

Differentiation

Let $y = f(x)$ be a function of x . Given the value of x , we can find the corresponding value of y . If there is some change in x , then a change also occurs in y . Here, we shall discuss the change in both the variables. A small change in a variable is symbolized with the variable prefixed by delta- δ (small) or Δ (capital). Thus, δx or Δx denotes a small change in x followed by δy or Δy as the change in y .

Whenever a change occurs in any variable, we witness its initial and new values.

Let the initial value of x be x itself and that of y be y . Then the new value of x can be taken as $x + \delta x$ and the new value of y as $y + \delta y$. Clearly, the initial value of y is

$$y = f(x)$$

and the new value of y is $y + \delta y = f(x + \delta x)$

Now, the change in y , i.e., $\delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = f(x + \delta x) - f(x)$.

Our concern is for the change in y and more importantly for the rate of change of y with respect to x . Obviously, the average rate of change of y with respect to x is the amount of change in y with regard to a unit change in x . So, the average rate of change of y with respect to x can be given by

$$\frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$$

Taking limit both sides, as $\delta x \rightarrow 0$, we get

$$\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$$

If the above limit exists, it is called the derivative or the differential co-efficient of y

with respect to x and is usually denoted by $\frac{dy}{dx}$. Thus,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

At times, δx is denoted by h , then the above formula can be written as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h} \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Remarks: (1) The $\frac{dy}{dx}$ represents the derivative of y with respect to x . The symbol $\frac{d}{dx}$ is an operator which is read as 'the derivative with respect to x '. When $\frac{d}{dx}$ is operated over a function, it gives the derivative of that function. So, $\frac{dy}{dx}$ means $\frac{d}{dx}(y)$ or $\frac{d}{dx}\{f(x)\}$. The other notations of this derivative are $f'(x)$, y_1 , Dy etc.

(2) The derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is also called the instantaneous rate of change of y w.r.t. x .

(3) The process of finding the derivative is called the differentiation.

(4) The process of finding the derivative using the above formula is referred to as the *differentiation from the first principles, by definition, by delta method, by ab-initio method* etc.

(5) The derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at a particular point, say $x = a$, is denoted by $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=a}$ or $f'(a)$. Clearly,

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=a} = f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} \dots\dots\dots (3).$$

The formula (3) can also be given as

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=a} = f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \dots\dots\dots (4).$$

We can consider one-sided limits associated with formula (3) or (4) which give rise to one sided derivatives namely left-hand derivative and the right-hand derivative at $x = a$, as given below:

The left – hand derivative $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a - h) - f(a)}{h}$; h being a small positive real number.

The right – hand derivative

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h}$; h being a small positive real number.

If the left-hand derivative is equal to the right-hand derivative, the function $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = a$ and $f'(a)$ is given by (3) or (4).

Derivatives of some elementary functions

Formulae:

1. $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$
2. $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$
3. $\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$, c being a constant
4. $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$
5. $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$
6. $\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Proof (1) Let $y = f(x) = x^n$

\Rightarrow New value of $y = y + \delta y = f(x + \delta x) = (x + \delta x)^n$

Change in $y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = f(x + \delta x) - f(x) = (x + \delta x)^n - x^n$

From the first principles, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + \delta x)^n - x^n}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + \delta x)^n - x^n}{(x + \delta x) - x} = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1} \quad (\text{Using the formula } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1})$$

(2) Let $y = f(x) = e^x$

\Rightarrow New value of $y = y + \delta y = f(x + \delta x) = e^{x+\delta x} = e^x \cdot e^{\delta x}$

Change in $y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = f(x + \delta x) - f(x) = e^x \cdot e^{\delta x} - e^x = e^x(e^{\delta x} - 1)$

By definition, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x(e^{\delta x} - 1)}{\delta x} = e^x \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\delta x} - 1}{\delta x} = e^x \cdot 1 = e^x.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x \quad (\text{Using the formula } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1)$$

(3) Let $y = f(x) = c$

\Rightarrow New value of $y = y + \delta y = f(x + \delta x) = c$

Change in $y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = f(x + \delta x) - f(x) = c - c = 0$

By delta method, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{\delta x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0.$$

(4) Let $y = f(x) = \sin x$

\Rightarrow New value of $y = y + \delta y = f(x + \delta x) = \sin(x + \delta x)$

Change in $y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = f(x + \delta x) - f(x) = \sin(x + \delta x) - \sin x$

$$= 2\cos\left(x + \frac{\delta x}{2}\right)\sin\frac{\delta x}{2}$$

$$\text{By ab-initio method, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos\left(x + \frac{\delta x}{2}\right) \sin \frac{\delta x}{2}}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[\cos\left(x + \frac{\delta x}{2}\right) \left\{ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\delta x}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\delta x}{2}\right)} \right\} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x \cdot 1 = \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

(5) Let $y = f(x) = \cos x$

$$\Rightarrow \text{New value of } y = y + \delta y = f(x + \delta x) = \cos(x + \delta x)$$

$$\text{Change in } y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = f(x + \delta x) - f(x) = \cos(x + \delta x) - \cos x$$

$$= -2 \sin\left(x + \frac{\delta x}{2}\right) \sin \frac{\delta x}{2}$$

$$\text{From the first principles, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \sin\left(x + \frac{\delta x}{2}\right) \sin \frac{\delta x}{2}}{\delta x} = - \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[\sin\left(x + \frac{\delta x}{2}\right) \left\{ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\delta x}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\delta x}{2}\right)} \right\} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin x \cdot 1 = -\sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

(6) Let $y = f(x) = \log_e x$

$$\Rightarrow \text{New value of } y = y + \delta y = f(x + \delta x) = \log_e(x + \delta x)$$

$$\text{Change in } y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = f(x + \delta x) - f(x) = \log_e(x + \delta x) - \log_e x$$

$$= \log_e\left(\frac{x + \delta x}{x}\right) = \log_e\left(1 + \frac{\delta x}{x}\right)$$

$$\text{By definition, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_e\left(1 + \frac{\delta x}{x}\right)}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[\left\{ \frac{\log_e\left(1 + \frac{\delta x}{x}\right)}{\frac{\delta x}{x}} \right\} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right] = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\left\{ \text{Using } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_e(1 + x)}{x} = 1 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(\log_e x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

Fundamental rules of differentiation

(1) The derivative of the sum of two functions is equal to the sum of their derivatives.

$$\text{If } u \text{ and } v \text{ be two functions of } x, \quad \text{then } \frac{d}{dx}(u + v) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}.$$

Proof: Let $y = u + v$. Let, for a small change δx in x , the corresponding changes in u, v and y be $\delta u, \delta v$ and δy respectively.

$$\text{New value of } y = y + \delta y = (u + \delta u) + (v + \delta v) = u + v + \delta u + \delta v$$

$$\text{Change in } y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = u + v + \delta u + \delta v - (u + v)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta y = \delta u + \delta v$$

$$\text{By definition, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\delta u + \delta v}{\delta x} \right) = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x} + \frac{\delta v}{\delta x} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} + \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta v}{\delta x} = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(u + v) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$$

(2) The derivative of the product of a constant and a function is equal to the product of the constant and the derivative of the function.

If k be a constant and u be a function of x , then $\frac{d}{dx}(ku) = k \frac{du}{dx}$

Proof: Let $y = ku$.

Then $y + \delta y = k(u + \delta u) = ku + k\delta u$

Change in $y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = ku + k\delta u - ku = k \cdot \delta u$.

By definition, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{k \cdot \delta u}{\delta x} \right) = k \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \quad \left[\text{Using } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \{k \cdot f(x)\} = k \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = k \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(ku) = k \frac{du}{dx}$$

Generalising the above rules, we have

$$\frac{d}{dx}(au \pm bv \pm cw \pm \dots) = a \frac{du}{dx} \pm b \frac{dv}{dx} \pm c \frac{dw}{dx} \pm \dots$$

where a, b, c, \dots are constants and u, v, w, \dots are functions of x .

