

## Calculus - lecture 4 : Differentiation (2)

\* l'Hôpital

\* function sketching

### I Indeterminate forms

indeterminate forms:  $\left[\frac{0}{0}\right]$ ,  $\left[\frac{\infty}{\infty}\right]$ ,  $[\infty - \infty]$ ,  $[1^\infty]$ ,  $[0^0]$ ,  $[0 \cdot \infty]$   
 $\rightarrow$  l'Hôpital

\* 1<sup>st</sup> l'Hôpital rule  $\left(\left[\frac{0}{0}\right]\right)$ : for 2 differentiable functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  on  $(a, b)$ ,  $g'(x) \neq 0$

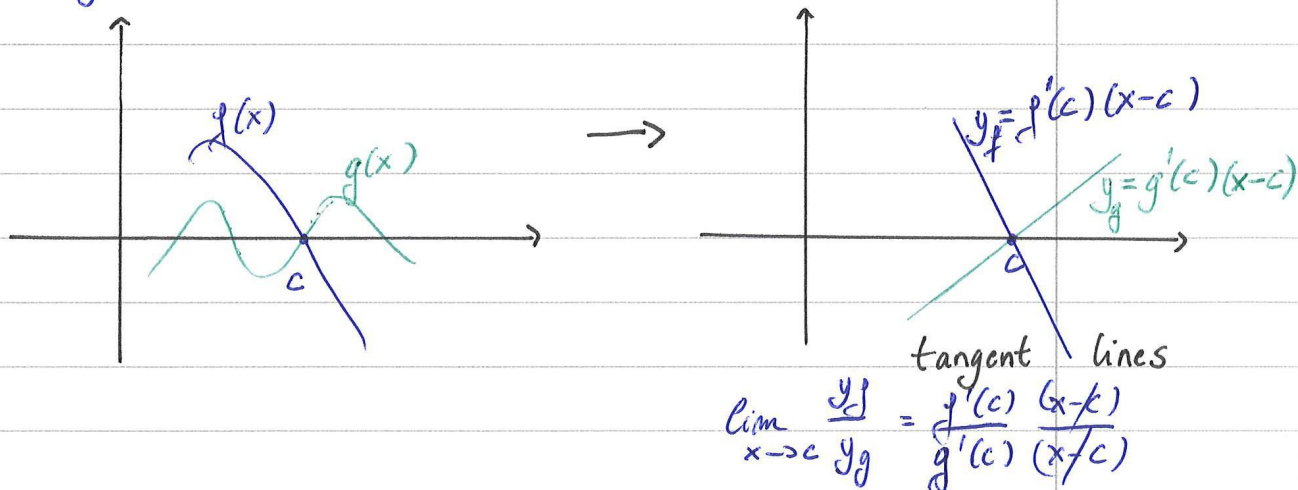
- if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} g(x) = 0$
- if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L$  (where  $L$  can be  $\infty$ )

$$\text{then } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$$

Same applies for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ , or for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ ,  $c \in (a, b)$   
and for  $a, b = \pm \infty$

\* Example:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2 - 1} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{2x} = \frac{1}{2}$

\* Intuitive explanation: we replace the functions by their tangent lines



\* 2<sup>nd</sup> l'Hôpital rule ( $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ ): for 2 differentiable functions  $f(x), g(x)$  on  $(a, b)$ ,  $g'(x) \neq 0$

- if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \pm \infty, \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} g(x) = \pm \infty$
- if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L$  (where  $L$  can be  $\pm \infty$ )

then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$  (also for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} \frac{f}{g}, \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f}{g}$  ( $c \in (a, b)$ )  
 $a = -\infty, b = +\infty$ )

\* note: the condition  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \pm \infty$  is actually sufficient, but if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \neq \pm \infty$ , there is no point in applying the l'Hôpital rule.

$$\text{Ex. } \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^2 e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2}{e^x} = 0$$

↳ other indeterminate forms: rewrite until it is in a shape that you can apply l'Hôpital

\* 2x derivative

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x &\rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(x^x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln(x) \stackrel{+}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (-x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{so, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{x \ln(x)} = e^0 = 1$$

## II Function sketching

1) increasing / decreasing function

\* a function  $f(x)$  on domain  $I$  is

monotonous }  
 injective }  
 increasing if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in I : x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2)$   
 decreasing if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in I : x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2)$   
 non-increasing if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in I : x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \geq f(x_2)$   
 non-decreasing if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in I : x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \leq f(x_2)$



\* connection with 1<sup>st</sup> derivative.

for  $f(x)$  continuous on  $[a,b]$ , differentiable on  $(a,b)$

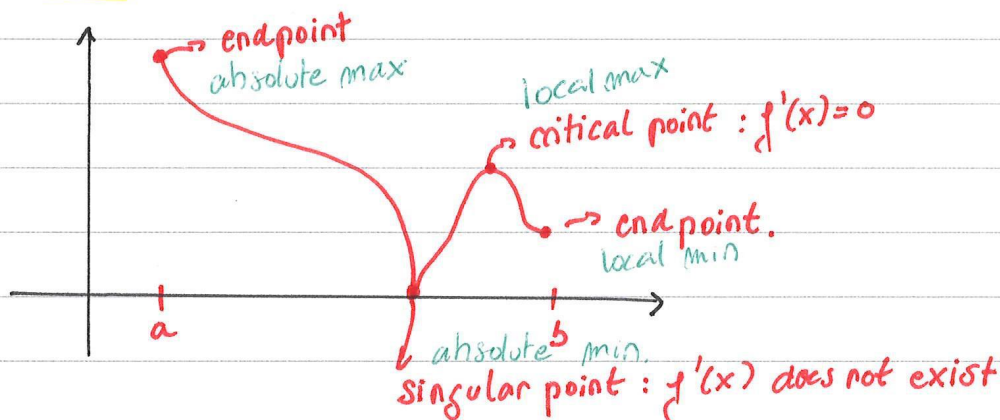
- if  $f'(x) > 0$  on  $(a,b)$ , then  $f$  is increasing
- if  $f'(x) < 0$  on  $(a,b)$ , then  $f$  is decreasing on  $[a,b]$
- if  $f'(x) = 0$  on  $(a,b)$ , then  $f$  is constant

