

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

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

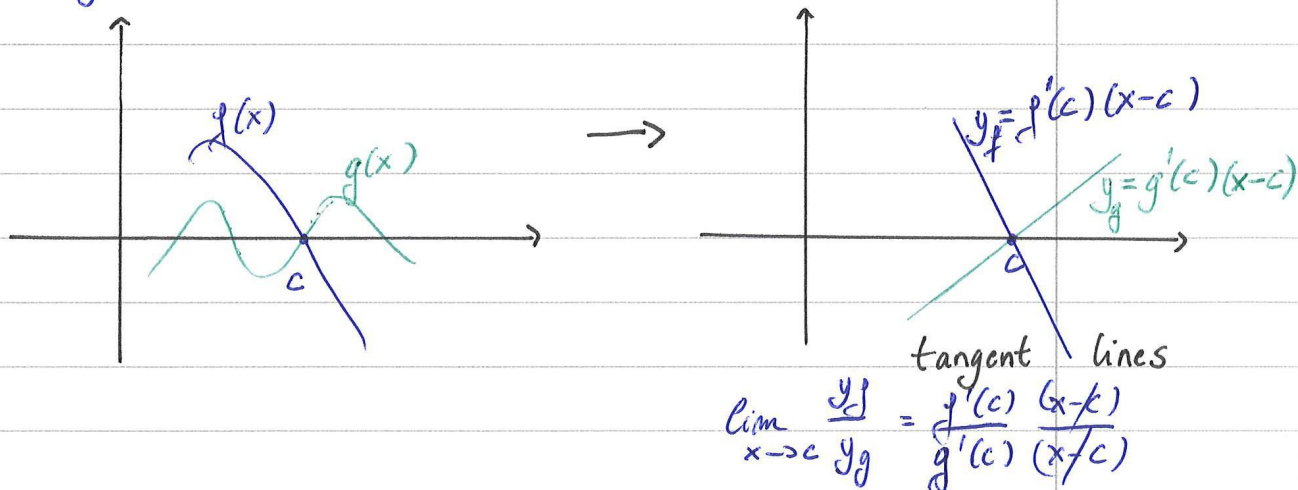
- if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} g(x) = 0$
- if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L$ (where L can be ∞)

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

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



* 2nd 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 1st derivative.

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

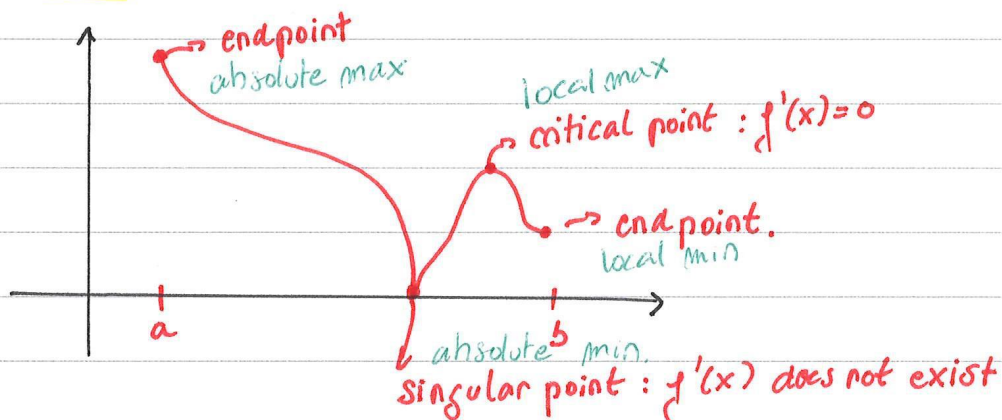
- if $f'(x) > 0$ on (a,b) , then f is increasing
- if $f'(x) < 0$ on (a,b) , then f is decreasing on $[a,b]$
- if $f'(x) = 0$ on (a,b) , then f is constant

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 $\exists h > 0 \ \forall x \in (x_0-h, x_0+h) \ f(x) \leq f(x_0)$

* 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)

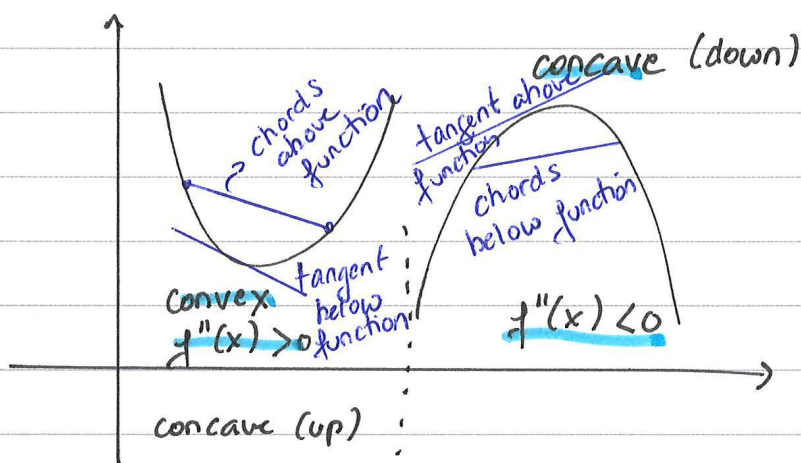
$$\text{since } \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^2 = +\infty$$

* $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$ 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.

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

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

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)	↓ 0	↑	0	↓	
f''(x)	∪	0	∩	0	∪
	min		max		

