converse is not true: $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$ is continuous at 0 but not differentiable.

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Proposition 1.3 (*Chain Rule*)

Let $f : [a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$ and g be defined on an interval containing the range of f. Let $x \in [a,b]$. Assume f is differentiable at x and g is differentiable at $f(x)$. Let $h(t) = g(f(x))$ for $t \in [a,b]$. Then h is differentiable at x and we have

$$h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$$

Proof: Let $y = f(x), s = f(t)$. Now since f is differentiable at x and g is differentiable at y, we have $f(t) = f(x) + (f'(x) + E_f(t))(t - x)$ and $g(s) = g(y) + (g'(y) + E_g(s))(s - y)$ where $\lim_{t\to x} E_f(t) = 0$ and $\lim_{s\to y} E_g(t) = 0$. Now $h(t) - h(x) = g(f(t)) - g(f(x)) = g(s) - g(y) = (g'(y) + E_g(s))(s - y) = (g'(y) + F(s)) \cdot (f(t) - f(x)) = (g'(y) + E_g(s)) \cdot (f'(x) + E_f(t)) \cdot (t - x)$. Then $\lim_{t\to x} f'(x) + E_f(t) = f'(x)$ and $\lim_{t\to x} g'(y) + E_g(s) = g'(x)$. In order to compute $\lim_{t\to x} g'(y) + E_g(s)$. We first note that $y = f(x), s = f(t)$. Since f is differentiable at x, it is continuous at x. So $\lim_{t\to x} s = \lim_{t\to x} f(t) = f(x) = y$. Thus $\lim_{t\to x} g'(y) + E_g(s) = \lim_{s\to y} g'(y) + E_g(s) = g'(y)$. Altogether, $\lim_{t\to x} \frac{h(t)-h(x)}{t-x} = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$. ■

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Lecture 2: Rolle's Theorem, Mean Value Theorem

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e.g.1. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$ is differentiable at 0 but f' is not continuous at 0. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$ is continuous at 0 but not differentiable at 0 [2.1].

Lemma 2.1

Let $f : (a, b) \to \mathbb{R}$ be a convex and differentiable function. Then f' is increasing.

Proof: Recall that f is convex if $\forall a < s < u < b, 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 : f(\lambda s + (1-\lambda)u) \leq \lambda f(s) + (1-\lambda) f(u)$. We showed in a homework in 140A that if f is convex, then $\forall a \leq s < t < u \leq b : \frac{f(t)-f(s)}{t-s} \leq \frac{f(u)-f(s)}{u-s} \leq \frac{f(u)-f(t)}{u-t}$. Now taking $\lim_{t \to s^+}$ we get $\lim_{t \to s^+} \frac{f(t)-f(s)}{t-s} \leq \frac{f(u)-f(s)}{u-s}$. Similarly, we have $\lim_{t \to u^-} \frac{f(u)-f(t)}{u-t} \geq \frac{f(u)-f(s)}{u-s}$. Note that f is differentiable on (a, b) so $f'(s) = \lim_{t \to s} \frac{f(t)-f(s)}{t-s} = \lim_{t \to s^+} \frac{f(t)-f(s)}{t-s} \leq \frac{f(u)-f(s)}{u-s}$. Similarly, we have $f'(u) \geq \frac{f(u)-f(s)}{u-s}$. Altogether, we have $f'(s) \leq f'(u)$. ■

2.1 Mean Value Theorem

Definition 2.1 (*Local Maximum*)

Let f be a real valued function on a metric space X. Let $p \in X$, we say f has ***local maximum*** *at p if $\exists \delta > 0, \forall x \in N_\delta(p) : f(p) \geq f(x)$.* ***Local minimum*** *is defined similarly.*

Remark: Given $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$, we can draw the graph of f and local maximum and local minimum have the usual picture.

Lemma 2.2

Let $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Let $x \in (a, b)$ ve a local maximum for f. Assume further that f is differentiable at x. Then $f'(x) = 0$. Similar statement holds for local minimum.

Proof: Since x is a local maximum, $\exists \delta > 0 : (x-\delta, x+\delta) \subset [a, b]$ and $\forall t \in (x-\delta, x+\delta) : f(t) \leq f(x)$. Now $f'(x)$ exists. So $f'(x) = \lim_{t \to x} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x}$. We compute this limit by taking $\lim_{t \to x^-}$ and $\lim_{t \to x^+}$. Note that we can always assume $t \in (x-\delta, x+\delta)$ since we are computing $\lim_{t \to x}$. If $x - \delta < t < x$, then $\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \geq 0$ indicates $\lim_{t \to x^-} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \geq 0$; if $x < t < x+\delta$, then $\frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \leq 0$ indicates $\lim_{t \to x^+} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} \leq 0$. Then $\lim_{t \to x} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} = f'(x) = 0$.