Solved Examples

Example 1: Differentiate with respect to x :

(i) $\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ (ii) $3 \sin x - 2e^x$ (iii) $6 \log_e x - 2 \cos x + 3$

Solution: (i) Let $y = \sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{1/2} - x^{-1/2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(x^{1/2} - x^{-1/2}) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^{1/2}) - \frac{d}{dx}(x^{-1/2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{-\frac{1}{2}-1} = \frac{1}{2}(x^{-1/2} + x^{-3/2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x}} \right) = \frac{x+1}{2x\sqrt{x}}$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx}(3 \sin x - 2e^x) = 3 \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) - 2 \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = 3 \cos x - 2e^x$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dx}(6 \log_e x - 2 \cos x + 3) = 6 \frac{d}{dx}(\log_e x) - 2 \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) + \frac{d}{dx}(3)$$

$$= 6 \cdot \frac{1}{x} - 2 \cdot (-\sin x) + 0 = \frac{6}{x} + 2 \sin x$$

Example 2: Find (i) $\frac{d}{dx}(|x|)$, if $x < 0$ (ii) $\frac{d}{dx}(5^{2 \log_5 x})$

Solution: (i) We know $|x| = -x$, if $x < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(|x|) = \frac{d}{dx}(-x) = -\frac{d}{dx}(x) = -1 \cdot x^{1-1} = -x^0 = -1$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx}(5^{2 \log_5 x}) = \frac{d}{dx}(5^{\log_5 x^2})$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = 2x \quad (\text{Using: } p = q^{\log_q p})$$

Example 3: If $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$, find $f'\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$.

Solution: Given $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$

Differentiating with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{d}{dx}\{f(x)\} = \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) + \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \cos x - \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) - \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - \left(-\sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} + 1)$$

Assignment No. 1

1. Differentiate with respect to x :

(i) $ax^2 + bx + c$ (ii) $4 \sin x - 7 \cos x$ (iii) $5e^x - 2 \log_e x - \cos x$

[Answer: (i) $2ax + b$ (ii) $4 \cos x + 7 \sin x$ (iii) $5e^x - 2/x + \sin x$]

2. Find (i) $\frac{d}{dx}(|x|)$, if $x < 0$ (ii) $\frac{d}{dx}(3^{\log_3 \sin x})$ (iii) $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{2}{x\sqrt{x}}\right)$

[Answer: (i) -1 (ii) $\cos x$ (iii) $-3x^{-5/2}$]

3. Find the derivative with respect to x from the first principles of

(i) x^3 (ii) $\sin x$ (iii) $\log_e x$

[Answer: (i) $3x^2$ (ii) $\cos x$ (iii) $1/x$]

4. (i) Find $\frac{d}{dx}(x|x|)$, given that $x < 0$ (ii) If $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$, find $f'(1)$.

[Answer: (i) $-2x$ (ii) 0]

5. (i) If $y = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$ to ∞ , show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x$ (ii) Find $\frac{d}{dx}(5^{3 \log_5 x})$.

[Answer: (i) $3x^2$]

Product rule and quotient rule of differentiation

Let u and v be two functions of x , then

(1) **Product rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}(u.v) = \frac{du}{dx}.v + u.\frac{dv}{dx}$

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

Proof for the product rule:

Let $y = u.v$

Let, for a small change δx in x , the corresponding changes in u, v and y be $\delta u, \delta v$ and δy respectively.

New value of $y = y + \delta y = (u + \delta u).(v + \delta v) = u.v + \delta u.v + u.\delta v + \delta u.\delta v$

Change in $y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = u.v + \delta u.v + u.\delta v + \delta u.\delta v - u.v$

$\Rightarrow \delta y = \delta u.v + u.\delta v + \delta u.\delta v$

By definition, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\delta u.v + u.\delta v + \delta u.\delta v}{\delta x} \right) = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x}.v + u.\frac{\delta v}{\delta x} + \frac{\delta u}{\delta x}.\delta v \right)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta u}{\delta x}.v + u.\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta v}{\delta x} + \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta u}{\delta x}.\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \delta v$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx}.v + u.\frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{du}{dx}.0$ (As $\delta x \rightarrow 0$, $\delta v \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \delta v = 0$)

$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(u.v) = \frac{du}{dx}.v + u.\frac{dv}{dx}$

Proof for the quotient rule:

Let $y = \frac{u}{v}$

Let, for a small change δx in x , the corresponding changes in u, v and y be $\delta u, \delta v$ and δy respectively.

New value of $y = y + \delta y = \frac{u + \delta u}{v + \delta v}$

Change in $y = \delta y = (y + \delta y) - y = \frac{u + \delta u}{v + \delta v} - \frac{u}{v} = \frac{(u + \delta u)v - u(v + \delta v)}{v(v + \delta v)}$

$\Rightarrow \delta y = \frac{uv + \delta u.v - uv - u\delta v}{v(v + \delta v)} = \frac{\delta u.v - u\delta v}{v(v + \delta v)}$

By definition, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\frac{\delta u \cdot v - u \delta v}{v(v + \delta v)}}{\delta x} \right\} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\delta u \cdot v - u \delta v}{\delta x \cdot v(v + \delta v)} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \cdot v - u \cdot \frac{\delta v}{\delta x} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{v(v + \delta v)} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \cdot v - u \cdot \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta v}{\delta x} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{v} \cdot \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(v + \delta v)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{du}{dx} \cdot v - u \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{v} \cdot \frac{1}{(v + 0)} \quad (\text{As } \delta x \rightarrow 0, \quad \delta v \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{du}{dx} \cdot v - u \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{v^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{\frac{du}{dx} \cdot v - u \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

Remark:

Product rule for three functions:

Let u, v and w be three functions of x, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uvw) = \frac{du}{dx}vw + u\frac{dv}{dx}w + uv\frac{dw}{dx}$$

Proof: $\frac{d}{dx}(uvw) = \frac{d}{dx}\{(uv)w\} = \frac{d}{dx}(uv) \cdot w + (uv) \frac{dw}{dx}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(uvw) = \left(\frac{du}{dx}v + u\frac{dv}{dx} \right)w + uv\frac{dw}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(uvw) = \frac{du}{dx}vw + u\frac{dv}{dx}w + uv\frac{dw}{dx}$$

Solved examples

Example 1: Find the derivative with respect to x:

(i) $x^2 \sin x$ (ii) $\sin 2x$ (iii) $e^x \log x$ (iv) $x^3 e^x \cos x$

Solution: (i) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 \sin x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) \cdot \sin x + x^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = 2x \sin x + x^2 \cos x$

(ii) $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin 2x) = \frac{d}{dx}(2 \sin x \cos x) = 2 \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x \cos x)$

$$= 2 \left[\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) \cdot \cos x + \sin x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) \right] = 2[\cos x \cos x + \sin x(-\sin x)]$$

$$= 2(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) = 2 \cos 2x$$

(iii) $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x \log x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) \cdot \log x + e^x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\log x) = e^x \log x + e^x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$

$$= e^x \left(\log x + \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

(iv) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 e^x \cos x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) \cdot e^x \cos x + x^3 \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) \cos x + x^3 e^x \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x)$

$$= 3x^2 e^x \cos x + x^3 e^x \cos x + x^3 e^x(-\sin x) = x^2 e^x (3 \cos x + x \cos x - x \sin x)$$

Example 2: Find the derivative with respect to x:

(i) $\frac{x^2}{\cos x}$ (ii) $\frac{\log x}{x}$ (iii) $\frac{x + \sin x}{x - \sin x}$ (iv) $\frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{2x - 1}$

Solution: (i) $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^2}{\cos x} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) \cos x - x^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x)}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{2x \cos x - x^2(-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x}$

$$= \frac{2x \cos x + x^2 \sin x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\log x}{x} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(\log x)x - \log x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x)}{x^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot x - \log x \cdot 1}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \log x}{x^2}$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x + \sin x}{x - \sin x} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(x + \sin x) \cdot (x - \sin x) - (x + \sin x) \frac{d}{dx}(x - \sin x)}{(x - \sin x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1 + \cos x) \cdot (x - \sin x) - (x + \sin x)(1 - \cos x)}{(x - \sin x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x + x \cos x - \sin x - \sin x \cos x - x + x \cos x - \sin x + \sin x \cos x}{(x - \sin x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x \cos x - 2 \sin x}{(x - \sin x)^2}$$

$$(iv) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{2x - 1} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 2x - 3)(2x - 1) - (x^2 + 2x - 3) \frac{d}{dx}(2x - 1)}{(2x - 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(2x + 2)(2x - 1) - (x^2 + 2x - 3) \cdot 2}{(2x - 1)^2} = \frac{2(2x^2 + 2x - x - 1 - x^2 - 2x + 3)}{(2x - 1)^2}$$

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

Example 3: If $y = \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x}$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Solution: Given that $y = \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(1 - \sin x)(1 + \sin x) - (1 - \sin x) \frac{d}{dx}(1 + \sin x)}{(1 + \sin x)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(-\cos x)(1 + \sin x) - (1 - \sin x) \cdot \cos x}{(1 + \sin x)^2} = \frac{(-\cos x)(1 + \sin x + 1 - \sin x)}{(1 + \sin x)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2 \cos x}{(1 + \sin x)^2}$$

Derivatives of $\tan x$, $\cot x$, $\sec x$ & $\operatorname{cosec} x$

Formulae:

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

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$(iv) \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec} x) = -\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$$

