

LECTURE NOTES

MATH 3 / FALL 2012

WEEK 4

Derivative rules

Sum/Difference $(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$

Product $(f \cdot g)' = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$

Quotient $(f/g)' = (f' \cdot g - f \cdot g')/g^2$

Chain $(f \circ g)' = g' \cdot (f' \circ g)$

Inverse $(f^{-1})' = 1/(f' \circ f^{-1})$

Inverse rule

Theorem

Suppose f^{-1} is the inverse function of f . If f is differentiable at $f^{-1}(x)$ and $f'(f^{-1}(x)) \neq 0$, then f^{-1} is differentiable at x and

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

Because $x = f(f^{-1}(x))$, the Chain Rule gives that:

$$1 = (f \circ f^{-1})'(x) = f'(f^{-1}(x))(f^{-1})'(x).$$

Therefore $(f^{-1})'(x) = 1/f'(f^{-1}(x))$.

Reciprocal rule

Theorem

If f is differentiable at x and $f(x) \neq 0$, then the reciprocal $\frac{1}{f}$ is also differentiable at x and

$$\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)'(x) = -\frac{f'(x)}{(f(x))^2}.$$

Because $\frac{1}{f} = g \circ f$ where $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, we can use the Chain Rule to compute the derivative:

$$\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)'(x) = f'(x)g'(f(x)) = f'(x) \left(\frac{-1}{(f(x))^2}\right) = -\frac{f'(x)}{(f(x))^2}$$

Quotient rule

Theorem

If f and g are both differentiable at x and $g(x) \neq 0$, then the quotient f/g is also differentiable at x and

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

Because:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) &= \left(f \cdot \frac{1}{g}\right)'(x) = f'(x) \left(\frac{1}{g}\right)'(x) + f(x) \left(\frac{1}{g}\right)'(x) \\ &= f'(x) \frac{1}{g(x)} + f(x) \frac{-g'(x)}{(g(x))^2} = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}\end{aligned}$$

Derivative formulas

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^p] = px^{p-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^x] = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [b^x] = \ln(b)b^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_b(x)] = \frac{1}{\ln(b)x}$$

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

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Power functions

Theorem

For any exponent p , $\frac{d}{dx} [x^p] = px^{p-1}$.

Recall that $x^p = e^{p \ln x}$ for $x > 0$

This is $f \circ g$ where $f(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = p \ln x$

We know that $f'(x) = e^x$ and $g'(x) = p/x$

The Chain Rule then says that:

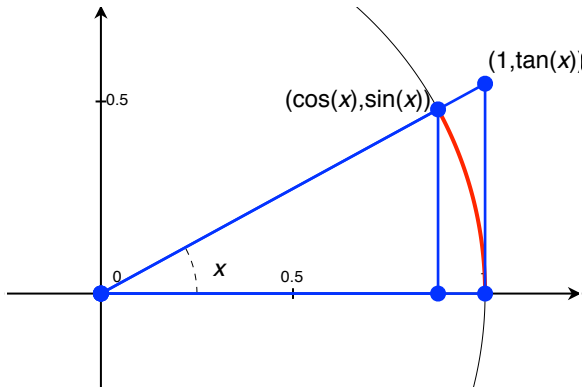
$$(f \circ g)'(x) = g'(x)f'(g(x)) = \frac{p}{x}e^{p \ln x} = p\frac{x^p}{x^1} = px^{p-1}$$

Two fundamental limits

Theorem

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x} = 0$$

Because:



Two fundamental limits

small \triangle \leq circular arc \leq large \triangle

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin(x) \cos(x) \leq \left(\frac{x}{2\pi}\right) \cdot \pi \leq \frac{1}{2} \tan(x)$$

$$\cos(x) \leq \frac{x}{\sin(x)} \leq \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos(x)} \geq \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \geq \cos(x)$$

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Two fundamental limits

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{\cos(x) + 1}{\cos(x) + 1} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos^2(x) - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(x) + 1} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin^2(x)}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(x) + 1} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -\sin(x) \cdot \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(x) + 1} \\&= -0 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0\end{aligned}$$

Derivatives of $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$

Theorem

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] = \cos(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dx} [\cos(x)] = -\sin(x)$$

Because:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin(x)\cos(h) + \cos(x)\sin(h)) - \sin(x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(x) \cdot \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} + \cos(x) \cdot \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \\&= \sin(x) \cdot 0 + \cos(x) \cdot 1 = \cos(x)\end{aligned}$$

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Derivatives of $\tan(x)$ and $\sec(x)$