[2.1] Although we have not yet defined trigonometric functions in a rigorous way, we know what it is.

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e.g.2. $f(x) = |x|$ has local minimum at 0 but not differentiable at 0. Indeed, $\lim_{t\to 0^-} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} = -1$ and $\lim_{t\to 0^+} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x} = 1$.

Theorem 2.3 (*Rolle's Theorem*)

Let f be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b). Suppose that $f(a) = f(b)$. Then $\exists c \in (a, b) : f'(c) = 0$.

Proof: Recall that $[a, b]$ is compact. Since f is continuous, f has (absolute) maximum and (absolute) minimum on $[a, b]$. i.e. $\exists t, s \in [a, b], \forall x \in [a, b] : f(s) \le f(x) \le f(t)$.

Case1: at least one of s and t is an interior point i.e. belongs to (a, b). Let's say $t \in (a, b)$. Then by previous lemma, since $\forall x \in [a, b], t \in (a, b) : f(t) \ge f(x)$, f is differentiable at t. We conclude that $f'(t) = 0$ so $c = t$ solves this. Similarly if $s \in (a, b)$, the previous implies $f'(s) = 0$ so $c = s$.

Case2: Both t and s are end points. In this case, since $f(a) = f(b)$, f is constant. So $\forall c \in (a, b) : f'(c) = 0$. ■

Corollary 2.4 (*Mean Value Theorem*)

Let $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and differentiable on (a, b). Then $\exists c \in (a, b)$:

$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a)$$

Proof: Let L be a line through $(a, f(a))$ and $(b, f(b))$. Then the equation of L can be written as $y(x) - f(a) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}(x - a)$ or $y(x) = f(a) + \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}(x - a)$. Define $h(x) = f(x) - y(x)$. Then h is continuous on $[a, b]$; differentiable on (a, b); $h(a) = f(a) - y(a) = 0$; $h(b) = f(b) - y(b) = 0$. So h satisfies conditions of Rolle's Theorem. Then $\exists c \in (a, b) : h'(c) = 0$. Note that $h'(x) = f'(x) - y'(x) = f'(x) - \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$. $\exists c \in (a, b) : h'(c) = 0$. So $f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$. ■

Corollary 2.5 (*Generalization of Mean Value Theorem*)

Let f and g be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b). Then $\exists c \in (a, b)$: [2.2]

$$(f(b) - f(a))\, g'(c) = (g(b) - g(a))\, f'(c)$$

Proof: Define $h(x) = (f(b) - f(a))g(x) - (g(b) - f(a))f(x)$. To see this explicitly, we want to find λ and μ such that $\lambda f(a) + \mu g(a) = 0$ and $\lambda f(b) + \mu g(b) = 0$. Subtracting these two equations, we have $\lambda(f(a) - f(b)) + \mu(g(a) - g(b)) = 0$. Then $\lambda = g(a) - g(b), \mu = -(f(a) - f(b))$. Now since h is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b), $h(a) = 0$ and $h(b) = 0$. Therefore by Rolle's Theorem, $\exists c \in (a, b) : h'(c) = 0$. Note that $h'(x) = (f(b) - f(a))g'(x) - (g(b) - g(a))f'(x)$. Hence $h'(c) = 0$ indicates $(f(b) - f(a))g'(c) = (g(b) - g(a))f'(c)$. ■

[2.2] If $g(x) = x$, then we get the MVT Theorem.

Corollary 2.6

Suppose f is differentiable on (a, b)

1. *If $\forall x \in (a, b) : f'(x) \geq 0$, then f is increasing.*
2. *If $\forall x \in (a, b) : f'(x) \leq 0$, then f is decreasing.*
3. *If $\forall x \in (a, b) : f'(x) = 0$, then f is continuous.*

Proof: Let $a < s < t < b$ then $\exists c \in (s, t) : f(t) - f(s) = f'(c)(t - s)$. Now if $\forall x \in (a, b) : f'(x) \geq 0$ holds, then this implies that $f'(c) \geq 0$. Then $f(t) \geq f(s)$. Since t and s are arbitrary, (1) holds true. The proof of (2) and (3) are similar. ■

e.g.3. Let y be twice differentiable on $\mathbb{R}$. Suppose $y = -y''$, $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0$. Prove that y is the constant function 0 [2.3].