Proof: (i) $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) \cdot \cos x - \sin x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x)}{\cos^2 x}$

$$= \frac{\cos x \cos x - \sin x (-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x$$

Hence, $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) \cdot \sin x - \cos x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x)}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$= \frac{-\sin x \sin x - \cos x \cos x}{\sin^2 x} = -\left(\frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} \right) = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$$

Hence, $\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) &= \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(1) \cdot \cos x - 1 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x)}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{0 \cdot \cos x - 1 \cdot (-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \sec x \tan x \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec} x) &= \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\sin x}\right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(1) \cdot \sin x - 1 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x)}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{0 \cdot \sin x - 1 \cdot \cos x}{\sin^2 x} = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x} = -\frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = -\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec} x) = -\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$

Assignment No. 2

1. Differentiate with respect to x :

(i) $x \sin x$ (ii) $x^3 \log x$ (iii) $e^x \cos x$
 [Answer: (i) $\sin x + x \cos x$ (ii) $x^2(3 \log x + 1)$ (iii) $e^x(\cos x - \sin x)$]

2. Find the derivative with respect to x :

(i) $(3x - 1)e^x$ (ii) $(1 + \sin x)(1 - \sin x)$ (iii) $x \cos x \log x$
 [Answer: (i) $(3x + 2)e^x$ (ii) $-\sin 2x$ (iii) $\cos x \log x - x \sin x \log x + \cos x$]

3. Find the derivative with respect to x from the first principles of

(i) $\tan x$ (ii) $\cot x$ (iii) $\sec x$
 [Answer: (i) $\sec^2 x$ (ii) $-\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$ (iii) $\sec x \tan x$]

4. Differentiate with respect to x :

(i) $\frac{\sin x}{x}$ (ii) $\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}$ (iii) $\frac{x + \operatorname{cosec} x}{x - \operatorname{cosec} x}$
 [Answer: (i) $\frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2}$ (ii) $\frac{2 \sin x}{(1 + \cos x)^2}$ (iii) $\frac{-2 \operatorname{cosec} x(1 + x \cot x)}{(x - \operatorname{cosec} x)^2}$]

5. Differentiate with respect to x :

(i) $\frac{1 + \sin x}{1 - \sin x}$ (ii) $\frac{1 + \tan x}{1 - \tan x}$ (iii) $\frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos x}$
 [Answer: (i) $\frac{2 \cos x}{(1 - \sin x)^2}$ (ii) $\frac{2 \sec^2 x}{(1 - \tan x)^2}$ (iii) $\frac{1}{(1 - \sin x)}$]

Differentiation of a function of a function

Let us consider the function $y = \sin 2x$. In order to find the value of y corresponding to a given value of x , we need to find $2x$ first, after that $\sin 2x$ can be found. We can say that $\sin 2x$ depends on $2x$ and $2x$ depends on x . In other words, we may also say that $\sin 2x$ is a function of $2x$ and $2x$ is a function of x . Thus, it is an example of a function of a function.

Similarly, the function $y = \log \sin 3x$ can be regarded as a function of $\sin 3x$, then $\sin 3x$ as a function of $3x$ and lastly $3x$ as a function of x . This way $\log \sin 3x$ is an example of a function of a function of a function.

Clearly, the above examples of functions involve a chain of functions.

Further, in case of the function $y = \sin 2x$, if we take $2x = u$, then $y = \sin u$. Now, we can say that y is a function of u and u is a function of x . Obviously, any change in x , is bound to bring changes in u and y .

To generalise the concept, let for a small change δx in x , the corresponding changes in u and y be δu and δy respectively. From algebra, we have

$$\frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \frac{\delta y}{\delta u} \cdot \frac{\delta u}{\delta x}.$$

Taking limit both sides as $\delta x \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\delta y}{\delta u} \cdot \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \right) = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta u} \cdot \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta u} \cdot \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \quad (\text{As } \delta x \rightarrow 0, \quad \delta u \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\text{Hence,} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

Thus, if y be a function of u and u be a function of x , then,

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}} \quad \text{which is known as the chain rule of differentiation}$$

The above rule of differentiation can be generalized for a long chain of functions as follows:
If y be a function of u , u a function of v , v a function of w , ..., z a function of x , then,

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{dw} \cdots \frac{dz}{dx}}$$

Solved Examples

Example 1: Differentiate w. r. t. x :

$$(i) \sin 2x \quad (ii) \sin x^2 \quad (iii) \log \tan \frac{x}{2} \quad (iv) \sqrt{\cos x} \quad (v) \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$$

Solution: Let $y = \sin 2x \Rightarrow y = \sin u$, where $u = 2x$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{du} = \frac{d}{du}(\sin u) = \cos u = \cos 2x \quad \& \quad \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(2x) = 2.1 = 2$$

$$\text{By chain rule} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = \cos 2x \cdot 2 = 2 \cos 2x$$

$$\text{Alternatively,} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sin 2x) = \frac{d(\sin 2x)}{d(2x)} \cdot \frac{d(2x)}{dx} = \cos 2x \cdot 2.1 = 2 \cos 2x$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x^2) = \frac{d(\sin x^2)}{d(x^2)} \cdot \frac{d(x^2)}{dx} = \cos x^2 \cdot 2x = 2x \cos x^2$$

$$(iii) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left(\log \tan \frac{x}{2} \right) = \frac{d \left(\log \tan \frac{x}{2} \right)}{d \left(\tan \frac{x}{2} \right)} \cdot \frac{d \left(\tan \frac{x}{2} \right)}{d \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)} \cdot \frac{d \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)}{dx} = \frac{1}{\tan \frac{x}{2}} \cdot \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \frac{x}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sin x} = \operatorname{cosec} x.$$

$$(iv) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{\cos x}) = \frac{d(\sqrt{\cos x})}{d(\cos x)} \cdot \frac{d(\cos x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\cos x}} \cdot (-\sin x) = -\frac{\sin x}{2\sqrt{\cos x}}$$

$$(v) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}) = \frac{d(\sqrt{x^2 + a^2})}{d(x^2 + a^2)} \cdot \frac{d(x^2 + a^2)}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} (2x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}$$

Example 2: Differentiate w. r. t. x : (i) $\log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2})$ (ii) $\log(\sec x + \tan x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: (i)} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}) \right\} &= \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot 2x \right) = \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + x}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \{ \log(\sec x + \tan x) \} = \frac{1}{(\sec x + \tan x)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sec x + \tan x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(\sec x + \tan x)} \cdot (\sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x) \\
&= \frac{\sec x}{(\sec x + \tan x)} \cdot (\sec x + \tan x) = \sec x
\end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Differentiate $\log \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}}$ w.r.t. x .

Solution: (i) $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\log \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2 \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right)} \cdot \left[\frac{\sin x \cdot (1 + \cos x) - (1 - \cos x) \cdot (-\sin x)}{(1 + \cos x)^2} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x)} = \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos^2 x} = \frac{\sin x}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{1}{\sin x} = \operatorname{cosec} x.
\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\log \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\log \sqrt{\frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}}} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\log \tan \frac{x}{2} \right)$

$$= \frac{1}{\tan \frac{x}{2}} \cdot \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\cos \frac{x}{2}}{\sin \frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sin x} = \operatorname{cosec} x.$$

Yet again as an alternative method, we can apply properties of logarithms as follows:

Let $y = \log \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}} = \log \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} \{ \log(1 - \cos x) - \log(1 + \cos x) \}$$

Differentiating with respect to x , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [\log(1 - \cos x) - \log(1 + \cos x)] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{d}{dx} \{ \log(1 - \cos x) \} - \frac{d}{dx} \{ \log(1 + \cos x) \} \right] \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{(1 - \cos x)} \cdot \sin x - \frac{1}{(1 + \cos x)} \cdot (-\sin x) \right] \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin x(1 + \cos x) + \sin x(1 - \cos x)}{(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x)} \right] = \frac{\sin x \{ (1 + \cos x) + (1 - \cos x) \}}{2(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x)} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \sin x}{2(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x)} = \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos^2 x} = \frac{\sin x}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{1}{\sin x} = \operatorname{cosec} x.
\end{aligned}$$

Example 4: If $y = \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + \frac{1}{2}a^2 \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2})$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$.

Solution: We have $y = \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + \frac{1}{2}a^2 \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2})$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} \left[x\sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + a^2 \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}) \right]$$

Differentiating with respect to x both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[x\sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + a^2 \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}) \right] \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{d}{dx} (x\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}) + a^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \{ \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}) \} \right] \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\left\{ \frac{d}{dx} (x) \cdot \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}) \right\} + a^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}) \right] \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\left\{ 1 \cdot \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + x \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot 2x \right\} + a^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot 2x \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\left\{ \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} x \right\} + \frac{a^2}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \right) \right] \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{(x^2 + a^2) + x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} + \frac{a^2}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + x}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \right) \right] \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{2x^2 + a^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{2x^2 + 2a^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \right] = \frac{x^2 + a^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Example 5: If $y = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2a^2}{x^3} \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} \right)$.

