

Review:

1. The derivative of $y = f(x)$: $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ (if exists). defined by

Alternative notations: $f'(x) = y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} y = \frac{d}{dx} f = \frac{df}{dx} = Dy = Df$.

$f(x)$ is differentiable at $x=a$ ($\Rightarrow f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$) exists.

2. Calculation of derivatives:

(1). calculate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ by definition: $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$.

(2). calculate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ by rules of differentiation.

① $(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$. ② $(c \cdot f)' = c \cdot f'$. (c is a constant).

③ product rule: $(f \cdot g)' = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$.

④ quotient rule: $(\frac{f}{g})' = \frac{f'g - f \cdot g'}{g^2}$.

(3). calculate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ by the chain rule.

$$y = f(u), u = g(x) \Rightarrow y = f(g(x)) \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}.$$

Review some notable derivatives: $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = n \cdot x^{n-1}$ (n is a real number)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x. \quad \frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x. \quad \frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^x = \ln a \cdot a^x. \quad \frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x.$$

We can combine these derivatives with the chain rule.

Take $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$ as an example.

Suppose $y = f(x)$. Then $\frac{d}{dx} e^{f(x)} = \frac{d}{dx} e^y = \frac{de^y}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = e^y \cdot \underline{\underline{\frac{dy}{dx}}}.$

1). Example 1 : If $y = c \cdot x$ (c is a constant), then $\frac{d}{dx} e^{cx} = e^{cx} \cdot \underline{\underline{c}} = c \cdot e^{cx}$

2). Example 2 : If $y = e^x$, then $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x \cdot \underline{\underline{\frac{de^x}{dx}}} = e^x \cdot \underline{\underline{e^x}} = \underline{\underline{e^x}}.$

(4). Implicit Differentiation.

Sometimes, y is expressed in an implicit form $F(x, y) = 0$:

$$F(x, y) = x^3 - y^3 - \sin(x+y) = 0. \quad F(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - xy = 0.$$

To calculate $\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx}}$ from $F(x, y) = 0$, we take the following 3 steps:

Step 1: Differentiate both sides with respect to x : $\frac{d}{dx} F(x, y) = \frac{d}{dx}(0) = 0$.

Step 2: Calculate $\frac{d}{dx} F(x, y)$ in terms of x, y and $\frac{dy}{dx}$. (use chain/product/quotient rule).

Step 3: Solve $\frac{d}{dx} F(x, y) = 0$ for $\frac{dy}{dx} \Rightarrow$ express $\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx}}$ in terms of x and y .

Example: $F(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - xy = 0$.

$$\text{Step 1: } \frac{d}{dx} F(x, y) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 2: } \frac{d}{dx} F(x, y) &= \frac{d}{dx} x^3 + \frac{d}{dx} y^3 - \frac{d}{dx} xy \\ &= 3x^2 + 3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} - \left(\frac{dx}{dx} \cdot y + x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Step 3: } \frac{dy}{dx} = \underbrace{\frac{y - 3x^2}{3y^2 - x}}_{\text{Solve for } \frac{dy}{dx}}.$$

→ defined only for one-to-one functions.

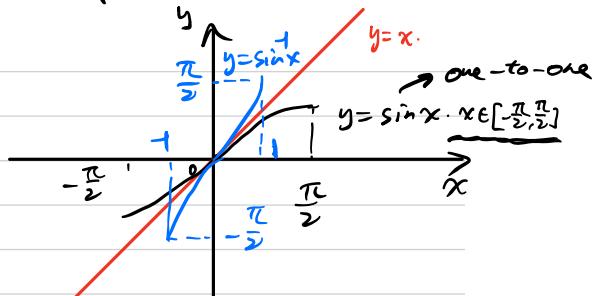
3. Derivatives of the inverse functions

(1). $y = \arcsin x = \sin^{-1} x$.

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

Recall : ① domain: $[-1, 1]$. range: $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$.