[2.3] Hint: consider $y + y'' = 0$, then $2y'y + 2y'y'' = 0$. Note that $\left(y^2 + (y')^2\right)' = 2yy' + 2y'y''$.

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Lecture 3: Intermediate Value Theorem, L'Hospital's Rule, Higher Order Derivatives

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e.g.1. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin\frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$. $f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x\sin\frac{1}{x} - \cos\frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$. But $f'(x)$ is not continuous at 0.

e.g.2. $h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$. Does there exist some f such that $f'(x) = h(x)$? [3.1]

3.1 Intermediate Value Theorem

Theorem 3.1 (*Intermediate Value Property for f'*)

Let f be differentiable on $[a, b]$. Suppose $f'(a) < c < f'(b)$ (or $f'(a) > c > f'(b)$). Then $\exists x \in (a, b) : f'(x) = c$.

Proof: Note that $f'(x) = c \implies f'(x) - c = 0$. So if we let $h(t) = f(t) - ct$ for $t \in [a, b]$. Then we are looking for some x such that $h'(x) = 0$. We will show this holds by showing that h has a local minimum in (a, b). Since h is differentiable on $[a, b]$, h is continuous. Then h has absolute maximum and minimum on $[a, b]$. We claim that the minimum cannot happen at a or b. Note $h'(a) = f'(a) - c < 0$ and $h'(b) = f'(b) - c > 0$. The first equality implies $\lim_{t\to a} \frac{h(t)-h(a)}{t-a} < 0$ for $t \in (a, b]$. So $t - a > 0$ since the limit is positive and $h(t) - h(a) < 0$ for t close to a. Thus the minimum is not at a. Similarly, the minimum is not at b. So $\exists x \in (a, b), \forall t \in [a, b] : h(x) \leq h(t)$. Then by a lemma, $h(x) = 0$. ■

Corollary 3.2

- *If f' is discontinuous at x, then it is a second-kind discontinuity.*
- *If f' is increasing, then it is continuous.*

Proof: The first part follows from the previous theorem. The second claim follows from the first and the fact that discontinuity of monotonic function is of the first kind. ■

[3.1] We will show the answer is NO.

3.2 L'Hospital's Rule

Theorem 3.3 (*L'Hospital's Rule*)

Let f and g be differentiable on (a,b). Assume $\forall x \in (a,b) : g'(x) \neq 0$. Suppose:

1. $\lim_{x\to a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L$
2. *Either* $\lim_{x\to a} f = \lim_{x\to a} g = 0$ *or* $\lim_{x\to a} g = \infty$.

Then $\lim_{x\to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$.

Proof: Note that $\exists \delta_0 > 0, \forall x \in (a, a+\delta_0) : g(x) \neq 0$. Indeed, if $\exists a < t < s < b : g(t) = g(s) = 0$, then by MVT, $\exists t < x < s : g'(x) = 0$, contradiction. So g has at most one zero in (a,b). Then $\exists \delta_0, \forall x \in (a, a+\delta_0) \cup (b-\delta_0, b) : g(x) \neq 0$. So replacing (a,b) by $(a, a+\delta_0)$, we assume $g(x) \neq 0$ on (a,b).

Case1: $L \in \mathbb{R}$. We need to show $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 : x \in (a, a+\delta) \implies \left|\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - L\right| < \epsilon$. Since $\lim_{x\to a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L$, we have $\exists \delta_1, \forall x \in (a, a+\delta_1) : \left|\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} - L\right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Fix $x \in (a, a+\delta_1)$ and let $a < t < x < a+\delta_1$. Then by MVT, $\frac{f(x)-f(a)}{g(x)-g(a)} = \frac{f'(c_t)}{g'(c_t)}$ for $t < c_t < x$. Assume $\lim_{t\to a} f(t) = \lim_{t\to a} g(t) = 0$. Then $\left|\frac{f(x)-f(t)}{g(x)-g(t)} - L\right| = \left|\frac{f'(c_t)}{g'(c_t)} - L\right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Take limit as $t \to a$. Hence we get $\left|\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - L\right| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Since $x \in (a, a+\delta_1)$ is arbitrary, we get $\left|\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - L\right| < \epsilon$ in the case $\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = \lim_{x\to a} g(x) = 0$. Now we consider $\lim_{t\to\infty} g(t) = \infty$. Then $\left|\frac{f(x)-f(t)}{g(x)-g(t)} - L\right| = \left|\frac{f'(c_t)}{g'(c_t)} - L\right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for $a < t < c_t < x < a+\delta_1$. Thus $L - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{g(t)-g(x)} < L + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Since $\lim_{t\to\infty} g(t) = \infty$ and $x \in (a, a+\delta_1)$ is fixed, $\exists \delta_2 : a < t < a+\delta_2 < x < a+\delta_1 \implies g(t) > 0, g(t) - g(x) > 0$. Multiplying $L - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{g(t)-g(x)} < L + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ by $(g(t) - g(x))$, we have $(L - \frac{\epsilon}{2})(g(t) - g(x)) < f(t) - f(x) < (L + \frac{\epsilon}{2})(g(t) - g(x))$. Adding $f(x)$ to the inequality and dividing by $g(t)$ give $(L - \frac{\epsilon}{2})\frac{g(t)-g(x)}{g(t)} + \frac{f(x)}{g(t)} < \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} < (L + \frac{\epsilon}{2})\frac{g(t)-g(x)}{g(t)} + \frac{f(x)}{g(t)}$. Since x is fixed, $\exists \delta_3 < \delta_2 : a < t < a+\delta_3 < a+\delta_2 < x < a+\delta_1 \implies \left|\frac{f(x)}{g(t)}\right| < \frac{\epsilon}{10}, \left|\frac{g(x)}{g(t)}\right| < \frac{\epsilon}{10}$. Then we have $L - \epsilon < \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} < L + \epsilon$. So if $t \in (a, a+\delta_3)$, then $\left|\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} - L\right| < \epsilon$. So $\lim_{t\to a} \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} = L$ in this case as well.