Solution: Given $y = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow y &= \frac{(\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - x^2})(\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - x^2})}{(\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - x^2})(\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - x^2})} \quad (\text{Rationalising Dr.}) \\
\Rightarrow y &= \frac{\{(a^2 + x^2) + (a^2 - x^2) - 2\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}\}}{\{(a^2 + x^2) - (a^2 - x^2)\}} = \frac{2(a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - x^4})}{2x^2} \\
\Rightarrow y &= \frac{(a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - x^4})}{x^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating with respect to x both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - x^4}) \cdot x^2 - (a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - x^4}) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2)}{x^4} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\left\{ 0 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} \cdot (-4x^3) \right\} \cdot x^2 - (a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - x^4}) \cdot 2x}{x^4} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\frac{2x^5}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} - 2x \cdot (a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - x^4})}{x^4} = \frac{2x}{x^4} \left\{ \frac{x^4}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} - (a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - x^4}) \right\} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{x^3} \left\{ \frac{x^4 - \sqrt{a^4 - x^4} \cdot (a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - x^4})}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} \right\} = \frac{2}{x^3} \left\{ \frac{x^4 - a^2\sqrt{a^4 - x^4} + (a^4 - x^4)}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} \right\} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{x^3} \left\{ \frac{-a^2\sqrt{a^4 - x^4} + a^4}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} \right\} = \frac{2a^2}{x^3} \left\{ \frac{-\sqrt{a^4 - x^4} + a^2}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} \right\} = \frac{2a^2}{x^3} \left(-1 + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} \right) \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{2a^2}{x^3} \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Assignment No. 3

1. Differentiate with respect to x :

(i) $\sin \sqrt{x}$ (ii) $\log \sin 4x$ (iii) $\cos^3 2x$

[Answer: (i) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \cos \sqrt{x}$ (ii) $4 \cot 4x$ (iii) $-6 \sin 2x \cos^2 2x$]

2. Find the derivative with respect to x :

(i) $\log_e(\operatorname{cosec} x - \cot x)$ (ii) $\log_e(x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2})$ (iii) $\log_e \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2}\right)$

[Answer: (i) $\operatorname{cosec} x$ (ii) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$ (iii) $\sec x$]

3. (i) Show that $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\log \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos x}{1 - \cos x}} \right) = -\operatorname{cosec} x$.

(ii) If $y = \log \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \operatorname{cosec} x$.

4. Differentiate with respect to x :

$$(i) \log_e(\operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x) \quad (ii) \log \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}} \quad (iii) \log \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x}}$$

$$[\text{Answer: (i) } -\operatorname{cosec} x \quad (ii) \operatorname{cosec} x \quad (iii) -\sec x]$$

5. If $y = \frac{x}{2}\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \frac{a^2}{2}\log(x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2})$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$.

6. If $y = \frac{x}{2}\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2}\log(x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2})$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$.

7. If $y = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2a^2}{x^3} \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}}\right)$.

8. If $y = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2a^2}{x^3} \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^4 - x^4}}\right)$.

Differentiation of implicit functions

Explicit function: It is a function in which y is clearly expressed in terms of x .

Examples: (i) $y = 2x^2 - 3x + 3$ (ii) $y = 4 \sin x - 3e^x$

Implicit function: It is a function in which y is not expressible in terms of x .

Examples: (i) $x^3 + y^3 = 3axy$ (ii) $\sin(xy) = \tan\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$

Solved Examples

Example 1: If $x^3 + y^3 = 3axy$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Solution: Given $x^3 + y^3 = 3axy$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + y^3) &= \frac{d}{dx}(3axy) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) + \frac{d}{dx}(y^3) &= 3a \frac{d}{dx}(xy) \\ \Rightarrow 3x^2 + \frac{d}{dy}(y^3) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3a \left(1 \cdot y + x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}\right) \\ \Rightarrow 3x^2 + 3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3 \left(ay + ax \frac{dy}{dx}\right) \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} &= ay + ax \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \Rightarrow y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} - ax \frac{dy}{dx} &= ay - x^2 \\ \Rightarrow (y^2 - ax) \frac{dy}{dx} &= ay - x^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{ay - x^2}{y^2 - ax} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: If $ax^2 + by^2 + 2hxy + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Solution: Given $ax^2 + by^2 + 2hxy + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(ax^2 + by^2 + 2hxy + 2gx + 2fy + c) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2ax + 2by \frac{dy}{dx} + 2h \left(1 \cdot y + x \frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 2g \cdot 1 + 2f \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 0 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}(by + hx + f) &= -(ax + hy + g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{ax + hy + g}{by + hx + f}\right)$$

Example 3: If $x \sin(a + y) = \sin y$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin^2(a + y)}{\sin a}$.

Solution: Given that $x \sin(a + y) = \sin y$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sin y}{\sin(a + y)}.$$

Differentiating with respect to x both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(\sin y) \cdot \sin(a + y) - \sin y \cdot \frac{d}{dx}\{\sin(a + y)\}}{\sin^2(a + y)} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \frac{\cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \sin(a + y) - \sin y \cdot \cos(a + y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}}{\sin^2(a + y)} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \frac{\frac{dy}{dx} \left\{ \cos y \cdot \sin(a + y) - \sin y \cdot \cos(a + y) \right\}}{\sin^2(a + y)} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \frac{\frac{dy}{dx} \left\{ \sin(a + y) \cdot \cos y - \cos(a + y) \cdot \sin y \right\}}{\sin^2(a + y)} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \frac{\frac{dy}{dx} \left[\frac{\sin\{(a + y) - y\}}{\sin^2(a + y)} \right]}{\sin^2(a + y)} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \frac{\frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \left[\frac{\sin a}{\sin^2(a + y)} \right]}{\sin^2(a + y)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\sin^2(a + y)}{\sin a} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, given that $x \sin(a + y) = \sin y$ (1)

Differentiating with respect to x both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \cdot \sin(a + y) + x \cdot \cos(a + y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} &= \cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \{x \cos(a + y) - \cos y\} &= -\sin(a + y) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-\sin(a + y)}{\{x \cos(a + y) - \cos y\}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-\sin^2(a + y)}{\{x \cos(a + y) - \cos y\} \cdot \sin(a + y)} \quad [\text{Multiplying Nr \& Dr by } \sin(a + y)] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-\sin^2(a + y)}{x \sin(a + y) \cos(a + y) - \cos y \cdot \sin(a + y)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-\sin^2(a + y)}{\sin y \cos(a + y) - \cos y \cdot \sin(a + y)} = \frac{-\sin^2(a + y)}{-\{\sin(a + y) \cdot \cos y - \cos(a + y) \cdot \sin y\}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\sin^2(a + y)}{\sin\{(a + y) - y\}} = \frac{\sin^2(a + y)}{\sin a}. \end{aligned}$$

Example 4: If $x \sin(a + y) + \sin a \cos(a + y) = 0$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin^2(a + y)}{\sin a}$.

Solution: Given $x \sin(a + y) + \sin a \cos(a + y) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x &= -\sin a \cdot \frac{\cos(a + y)}{\sin(a + y)} = -\sin a \cdot \cot(a + y) \\ \Rightarrow x &= -\sin a \cdot \cot(a + y) \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating with respect to x both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow 1 = -\sin a \cdot \{-\operatorname{cosec}^2(a + y)\} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin a}{\sin^2(a + y)} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin^2(a+y)}{\sin a}$$

Alternatively, we have $x \sin(a+y) + \sin a \cos(a+y) = 0 \dots\dots\dots (1)$

Differentiating with respect to x both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \sin(a+y) + x \cos(a+y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + \sin a \{-\sin(a+y)\} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \{x \cos(a+y) - \sin(a+y) \sin a\} &= -\sin(a+y) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \{\sin(a+y) \sin a - x \cos(a+y)\} &= \sin(a+y) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\sin(a+y)}{\sin(a+y) \sin a - x \cos(a+y)} = \frac{\sin^2(a+y)}{\{\sin(a+y) \sin a - x \cos(a+y)\} \sin(a+y)} \\ &\quad [\text{Multiplying Nr \& Dr by } \sin(a+y)] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\sin^2(a+y)}{\sin^2(a+y) \sin a - x \sin(a+y) \cos(a+y)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\sin^2(a+y)}{\sin^2(a+y) \sin a - \{-\sin a \cos(a+y) \cdot \cos(a+y)\}} \\ &\quad [\text{From (1): } x \sin(a+y) = -\sin a \cos(a+y)] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\sin^2(a+y)}{\sin a \{\sin^2(a+y) + \cos^2(a+y)\}} = \frac{\sin^2(a+y)}{\sin a \cdot 1} = \frac{\sin^2(a+y)}{\sin a}. \end{aligned}$$

Example 5: If $x\sqrt{1+y} + y\sqrt{1+x} = 0$; ($x \neq y$), show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$.