② $y = \sin^{-1} x \Rightarrow \sin y = x$.



To calculate $\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx}}$ we use the implicit differentiation for $F(x,y) = x - \sin y = 0$.

Step 1. $\frac{d}{dx}(x - \sin y) = \frac{d}{dx}(0) = 0$.

chain rule

Step 2. $\frac{d}{dx}(x - \sin y) = \frac{d}{dx}x - \frac{d}{dx}\sin y = 1 - \cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

Step 3. $1 - \cos y \cdot \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx}} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx}} = \frac{1}{\cos y}$

Notice that $\cos y = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y} = \sqrt{1 - x^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$.

because $\cos^2 y + \sin^2 y = 1$

and $\cos y \geq 0$, $y \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$.

$$(2). y = \arccos x = \cos^{-1} x$$

$$(\cos^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Recall: ① domain: $[-1, 1]$. range: $[0, \pi]$.

$$\text{② } y = \cos^{-1} x \xrightarrow{\text{means}} \cos y = x.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{d}{dx}(x - \cos y) = \frac{d}{dx}(0) \Rightarrow 1 + \sin y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sin y}.$$

$$\text{Notice that } \sin y = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 y} = \sqrt{1 - x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

$\sin y \geq 0 \quad y \in [0, \pi]$

$$(3). y = \arctan x = \tan^{-1} x$$

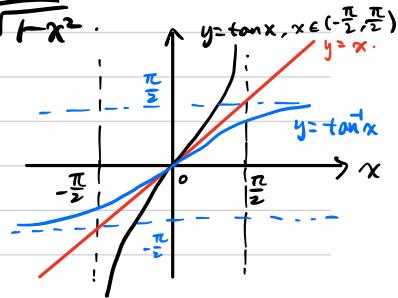
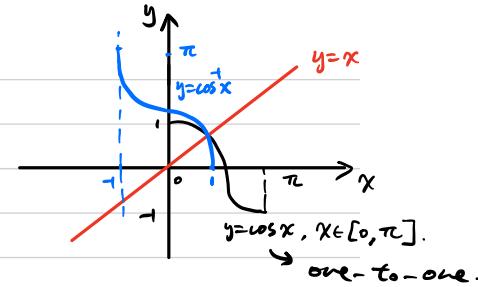
$$(\tan^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$$

Recall: ① domain: $(-\infty, +\infty)$. range: $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

$$\text{② } y = \tan^{-1} x \xrightarrow{\text{means}} \tan y = x.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x - \tan y) = \frac{d}{dx}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{\cos^2 y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos^2 y.$$

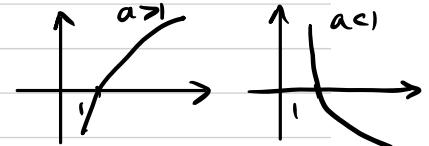
$$\text{Notice that } \cos^2 y = \frac{\cos^2 y}{1} = \frac{\cos^2 y}{\sin^2 y + \cos^2 y} = \frac{1}{\tan^2 y + 1} = \frac{1}{x^2+1} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^2+1}.$$



$$(4). y = \log_a x, (a > 0, a \neq 1). \boxed{(\log_a x)' = \frac{1}{\ln a} \cdot \frac{1}{x}} \quad \boxed{(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}}.$$

Recall : ① domain $(0, +\infty)$, range $(-\infty, +\infty)$.

means
② $y = \log_a x \Rightarrow a^y = x$.



$$\frac{d}{dx}(x - a^y) = \frac{d}{dx}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \ln a \cdot a^y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\ln a} \cdot \frac{1}{a^y} = \frac{1}{\ln a} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

Another two definitions for "e": $f(x) = \ln x$. $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

On the one hand, we have $f'(1) = 1$ because $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

On the other hand, we have

$$f'(1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot \ln(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \ln((1+h)^{\frac{1}{h}})$$

Therefore, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \ln((1+h)^{\frac{1}{h}}) = 1$

Since $\ln e = 1$ and $y = \ln x$ is continuous at $x = e$, we obtain $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1+h)^{\frac{1}{h}} = e$.