Case2: $L = \pm\infty$. The proof is similar and left as exercise. ■

3.3 Higher Order Derivatives

Definition 3.1

Let f be differentiable on $[a,b]$. $\forall x \in [a,b] : f'(x) = \lim_{t\to x} \frac{f(t)-f(x)}{t-x}$. So f' is a function on $[a,b]$. If f' is differentiable on $[a,b]$, then $(f')'$ will be denoted by f''. Continuing inductively, we define $f, f'', f''', f^{(n)}$ if they exist [3.2].

[3.2] Note that in order for $f^{(n)}$ to exist at $x \in [a,b]$. The $(n-1)$-derivative should exist on an interval around.

Definition 3.2 (*Taylor's Polynomial*)

Suppose f is defined on $[a,b]$. Let $c \in [a,b]$ and suppose f is n-time differentiable at c. Then we define

$$P_{n,c}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!}(x-c)^k = f(c) + \frac{f'(c)}{1!}(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \dots$$

$P_{n,c}$ *is the called n-th (degree)* ***Taylor's polynomial*** *at c.*

Remark: Without further restrictions, $P_{n,c}(x)$ gives only information about c. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x}} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$. Then $\forall n : f^{(n)} = 0$ so $P_{n,0}(x) = 0$.

Lecture 4: Taylor's Theorem

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Lemma 4.1

Let f be n-times differentiable at c. Then

1. $f^{(k)}(c) = P_{n,c}^{(k)}(c)$ *for* $0 \leq k \leq n$
2. $P_{n,c}^{(k)}(t) = 0$ *for* $k > n$
3. $\lim_{t \to c} \frac{f(t) - P_{n,c}(t)}{(t-c)^k/k!} = 0$ *for* $0 \leq k \leq n$

Proof: (1) follows from the definition. Indeed, $P_{n,c}(t) = f(c) + f'(c)(t-c) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!}(t-c)^k + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(t-c)^n$. Then $P_{n,c}^{(k)}(t) = f^{(k)}(c) + (k+1) \times \cdots \times 2 \times \frac{f^{(k+1)}(c)}{(k+1)!}(t-c) + \cdots + n(n-1)\ldots(n-(k-1))\frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(t-c)^{n-k}$. So if we evaluate this at c, we get $P_{n,c}^{(k)}(c) = f^{(k)}(c)$.

(2) is clear since $P_{n,c}$ has degree at most n for every $0 \leq k \leq n$.

(3) It suffices to prove this for $k = n$. We want to compute $\lim_{t \to c} \frac{f(t) - P_{n,c}(t)}{(t-c)^n/n!}$. For $n = 1$, $\lim_{t \to c} \frac{f(t) - P_{1,c}(t)}{t-c} = \lim_{t \to c} \frac{f(t) - (f(c) + f'(c)(t-c))}{t-c} = \lim_{t \to c} \left(\frac{f(t) - f(c)}{t-c} - f'(c) \right)$. Note that the conditions of L'Hospital Rule are satisfied $(n-1)$-times. So by the conclusion of L'Hospital, we compute: $\lim_{t \to c} \frac{f^{(n-1)}(t) - (f^{(n-1)}(c) + f^{(n)}(c)(t-c))}{t-c} = \lim_{t \to c} (\frac{f^{(n-1)}(t) - f^{(n-1)}(c)}{t-c} - f^{(n)}(c)) = 0$. Thus, by L'Hospital we have $\lim_{t \to c} \frac{f(t) - P_{1,c}(t)}{t-c} = 0$. ■