Solution: Given that $x\sqrt{1+y} + y\sqrt{1+x} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x\sqrt{1+y} = -y\sqrt{1+x}$$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 \cdot (1+y) &= y^2 \cdot (1+x) \Rightarrow x^2 + x^2y = y^2 + y^2x \\ \Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 &= -x^2y + y^2x \Rightarrow (x-y)(x+y) = -xy(x-y) \end{aligned}$$

Since $x \neq y$, dividing both sides by $(x-y)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} x+y &= -xy \Rightarrow y+xy = -x \Rightarrow y(1+x) = -x \\ \Rightarrow y &= -\frac{x}{1+x}. \text{ Differentiating w.r.t. } x, \text{ we get} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\left[\frac{1 \cdot (1+x) - x \cdot 1}{(1+x)^2} \right] = -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2}.$$

Derivatives of inverse trigonometric functions

Formulae:

$$(i) \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$(iv) \frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$(v) \frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$(vi) \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

Proof: (i) Let $y = \sin^{-1} x$

$$\Rightarrow \sin y = x$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x , we get

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$$

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

(ii) Let $y = \cos^{-1} x$

$$\Rightarrow \cos y = x$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x , we get

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

$$\Rightarrow -\sin y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{-\sin y} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 y}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$$

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

(iii) Let $y = \tan^{-1} x$

$$\Rightarrow \tan y = x$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x , we get

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

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

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

(iv) Let $y = \cot^{-1} x$

$$\Rightarrow \cot y = x$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x , we get

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

$$\Rightarrow -\operatorname{cosec}^2 y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{-\operatorname{cosec}^2 y} = -\frac{1}{1 + \cot^2 y} = -\frac{1}{1 + x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{1 + x^2}$$

(v) Let $y = \sec^{-1} x$

$$\Rightarrow \sec y = x$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x , we get

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

$$\Rightarrow \sec y \tan y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec y \tan y} = \frac{1}{\sec y \sqrt{\sec^2 y - 1}} = \frac{1}{x \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{x \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

(vi) Let $y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec} y = x$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x , we get

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec} y) = \frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\operatorname{cosec} y \cot y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{-\operatorname{cosec} y \cot y} = \frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec} y \sqrt{\operatorname{cosec}^2 y - 1}} = -\frac{1}{x \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

Solved Examples

Example 1: Find the derivative w. r. t. x :

$$(i) \sin^{-1}(2x\sqrt{1-x^2}) \quad (ii) \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right) \quad (iii) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: (i)} \quad \frac{d}{dx}\left\{\sin^{-1}(2x\sqrt{1-x^2})\right\} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x\sqrt{1-x^2})^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(2x\sqrt{1-x^2}) \\ &= \frac{2\left[1\cdot\sqrt{1-x^2} + x\cdot\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}\cdot(-2x)\right]}{\sqrt{1-4x^2(1-x^2)}} = \frac{2\left[\sqrt{1-x^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right]}{\sqrt{1-4x^2(1-x^2)}} = \frac{2\{(1-x^2)-x^2\}}{\sqrt{1-4x^2+4x^4}} \\ &= \frac{2(1-2x^2)}{\sqrt{(1-2x^2)^2\sqrt{1-x^2}}} = \frac{2(1-2x^2)}{(1-2x^2)\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, let $y = \sin^{-1}(2x\sqrt{1-x^2})$

$$\Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1}(2 \sin \theta \sqrt{1-\sin^2 \theta}) \quad (\text{Taking } x = \sin \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1}(2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) = \sin^{-1}(\sin 2\theta) = 2\theta$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$(ii) \text{ Let } y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-\tan^2 \theta}{1+\tan^2 \theta}\right) \quad (\text{Taking substitution } x = \tan \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \cos^{-1}(\cos 2\theta) = 2\theta$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{2}{1+x^2}$$

Alternatively, let $y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{(1+x^2)^2 - (1-x^2)^2}{(1+x^2)^2}}} \cdot \left\{\frac{-2x \cdot (1+x^2) - (1-x^2) \cdot 2x}{(1+x^2)^2}\right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{4x^2}{(1+x^2)^2}}} \cdot \left[\frac{-2x \cdot \{(1+x^2) + (1-x^2)\}}{(1+x^2)^2}\right] = -\frac{(1+x^2)}{2x} \cdot \left\{\frac{-2x \cdot 2}{(1+x^2)^2}\right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{1+x^2}$$

$$(iii) \text{ Let } y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta} - 1}{\tan \theta} \right) \quad (\text{Taking substitution } x = \tan \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sec \theta - 1}{\tan \theta} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{\cos \theta} - 1}{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2 \sin^2 \theta/2}{2 \sin \theta/2 \cos \theta/2} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sin \theta/2}{\cos \theta/2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) = \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x$$

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

Alternatively, let $y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + x^2} - 1}{x} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + x^2} - 1}{x} \right)^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + x^2} - 1}{x} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\frac{x^2 + \{(1 + x^2) + 1 - 2\sqrt{1 + x^2} \cdot 1\}}{x^2}} \cdot \left\{ \frac{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \cdot 2x \cdot x - (\sqrt{1 + x^2} - 1) \cdot 1}{x^2} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot (1 + x^2) - 2\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \cdot \left\{ \frac{\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} - (\sqrt{1 + x^2} - 1)}{x^2} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1 + x^2}(\sqrt{1 + x^2} - 1)} \cdot \left\{ \frac{x^2 - (1 + x^2 - \sqrt{1 + x^2})}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1 + x^2}(\sqrt{1 + x^2} - 1)} \cdot \left\{ \frac{(\sqrt{1 + x^2} - 1)}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1 + x^2} \cdot \sqrt{1 + x^2}} = \frac{1}{2(1 + x^2)}.$$

Example 2: Find the derivative w.r.t. x :

(i) $\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \sin x} + \sqrt{1 - \sin x}}{\sqrt{1 + \sin x} - \sqrt{1 - \sin x}} \right)$ (ii) $\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \cos x} + \sqrt{1 - \cos x}}{\sqrt{1 + \cos x} - \sqrt{1 - \cos x}} \right)$

Solution: (i) Let $y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \sin x} + \sqrt{1 - \sin x}}{\sqrt{1 + \sin x} - \sqrt{1 - \sin x}} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}} + \sqrt{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} - 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}}}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}} - \sqrt{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} - 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2} + \sqrt{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2}}{\sqrt{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2} - \sqrt{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) + \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)}{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) - \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2 \cos \frac{x}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\cot \frac{x}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{\pi}{2} - \cot^{-1} \left(\cot \frac{x}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2} \quad \left[\text{Using } \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

Learn the formulae:

$$(i) \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$(ii) \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$(iii) \sec^{-1} x + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

$$(ii) \text{ Let } y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+\cos x} + \sqrt{1-\cos x}}{\sqrt{1+\cos x} - \sqrt{1-\cos x}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}\cos x/2 + \sqrt{2}\sin x/2}{\sqrt{2}\cos x/2 - \sqrt{2}\sin x/2}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1 + \tan x/2}{1 - \tan x/2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\tan \pi/4 + \tan x/2}{1 - \tan \pi/4 \cdot \tan x/2} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right) \right\} = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Example 3: If $y = \frac{x}{2}\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2}\sin^{-1}\frac{x}{a}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$.