Example:  $f(x) = x^3 - 12x + 1 \rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12 = 3(x-2)(x+2)$

|         |             |             |
|---------|-------------|-------------|
| $x$     | $-2$        | $2$         |
| $f'(x)$ | $+ \ 0 \ -$ | $- \ 0 \ +$ |
|         | $\nearrow$  | $\searrow$  |

$f(x)$  is increasing on  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, +\infty)$   
decreasing on  $(-2, 2)$

## 2) Extrema (minima and maxima)



\* a continuous function  $f$  on a closed and bounded interval  $[a,b]$  has an absolute minimum and an absolute maximum (min-max theorem)

\* these extreme values can be at: endpoints, singular points, critical points.

\* local minima at  $x_0$   $\exists h > 0 \forall x \in (x_0-h, x_0+h) f(x) \geq f(x_0)$   
local maxima at  $x_0$   $\exists h > 0 \forall x \in (x_0-h, x_0+h) f(x) \leq f(x_0)$

possibly local.

\* if  $f(x)$  has an extremum at  $x_0$  and  $f'(x_0)$  exists and  $x_0 \in (a,b)$ , then  $f'(x_0) = 0$

assume  $f$  has a local maximum at  $x_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow f'(x_0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} \leq 0 \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \leq 0 \\ \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} f'(x_0) = 0$$

$\hookrightarrow$  converse: is the opposite true:  $f'(x_0) = 0 \Rightarrow f$  has a local extremum at  $x_0$

\*  $f(x)$  has a minimum and maximum on  $[a, b]$

↳ what about open intervals?  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

→ for  $f$  continuous on  $(a, b)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = L$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = M$$

↳ if  $\exists x \in (a, b) : f(x) > L, M$ , then  $f$  has a maximum.  
 $f(x) < L, M$ , then  $f$  has a minimum.  
 ↳ absolute

\* example:  $x^2$  has an absolute minimum (0)

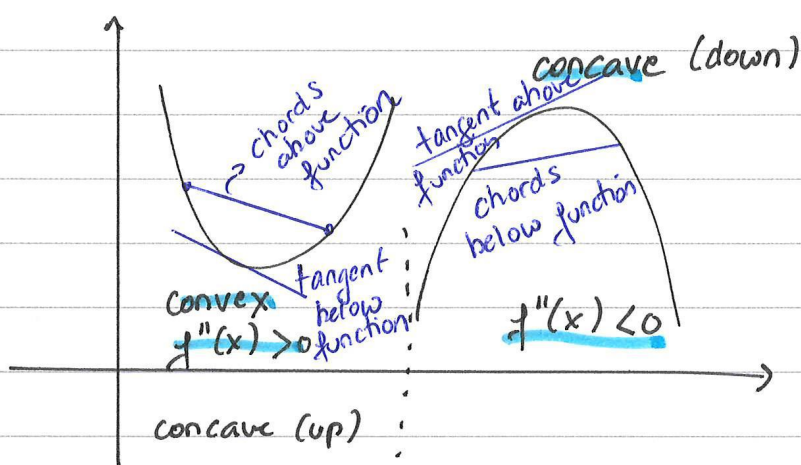
$$\text{since } \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^2 = +\infty$$

\*  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$  has an absolute maximum (0)

$$\text{since } \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = 0, \text{ and } \forall x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) > 0$$

(socratic) 2x

### 3) Concavity and inflection points



\* inflection point:  
 point where concavity changes + tangent exists

\* if  $f''(x_0)$  exists and  $x_0$  is an inflection point, then  $f''(x_0) = 0$

⇒ this comes all together in function sketching!

\* domain

\* continuous on domain?

\* even / odd function

\* asymptotes

\* first derivative → extreme values, increasing/decreasing intervals

\* second derivative → convex/concave intervals, inflection points



examples

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{2x}$$

$$f(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$$

\* domain:  $\mathbb{R}$ , continuous on domain

\* not even, not odd:  $f(-x) = x^2 e^x \neq -f(x) \neq f(x)$

\* horizontal asymptote, one-sided.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^2 e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2}{e^x} = 0$$

$$* f'(x) = 2x e^{-x} - x^2 e^{-x} = x(2-x) e^{-x}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ for } x=0 \text{ and } x=2$$

| x     | 0 | 2         |
|-------|---|-----------|
| f(x)  | 0 | $4e^{-2}$ |
| f'(x) | 0 | 0         |

absolute minimum at  $x=0$

$$* f''(x) = (2-2x)e^{-x} - x(2-x)e^{-x} = (x^2 - 4x + 2)e^{-x}$$

$$0 = x^2 - 4x + 2 \Leftrightarrow x_{1,2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16-8}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

| x      | 0                   | $2-\sqrt{2}$                     | 2         | $2+\sqrt{2}$                     | $\rightarrow \infty$ |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| f(x)   | $\leftarrow \infty$ | $(6-4\sqrt{2})e^{-(2-\sqrt{2})}$ | $4e^{-2}$ | $(6+4\sqrt{2})e^{-(2+\sqrt{2})}$ | $\rightarrow 0$      |
| f'(x)  | $\searrow 0$        | $\nearrow$                       | 0         | $\searrow$                       |                      |
| f''(x) | $\cup$              | 0                                | $\cap$    | 0                                | $\cup$               |