Corollary 4.2

Suppose f is n-times differentiable at c and $f'(c) = \cdots = f^{(n-1)}(c) = 0$

1. *Suppose n is even, if $f^{(n)}(c) > 0$, then c is the local minimum; if $f^{(n)}(c) < 0$, then c is the local maximum.*
2. *Suppose n is odd, $f^{(n)}(c) \neq 0$. Then c is not local maximum or minimum.*

Proof: (1) Suppose n is even, $P_{n,c}(t) = f(c) + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(t-c)^n$. Now by previous lemma, $\lim_{t \to c} \frac{f(t) - P_{n,c}(t)}{(t-c)^n/n!} = 0$. Suppose $f^{(n)}(c) > 0$, then $0 = \lim_{t \to c} \frac{f(t) - f(c) - \frac{f^{(n)}}{n!}(t-c)^n}{(t-c)^n/n!} = \lim_{t \to c} \left(\frac{f(t) - f(c)}{(t-c)^n/n!} - f^{(n)}(c) \right)$. So we get $\lim_{t \to c} \frac{f(t) - f(c)}{(t-c)^n/n!} = f^{(n)}(c)$. Since $f^{(n)} > 0$, $\frac{f(t) - f(c)}{(t-c)^n/n!} > 0$. If t is close to c, n is even so $\frac{(t-c)^n}{n!} > 0$. Altogether we get $\exists \delta, \forall t \in (c-\delta, c+\delta) : f(t) - f(c) \geq 0$, so c is the local minimum.

The proof for $f^{(n)}(c) < 0$ and n is even and part (2) are similar. ■

Theorem 4.3 (*Taylor's Theorem*)

> *Suppose f is real-valued on $[a,b]$. Assume that $f^{(n-1)}$ is continuous on $[a,b]$ and that $f^{(n)}$ exists on (a,b). Let $c,d \in [a,b], c \neq d$. Then $\exists t \in (c,d)$:* [4.1]
>
> $$f(d) = P_{n-1,c}(d) + \frac{f^{(n)}(t)}{n!}(d-c)^n$$

Proof: Recall the proof of MVT: $g(x) = f(x) - (f(c) + \frac{f(d)-f(c)}{d-c}(x-c))$, $g(c) = g(d) = 0$ with Rolle's Theorem implies $\exists t \in (c,d) : g'(t) = 0$.

Use a similar strategy. Define $h(x) = P_{n-1,c}(x) + M(x-c)^n$ where M is chosen so that $h(d) = f(d)$. i.e. we want to solve $f(d) = P_{n-1,c}(d) + M(d-c)^n$ for M. Let $g(x) = f(x) - h(x) = f(x) - P_{n-1,c}(x) - M(x-c)^n$. Then $g(c) = f(c) - P_{n-1,c}(c) - M(c-c)^n = 0$. Similarly, using the lemma 4.1, we have $g(c) = 0, g'(c) = 0, \ldots, g^{(n-1)}(c) = 0$. $g(d) = f(d) - h(d) = 0$. Now g is continuous on $[a,b]$ and differentiable on (a,b). So by MVT, $\exists t_1 \in (c,d) : g'(t_1) = 0$. Repeat this using the fact that $f^{(n-1)}$ is continuous on $[a,b]$ and $f^{(n)}$ exists on (a,b). We get $t_2 \in (c,t_1), t_3 \in (c,t_2), \ldots, t_{n-1} \in (c,t_{n-2})$ such that $g^{(n-1)}(t_{n-1}) = 0$. We now have $g^{(n-1)}(c) = 0, g^{(n-1)}(t_{n-1}) = 0$. Then $g^{(n-1)}$ is continuous on $[a,b]$ and differentiable on (a,b). So $\exists t \in (c,t_{n-1}) : g^{(n)}(t) = 0$. Recall that $g(x) = f(x) - P_{n-1,c}(x) - M(x-c)^n$, then $g^{(n)}(x) = f^{(n)}(x) - 0 - n!M$ since $P_{n-1,c}$ is a polynomial of degree $k \leq n-1$. Hence $0 = g^{(n)}(t) = f^{(n)}(t) - n!M$ implies $M = \frac{f^{(n)}(t)}{n!}$. ∎

[4.1] Note that $P_{n,c}(d) = P_{n-1,c}(d) + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(d-c)^n$.