Solution: We have $y = \frac{x}{2}\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2}\sin^{-1}\frac{x}{a}$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} \left[x\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + a^2 \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \right]$$

Differentiating with respect to x both sides, we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[x\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + a^2 \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{d}{dx} (x\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}) + \frac{d}{dx} \left(a^2 \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\left\{ \frac{d}{dx} (x) \cdot \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}) \right\} + a^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\left\{ \frac{d}{dx} (x) \cdot \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}) \right\} + a^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\left\{ 1 \cdot \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + x \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \cdot (-2x) \right\} + a^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{a^2 - x^2}{a^2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot 1 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\left(\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \right) + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{(a^2 - x^2) - x^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{2a^2 - 2x^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \left[\frac{a^2 - x^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \right] = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

Assignment No. 4

$$1. \text{ If } x^3 + y^3 = (x - y)^2, \quad \text{find } \frac{dy}{dx}. \quad \left[\text{Answer: } \frac{2(x - y) - 3x^2}{2(x - y) + 3y^2} \right]$$

$$2. \text{ If } x^3 + y^3 = 3axy, \quad \text{find } \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \left[\text{Answer: } \frac{ay - x^2}{y^2 - ax} \right]$$

$$3. \text{ If } x \sin(a + y) = \sin y, \quad \text{show that } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin^2(a + y)}{\sin a}.$$

4. If $y = \frac{x}{2}\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2}\sin^{-1}\frac{x}{a}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$

5. Differentiate with respect to x :

$$(i) \sin(m \sin^{-1} x) \quad (ii) \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right) \quad (iii) \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right) \quad (iv) \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}}\right)$$

$$\left[\text{Answer: } (i) \frac{m \cos(m \sin^{-1} x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad (ii) \frac{2}{1+x^2} \quad (iii) \frac{2}{1+x^2} \quad (iv) \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

6. Differentiate with respect to x :

$$(i) \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{1-\sin x}{1+\sin x}}\right) \quad (ii) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}+1}{x}\right) \quad (iii) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}\right).$$

$$\left[\text{Answer: } (i) -\frac{1}{2} \quad (ii) -\frac{1}{2(1+x^2)} \quad (iii) \frac{1}{2(1+x^2)} \right]$$

7. Differentiate with respect to x :

$$(i) \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{1+x^2}+x) \quad (ii) \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{1+x^2}-x) \quad (iii) \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right).$$

$$\left[\text{Answer: } (i) \frac{1}{2(1+x^2)} \quad (ii) -\frac{1}{2(1+x^2)} \quad (iii) \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right]$$

8. If $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+\sin x}+\sqrt{1-\sin x}}{\sqrt{1+\sin x}-\sqrt{1-\sin x}}\right)$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}$.

9. If $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+\cos x}+\sqrt{1-\cos x}}{\sqrt{1+\cos x}-\sqrt{1-\cos x}}\right)$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}$.

10. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if (i) $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}+\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}-\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right)$ (ii) $y = \sin\left\{2 \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}}\right)\right\}$.

$$\left[\text{Answer: } (i) -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad (iii) -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right]$$

Parametric differentiation

If x and y both are expressed in terms of a single variable, then such functions are called parametric functions with the single variable as a parameter.

Let $x = f(t)$ (1) and

$y = g(t)$ (2) be functions of 't'. Then (1) and (2)

are parametric functions and 't' is a parameter.

Let a small change δt in t , cause the corresponding changes δx and δy in x and y respectively.

Clearly, we have

$$\frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \frac{\frac{\delta y}{\delta t}}{\frac{\delta x}{\delta t}} \Rightarrow \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\delta y}{\delta t}}{\frac{\delta x}{\delta t}} \quad (\text{Taking limit both sides as } \delta t \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \frac{\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta t}}{\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta x}{\delta t}} \quad (\text{As } \delta t \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \delta x \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)}}$$

which is the required formula for parametric differentiation.

Solved Examples

Example 1: If $x = a \cos \theta$ and $y = a \sin \theta$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Solution: Given $x = a \cos \theta$ and $y = a \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = -a \sin \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{d\theta} = a \cos \theta$$

By formula $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{a \cos \theta}{-a \sin \theta} = -\cot \theta$.

Remark: The equations $x = a \cos \theta$ and $y = a \sin \theta$ are the parametric equations of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$. Differentiating w.r.t. x , we get $2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y} = -\frac{a \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta} = -\cot \theta.$$

Example 2: If $x = at^2$ and $y = 2at$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Solution: Given $x = at^2$ and $y = 2at$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2at \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2a$$

By formula $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)} = \frac{2a}{2at} = \frac{1}{t}$.

Remark: The equations $x = at^2$ and $y = 2at$ are the parametric equations of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$. Differentiating w.r.t. x , we get $2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 4a \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{y} = \frac{2a}{2at} = \frac{1}{t}$.

Example 3: If $x = a \left(\cos t + \frac{1}{2} \log \tan^2 \frac{t}{2} \right)$ and $y = a \sin t$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan t$.

Solution: Given $x = a \left(\cos t + \frac{1}{2} \log \tan^2 \frac{t}{2} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = a \left(-\sin t + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\tan^2 \frac{t}{2}} \cdot 2 \tan \frac{t}{2} \cdot \sec^2 \frac{t}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) = a \left(-\sin t + \frac{1}{\tan \frac{t}{2}} \cdot \sec^2 \frac{t}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = a \left(-\sin t + \frac{\cos \frac{t}{2}}{\sin \frac{t}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{t}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) = a \left(-\sin t + \frac{1}{\sin \frac{t}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \frac{t}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = a \left(-\sin t + \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{t}{2} \cos \frac{t}{2}} \right) = a \left(-\sin t + \frac{1}{\sin t} \right) = a \left(\frac{-\sin^2 t + 1}{\sin t} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = a \frac{\cos^2 t}{\sin t}$$

Also, given that $y = a \sin t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = a \cos t$

By formula $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{(a \cos t)}{\left(a \frac{\cos^2 t}{\sin t}\right)} = \tan t$.

Example 4: If $x = a \sec^2 \theta$ and $y = b \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$, find $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\theta=\pi/3}$.

Solution: Given $x = a \sec^2 \theta$ and $y = b \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = a \cdot 2 \sec \theta \cdot \sec \theta \tan \theta = 2a \sec^2 \theta \tan \theta$$

& $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = b \cdot 2 \operatorname{cosec} \theta (-\operatorname{cosec} \theta \cot \theta) = -2b \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta \cot \theta$

By formula $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{-2b \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta \cot \theta}{2a \sec^2 \theta \tan \theta} = -\frac{b \cos^4 \theta}{a \sin^4 \theta}$.

Now, $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\theta=\pi/3} = -\frac{b \cos^4 \pi/3}{a \sin^4 \pi/3} = -\frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} \cdot \frac{2^4}{3^2} = -\frac{b}{9a}.$

Assignment No. 5

1. If $x = a(\theta + \sin \theta)$ and $y = a(1 - \cos \theta)$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. (Answer: $\tan \frac{\theta}{2}$)
2. If $x = a(\cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta)$ and $y = a(\sin \theta - \theta \cos \theta)$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. (Answer: $\tan \theta$)
3. If $x = a\left(\cos t + \frac{1}{2} \log \tan^2 \frac{t}{2}\right)$ and $y = a \sin t$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan t$.
4. If $x = a(\theta - \sin \theta)$ and $y = a(1 - \cos \theta)$, determine the value of $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\theta=\pi/6}$. (Answer: $2 + \sqrt{3}$)
5. If $x = \cos 3\theta - 3 \cos \theta$ and $y = \sin 3\theta - 3 \sin \theta$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan 2\theta$.
6. If $x = \cos n\theta - n \cos \theta$ and $y = \sin n\theta - n \sin \theta$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan \left\{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)\theta\right\}$.
7. If $x = a \sec t$ and $y = b \tan t$, find $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{t=\pi/3}$. (Answer: $\frac{2\sqrt{3}b}{3a}$)

Differentiation of a function with respect to another function

Let $u = f(x)$ and $v = g(x)$ be two functions of x . We may require the derivative of u with respect to v , i.e., $\frac{du}{dv}$. Using the concept of parametric differentiation, we get

$$\frac{du}{dv} = \frac{\left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)}{\left(\frac{dv}{dx}\right)}$$

Also, $\frac{dv}{du} = \frac{\left(\frac{dv}{dx}\right)}{\left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)}$

Solved Examples

Example 1: Differentiate $\log \sin x$ with respect to $\tan^3 x$.