Theorem

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\tan(x)] = \sec^2(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dx} [\sec(x)] = \sec(x) \tan(x)$$

Because:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [\tan(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right] \\ &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] \cos(x) - \sin(x) \frac{d}{dx} [\cos(x)]}{\cos^2(x)} \\ &= \frac{\cos(x) \cos(x) + \sin(x) \sin(x)}{\cos^2(x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = \sec^2(x) \end{aligned}$$

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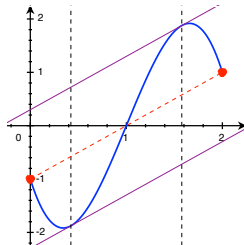
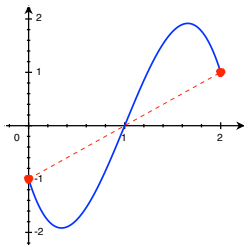
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Mean value theorem

Theorem

Suppose that the function f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . There is some x in (a, b) such that

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$



Monotonicity

Suppose f is defined on some interval I (of any kind)

- ▶ We say that f is **increasing on** I when

$$a < b \Rightarrow f(a) < f(b) \quad \text{for all } a, b \text{ in } I$$

- ▶ We say that f is **decreasing on** I when

$$a < b \Rightarrow f(a) > f(b) \quad \text{for all } a, b \text{ in } I$$

- ▶ We say that f is **nondecreasing on** I when

$$a < b \Rightarrow f(a) \leq f(b) \quad \text{for all } a, b \text{ in } I$$

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Monotonicity and derivatives

Suppose the function f is continuous on the interval I , and differentiable at every interior point of I .

- ▶ If $f'(x) > 0$ at every interior point of I
then f is increasing on I .
- ▶ If $f'(x) < 0$ at every interior point of I
then f is decreasing on I .
- ▶ If $f'(x) \geq 0$ at every interior point of I
then f is nondecreasing on I .
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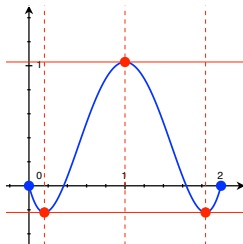
Extreme value theorem

Theorem

Suppose f is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$. Then there are numbers x_{\min} and x_{\max} in $[a, b]$ such that

$$f(x_{\min}) \leq f(x) \leq f(x_{\max})$$

for all numbers x in $[a, b]$.



Extrema and derivatives

A **local maximum/local minimum** of f is a value x such that x is the maximum/minimum of f on some small interval around x .

Theorem

Suppose f has a local extremum at x .

If $f'(x)$ exists then $f'(x) = 0$.

To find local extrema of a function f
look for places where f' is zero or undefined

Extrema and derivatives

- ▶ If f changes from increasing to decreasing at x
then f has a local maximum at x
 - ▶ If f changes from decreasing to increasing at x
then f has a local minimum at x
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- ▶ If f' changes from positive to negative at x
then f has a local maximum at x
 - ▶ If f' changes from negative to positive at x
then f has a local minimum at x
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- ▶ If $f'(x) = 0$ and f'' is negative around x
then f has a local maximum at x
- ▶ If $f'(x) = 0$ and f'' is positive around x
then f has a local minimum at x

Mean value theorem: explanation

Theorem

Suppose that the function f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . There is some x in (a, b) such that

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$

How would we prove the mean value theorem?

We first need to look at the special case where $f(a) = f(b)$...

Mean value theorem: a special case

Theorem

Suppose that the function f is continuous on $[a, b]$, differentiable on (a, b) , and $f(a) = f(b)$. There is some x in (a, b) such that $f'(x) = 0$.

The EVT says that there are some numbers x_{\min} and x_{\max} in $[a, b]$ where f' is either undefined or 0.

- ▶ If x_{\min} is in (a, b) then we must have $f'(x_{\min}) = 0$.
- ▶ If x_{\max} is in (a, b) then we must have $f'(x_{\max}) = 0$.
- ▶ Otherwise, $f(a) = f(b) = f(x_{\min}) = f(x_{\max})$. So f is constant on $[a, b]$ and then $f'(x) = 0$ for all x in (a, b) .

Mean value theorem: general case

In the general case, look at the function

$$g(x) = f(x) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(x - a).$$

This function g is continuous on $[a, b]$, differentiable on (a, b) , and

$$g(b) = f(b) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(b - a) = f(b) - (f(b) - f(a)) = g(a).$$

The special case of the mean value theorem applies to g and there must be some x in (a, b) such that $g'(x) = 0$. Then

$$g'(x) = f'(x) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = 0$$

which means that

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$