

Practice Probs Friday: 9/5 1C-2, 1C-3, 1C-4, 1D-3, 1D-5 18.01, September 8, 2003

Practice Probs Tuesday 9/9 1E-1, 1E-3, 1E-5 Handed out PS#1, due Tuesday 9/16 in Rm 2-106, before lecture.

1. Explained difference between derivative of f at a point x_0

($\text{def} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0)}{\Delta x}$) and derivative function $f'(x)$ (=expression/function whose value at x_0 is derivative of f at x_0)

Why?!? Don't want to see things like $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0)}{\Delta x}$ as a function. (limits of function not covered in calculus).

2. Eq'n of tangent line. $y = f'(x_g)(x - x_g) + y_0$

3. Rules for computing derivative: $\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$, $\frac{d}{dx}(cv) = c \frac{dv}{dx}$, $\frac{d}{dx}(v + v) = \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$

- A. $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$ - spent some time showing how this follows from B.T.

- B. Product rule/Leibnitz rule: $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \frac{dv}{dx}v + v \frac{dv}{dx}$

Derived this from definition of derivative. Used this to give a second proof of

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$ by induction (quite quickly).

- C. Quotient rule: $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{v}{v}\right) = \frac{\frac{dv}{dx}v - v \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$

Derived from product rule: Introduce $w = \frac{v}{v}$. Then $v = vw$. So $\frac{dv}{dx}(P.R.) = \frac{dv}{dx}w + v \frac{dw}{dx}$.

Solve for $\frac{dw}{dx} = \frac{1}{v} \left[\frac{dv}{dx} - w \frac{dv}{dx} \right] = \frac{1}{v^2} \left[v \frac{dv}{dx} - v \frac{dv}{dx} \right]$.

- D. $\frac{d}{dx}(v^n) = nv^{n-1} \frac{dv}{dx}$. Only indicated proof. Will do next time by the chain rule.