Solution: Let $u = \log \sin x$ and $v = \tan^3 x$. We need to find $\frac{du}{dv}$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \cos x = \cot x \quad \& \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = 3 \tan^2 x \cdot \sec^2 x$$

$$\text{By formula } \frac{du}{dv} = \frac{\left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)}{\left(\frac{dv}{dx}\right)} = \frac{\cot x}{3 \tan^2 x \cdot \sec^2 x} = \frac{1}{3} \cot^3 x \cos^2 x.$$

Relation between $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{dx}{dy}$

Let $y = f(x)$ be a function of x . Let a small change δx in x causes the corresponding change δy in y .

$$\text{We know that } \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{\delta x}{\delta y}} = \frac{\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} 1}{\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta x}{\delta y}} = \frac{1}{\lim_{\delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta x}{\delta y}} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)} \quad (\text{As } \delta x \rightarrow 0, \delta y \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)\left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)}$$

Logarithmic differentiation

If a function involves multiplication, division, exponents, radicals etc., it can easily be

differentiated taking logarithms. The following properties of logarithms are helpful for the purpose:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \log_a(mn) &= \log_a m + \log_a n & (2) \log_a\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) &= \log_a m - \log_a n \\ (3) \log_a m^n &= n \log_a m & (4) \log_a 1 &= 0 & (5) \log_a a &= 1 \\ (6) \log_a b &= \frac{1}{\log_b a} & (7) \log_b a &= \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b} & (8) p &= q^{\log_q p} \end{aligned}$$

Solved examples

Example 1: Differentiate w.r.t. x (i) x^x (ii) $x^{\sin x}$ (iii) $(\sin x)^{\cos x}$

Solution: (i) Let $y = x^x$. Taking log both sides, we get

$$\log_e y = \log_e x^x \Rightarrow \log_e y = x \log_e x$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x both sides, we get

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

$$\text{Alternatively, } \frac{d}{dx}(x^x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\log_e x^x}) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x \log_e x}) = e^{x \log_e x} \frac{d}{dx}(x \log_e x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(x^x) = e^{x \log_e x} \left(1 \cdot \log_e x + x \cdot \frac{1}{x}\right) = e^{\log_e x^x}(\log_e x + 1) = x^x(\log_e x + 1).$$

(ii) Let $y = x^{\sin x}$. Taking log both sides, we get

$$\log_e y = \log_e x^{\sin x} \Rightarrow \log_e y = \sin x \log_e x$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x both sides, we get

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x \cdot \log_e x + \sin x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}(x \cos x \log_e x + \sin x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x^{\sin x} \left(\frac{x \cos x \log_e x + \sin x}{x}\right)$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dx}\{(\sin x)^{\cos x}\} = \frac{d}{dx}\{e^{\log_e(\sin x)^{\cos x}}\} = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\cos x \log_e \sin x})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}\{(\sin x)^{\cos x}\} = e^{\cos x \log_e \sin x} \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x \log_e \sin x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}\{(\sin x)^{\cos x}\} = e^{\log_e(\sin x)^{\cos x}} \left[-\sin x \log_e \sin x + \cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \cos x\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}\{(\sin x)^{\cos x}\} = (\sin x)^{\cos x}(\cos x \cot x - \sin x \log_e \sin x)$$

Example 2: If $x^y + y^x = a$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Solution: Given $x^y + y^x = a$

Differentiating w.r.t. x both sides, we get

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^y + y^x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(x^y) + \frac{d}{dx}(y^x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\log_e x^y}) + \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\log_e y^x}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(e^{y \log_e x}) + \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x \log_e y}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{y \log_e x} \frac{d}{dx}(y \log_e x) + e^{x \log_e y} \frac{d}{dx}(x \log_e y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\log_e x^y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \log_e x + y \cdot \frac{1}{x}\right) + e^{\log_e y^x} \left(1 \cdot \log_e y + x \cdot \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^y \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \log_e x + \frac{y}{x}\right) + y^x \left(1 \cdot \log_e y + \frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \left(x^y \log_e x + y^x \cdot \frac{x}{y}\right) = -\left(x^y \cdot \frac{y}{x} + y^x \cdot \log_e y\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{y \cdot x^{y-1} + y^x \cdot \log_e y}{x^y \log_e x + x \cdot y^{x-1}}\right)$$

Example 3: If $x^y = e^{x-y}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\log x}{(1 + \log x)^2}$.

Solution: Given $x^y = e^{x-y}$

Taking logarithms both sides, we get

$$y \log_e x = (x - y) \cdot \log_e e \Rightarrow y \log_e x = (x - y) \cdot 1 \Rightarrow y \log_e x + y = x \\ \Rightarrow y(\log_e x + 1) = x \Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{1 + \log x}$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x both sides, we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 \cdot (1 + \log x) - x \cdot \frac{1}{x}}{(1 + \log_e x)^2} = \frac{1 + \log x - 1}{(1 + \log x)^2} = \frac{\log x}{(1 + \log x)^2}.$$

Example 4: If $x^m y^n = (x + y)^{m+n}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$.

Solution: Given $x^m y^n = (x + y)^{m+n}$

Taking logarithms both sides, we get

$$\log(x^m y^n) = \log(x + y)^{m+n} \Rightarrow m \log x + n \log y = (m + n) \log(x + y)$$

Differentiating w.r.t. x both sides, we get

$$m \cdot \frac{1}{x} + n \cdot \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = (m + n) \cdot \frac{1}{x + y} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{m}{x} + \frac{n}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{m + n}{x + y}\right) \left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \left\{ \frac{n}{y} - \left(\frac{m + n}{x + y}\right) \right\} = \frac{m + n}{x + y} - \frac{m}{x} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \left\{ \frac{n(x + y) - (m + n)y}{y(x + y)} \right\} = \frac{(m + n)x - m(x + y)}{x(x + y)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \left(\frac{nx + ny - my - ny}{y} \right) = \frac{mx + nx - mx - my}{x} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \left(\frac{nx - my}{y} \right) = \frac{nx - my}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}.$$

Example 5: If $y = \frac{ax^2}{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)} + \frac{bx}{(x - b)(x - c)} + \frac{c}{x - c} + 1$

show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} \left(\frac{a}{a - x} + \frac{b}{b - x} + \frac{c}{c - x} \right)$.

Solution: Given $y = \frac{ax^2}{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)} + \frac{bx}{(x - b)(x - c)} + \left(\frac{c}{x - c} + 1 \right)$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{ax^2}{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)} + \frac{bx}{(x - b)(x - c)} + \frac{c + x - c}{x - c}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{ax^2}{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)} + \left\{ \frac{bx}{(x - b)(x - c)} + \frac{x}{x - c} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{ax^2}{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)} + \frac{bx + x(x - b)}{(x - b)(x - c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{ax^2}{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)} + \frac{x^2}{(x - b)(x - c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{ax^2 + x^2(x - a)}{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{x^3}{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)}$$

Taking logarithms both sides, we get

$$\log y = \log \left\{ \frac{x^3}{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)} \right\} = \log x^3 - \log \{(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log y = 3 \log x - \log(x - a) - \log(x - b) - \log(x - c)$$

Differentiating both sides with respect to x , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3 \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-a} \cdot 1 - \frac{1}{x-b} \cdot 1 - \frac{1}{x-c} \cdot 1 \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= y \left(\frac{3}{x} - \frac{1}{x-a} - \frac{1}{x-b} - \frac{1}{x-c} \right) \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= y \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-a} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-b} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-c} \right) \right\} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= y \left\{ \frac{x-a-x}{x(x-a)} + \frac{x-b-x}{x(x-b)} + \frac{x-c-x}{x(x-c)} \right\} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{y}{x} \left(\frac{-a}{x-a} + \frac{-b}{x-b} + \frac{-c}{x-c} \right) \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{y}{x} \left(\frac{a}{a-x} + \frac{b}{b-x} + \frac{c}{c-x} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Assignment No. 6

1. Differentiate with respect to x : (i) x^x (ii) $(\sin x)^{\cos x}$ (iii) $(\sin^{-1} x)^x$.

Answer: (i) $x^x(1 + \log x)$ (ii) $(\sin x)^{\cos x}(\cos x \cot x - \sin x \log_e \sin x)$

$$(iii) (\sin^{-1} x)^x \left(\log \sin^{-1} x + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2} \cdot \sin^{-1} x} \right)$$

2. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if (i) $x^y = y^x$ (ii) $x^y + y^x = a$ (iii) $x^m y^n = 1$.

$$\text{Answer: (i) } \frac{y}{x} \left(\frac{x \log y - y}{y \log x - x} \right) \quad (ii) - \left(\frac{y \cdot x^{y-1} + y^x \cdot \log_e y}{x^y \log_e x + x \cdot y^{x-1}} \right) \quad (iii) - \frac{my}{nx}$$

3. If $x^y = e^{x-y}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\log x}{(1 + \log x)^2}$.

4. If $x^m y^n = (x+y)^{m+n}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$.

5. If $y = \frac{ax^2}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)} + \frac{bx}{(x-b)(x-c)} + \frac{c}{x-c} + 1 = 0$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} \left(\frac{a}{a-x} + \frac{b}{b-x} + \frac{c}{c-x} \right)$.