Let $n = \frac{1}{h}$, then we also have

$$\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e}$$

$\rightarrow "e"$ can be defined as the value of these two limits.

To summarize:

All these derivatives satisfy
the rule (*) in the next page.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^+ x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, \quad \frac{d}{dx} \cos^+ x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}. \quad \frac{d}{dx} \tan^+ x = \frac{1}{x^2+1}.$$
$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_a x = \frac{1}{x \cdot \ln a} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}.$$

We can combine these derivatives with the chain rule.

Take $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$ as an example.

Suppose $y = f(x)$. Then $\frac{d}{dx} \ln f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (\ln y) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{d \ln y}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$

1). Example 1: If $y = x^2 + 1$, then $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x^2 + 1) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{d(x^2 + 1)}{dx} = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1}$

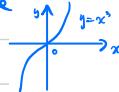
2). Example 2: If $y = \ln x$, then $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(\ln x) = \frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{d \ln x}{dx} = \frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x \ln x}$

(5) The general formula for derivatives of inverse functions:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(x) \text{ is one-to-one} \\ g(x) \text{ is the inverse function of } f(x) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} g(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}. \quad (*)$$

derivative of f
at $g(x)$.

Example: $g(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is the inverse function of $f(x) = x^3$. $\xrightarrow{\text{one-to-one}}$



On the one hand, by the rule $(x^n)' = n \cdot x^{n-1}$, we have $(x^{\frac{1}{3}})' = \frac{1}{3} \cdot x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$. $\xrightarrow{\text{same result.}}$

On the other hand, by rule (*), we have $\frac{d}{dx} g(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot (g(x))^2} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot x^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$. $\xrightarrow{\text{derivative of } y = x^3 \text{ at } g(x)}$

Proof of (*): Notice that $f(g(x)) = x$.

$$x \xrightarrow[g]{f} y$$

Differentiate both sides:

By the chain rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1.$$

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

$$f(x) = y, g(y) = x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(g(y)) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(u) \cdot g'(x) = 1 \Rightarrow g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(u)} = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}.$$

4. Logarithmic differentiation: A trick to calculate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if
y is in the form $\frac{f_1(x) \dots f_n(x)}{g_1(x) \dots g_m(x)}$ or $f(x)^{g(x)}$.
(e.g. $y = (1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^4)$. $y = \frac{(x+1)^5 \sqrt{x^2+1}}{(3x+4)^3(x^2-1)}$. $y = x^x$).

Example 1: Find $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=1}$ if $y = (1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^4)$.

Step 1: Take natural logarithms of both sides of $y = f(x)$

$$\ln y = \ln \left((1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^4) \right) \stackrel{\text{laws of logarithms.}}{=} \ln(1+x) + \ln(1+x^2) + \ln(1+x^4).$$

Step 2: Differentiate both sides with respect to x.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(1+x) + \ln(1+x^2) + \ln(1+x^4))$$

chain rule

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{2x}{1+x^2} + \frac{4x^3}{1+x^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{2x}{1+x^2} + \frac{4x^3}{1+x^4} \right).$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=1} = 8 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{4}{2} \right) = 8 \cdot \frac{7}{2} = 28.$$

Example 2. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = x^x$.

Step 1. Take natural logarithms of both sides of $y = f(x)$.

$$\ln y = \ln(x^x) \xrightarrow{\text{laws of logarithms}} x \cdot \ln x.$$

Step 2. Differentiate both sides with respect to x .

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx}(x \cdot \ln x)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} x \cdot (\ln x + x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \ln x) = \ln x + 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot (\ln x + 1) = x^x \cdot (\ln x + 1).$$