Derivatives of a^x and $\log_a x$

Formulae:

$$(i) \frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \log_e a$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \frac{1}{x \log_e a} = \frac{\log_a e}{x}$$

$$\text{Proof: (i) } \frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\log_e a^x}) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x \log_e a}) = e^{x \log_e a} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x \log_e a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = e^{\log_e a^x} \cdot \log_e a \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x) = a^x \log_e a \cdot 1 = a^x \log_e a.$$

Alternatively, let $y = a^x$. Taking log both sides, we get $\log_e y = x \log_e a$

Differentiating w.r.t. x both sides, we get

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \cdot \log_e a \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot \log_e a \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = a^x \log_e a$$

We also prove it from the first principles as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{x+\delta x} - a^x}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x \cdot a^{\delta x} - a^x}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x(a^{\delta x} - 1)}{\delta x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{\delta x} - 1}{\delta x} = a^x \cdot \log_e a$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\log_e x}{\log_e a} \right) = \frac{1}{\log_e a} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\log_e x) \quad \left(\text{Using } \log_b a = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \frac{1}{\log_e a} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x \log_e a} = \frac{\log_a e}{x}.$$

We prove it from the first principles as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) &= \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_a(x + \delta x) - \log_a x}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_a\left(\frac{x + \delta x}{x}\right)}{\delta x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_a\left(1 + \frac{\delta x}{x}\right)}{\delta x} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\log_e\left(1 + \frac{\delta x}{x}\right)}{\log_e a}}{\delta x} = \frac{1}{\log_e a} \cdot \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_e\left(1 + \frac{\delta x}{x}\right)}{\delta x} = \frac{1}{\log_e a} \cdot \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_e\left(1 + \frac{\delta x}{x}\right)}{\delta x} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \frac{1}{\log_e a} \left\{ \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_e\left(1 + \frac{\delta x}{x}\right)}{\frac{\delta x}{x}} \right\} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x \log_e a} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{x \log_e a}. \end{aligned}$$

Solved examples

Example 1: Find the derivative w.r.t. x : (i) 2^x (ii) 2^{3^x} (iii) $2^{3^{4^x}}$.

Solution: (i) $\frac{d}{dx}(2^x) = 2^x \log_e 2$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx}(2^{3^x}) = 2^{3^x} \log_e 2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(3^x) = 2^{3^x} \log_e 2 \cdot 3^x \cdot \log_e 3 = 2^{3^x} \cdot 3^x \cdot \log 2 \log 3.$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dx}(2^{3^{4^x}}) = 2^{3^{4^x}} \cdot \log 2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(3^{4^x}) = 2^{3^{4^x}} \cdot \log 2 \cdot 3^{4^x} \cdot \log 3 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(4^x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(2^{3^{4^x}}) = 2^{3^{4^x}} \cdot \log 2 \cdot 3^{4^x} \cdot \log 3 \cdot 4^x \cdot \log 4 = 2^{3^{4^x}} \cdot 3^{4^x} \cdot 4^x \cdot \log 2 \log 3 \log 4.$$

Example 2: Differentiate $\log_3 x$ with respect to x .

Solution: $\frac{d}{dx}(\log_3 x) = \frac{1}{x \log_e 3}.$

Special infinite series and their differentiation

We come across functions showing the dependent or independent variable in the form of an infinite series in which the initial term/symbol repeats indefinitely. Such series can be reduced to a concise form replacing the terms beyond the first by the variable itself. Further, differentiation with respect to x both sides

yields $\frac{dy}{dx}.$

Solved examples

Example 1: If $y = \frac{1}{x + \frac{1}{x + \frac{1}{x + \dots \text{to } \infty}}}$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}.$

Solution: We can write the above function as $y = \frac{1}{x + y} \Rightarrow y(x + y) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow xy + y^2 = 1$

Differentiating both sides with respect to x , we get

$$1 \cdot y + x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow (x + 2y) \frac{dy}{dx} = -y \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x + 2y}.$$

Example 2: If $y = x^{x^{x^{\dots \text{to } \infty}}}$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}.$

Solution: We can write the above function as $y = x^y \Rightarrow \log y = y \log x$

Differentiating both sides with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx} \log x + y \cdot \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{y} - \log x\right) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1 - y \log x}{y}\right) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{x(1 - y \log x)}$$

Assignment No. 7

1. If $y = x^{x^{\dots \text{to } \infty}}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{x(1 - y \log x)}$,

2. If $y = \sqrt{\sin x + \sqrt{\sin x + \sqrt{\sin x + \dots \text{to } \infty}}}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos y}{2y - 1}$.

3. If $y = \sqrt{\log x + \sqrt{\log x + \sqrt{\log x + \dots \text{to } \infty}}}$, show that $(2y - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$.

4. Differentiate with respect to x : (i) 2^{3^x} (ii) $a^{b^{c^x}}$ (iii) $\log_x 3$.

Answer: (i) $2^{3^x} \cdot 3^x \cdot \log 2 \log 3$ (ii) $a^{b^{c^x}} \cdot b^{c^x} \cdot c^x \log a \cdot \log b \cdot \log c$ (iii) $\frac{1}{x \log 3}$

5. If $y = \frac{1}{x + \frac{1}{x + \frac{1}{x + \frac{1}{x + \dots \text{to } \infty}}}}$, prove that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x + 2y}$.

Higher order derivatives

Let $y = f(x)$ be a given function of x . Differentiating it with respect to x , we get

$\frac{dy}{dx}$ which is again a function of x and hence, can further be differentiated with

respect to x to get what we call as the second derivative to be denoted by $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$.

Continuing the process again and again n - times, we get the 3rd, 4th, ..., n th derivatives of 3rd, 4th, ..., n th orders respectively. Thus, the derivatives of order more than 1 are known as higher derivatives or higher - order derivatives. We list out below the derivatives from 1st order to n th order along with other common symbols:

First derivative:	$\frac{dy}{dx},$	$f'(x),$	$y_1,$	Dy
Second derivative:	$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2},$	$f''(x),$	$y_2,$	D^2y
Third derivative:	$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3},$	$f'''(x),$	$y_3,$	D^3y
....
nth derivative:	$\frac{d^ny}{dx^n},$	$f^n(x),$	$y_n,$	D^ny

Solved examples

Example 1: If $y = \sin^2 x$, find $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$.

Solution: Given that $y = \sin^2 x$.

Differentiating with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sin x \cos x = \sin 2x$$

Differentiating again with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (\sin 2x) = 2 \cos 2x$$

Differentiating third time with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (2 \cos 2x) = -2 \cdot 2 \sin 2x = -4 \sin 2x.$$

Example 2: If $x = a \sec^3 t$ and $y = b \tan^3 t$, find $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{t=\pi/4}$.

Solution: Given that $x = a \sec^3 t$ and $y = b \tan^3 t$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = a \cdot 3 \sec^2 t \cdot \sec t \tan t = 3a \sec^3 t \cdot \tan t$$

$$\& \frac{dy}{dt} = b \cdot 3 \tan^2 t \cdot \sec^2 t = 3b \sec^2 t \cdot \tan^2 t$$

$$\text{By formula } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} / \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{3b \sec^2 t \cdot \tan^2 t}{3a \sec^3 t \cdot \tan t} = \frac{b}{a} \sin t$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{b \sin t}{a} \right) = \frac{b}{a} \frac{d}{dx} (\sin t) = \frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} (\sin t) \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{b}{a} \cos t \cdot \frac{1}{3a \sec^3 t \cdot \tan t} = \frac{b \cos^5 t}{3a^2 \sin t}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{t=\pi/4} = \frac{b \cos^5 \pi/4}{3a^2 \sin \pi/4} = \frac{b}{12a^2}.$$

Example 3: If $y = e^{m \sin^{-1} x}$, show that $(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} - m^2 y = 0$.

Solution: Given that $y = e^{m \sin^{-1} x}$ (1)

Differentiating both sides with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{m \sin^{-1} x} \cdot m \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = y \frac{m}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad [\text{From (1)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1-x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} = my \Rightarrow (1-x^2) \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = m^2 y^2$$

(Squaring both sides)

Again differentiating both sides with respect to x , we get

$$(1-x^2) \cdot 2 \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = m^2 \cdot 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$(1-x^2) \cdot \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - m^2 \cdot y = 0$$

Assignment No. 8

1. If $y = e^{m \sin^{-1} x}$, show that $(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} - m^2 y = 0$.

2. If $y = \sin(m \sin^{-1} x)$, show that $(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + m^2 y = 0$.

3. If $x = a \sec t$ and $y = b \tan t$, determine the value of $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{t=\pi/6}$.

$$\left(\text{Answer: } -\frac{3\sqrt{3}b}{a^2}\right)$$

4. If $y = (x + \sqrt{1+x^2})^m$, show that $(1+x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - m^2 y = 0$.

5. If $y = (\tan^{-1} x)^2$, show that $(1+x^2)^2 y_2 + 2x(1+x^2)y_1 - 2 = 0$.

6. If $y = \sin^2 x$, find $\left(\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}\right)_{x=-\pi/4}$. (Answer: 4)

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