

**Example 16.3.7** Find the derivative of

$$f(x) \left( \frac{x^4 - 2x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right)^5.$$

(Note: The notes I gave you last class has  $x^4 + 2x^2 + 1$  in the numerator. Can you still simplify?)

$$x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 1)$$

$$\left( \frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right)^5 = (x^2 - 1)^5$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = 5(x^2 - 1)^4 \cdot 2x \quad \swarrow g'(x)$$

Groups 16.3.8 Does  $xe^{x^2}$  have a maximum?

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{d}{dx}(xe^{x^2}) \\
 \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 x \quad * \quad e^{x^2} \\
 \\
 \frac{d}{dx}(xe^{x^2}) = (1)e^{x^2} + x(e^{x^2})' \\
 \\
 \begin{array}{cc}
 u = x^2 & f(u) = e^u \\
 u' = 2x & f' = e^u \\
 & (e^{x^2})' = 2xe^{x^2}
 \end{array} \\
 \\
 \frac{d}{dx}(xe^{x^2}) = e^{x^2} + x(2xe^{x^2}) \\
 = e^{x^2}(1 + 2x^2) = 0 \\
 2x^2 = -1 \\
 x^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \\
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 \end{array}$$

Quiz ex

$$f(x) = xe^{2x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= e^{2x} + x(e^{2x})' \\
 &= e^{2x} + 2xe^{2x} = e^{2x}(1 + 2x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow e^{2x}(1 + 2x) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

## Chapter 17

# Implicit Differentiation and its Applications

## 17.1 The derivative of $x^x$

### 17.1. Goals

- finding the derivative of  $x^x$
- logarithmic differentiation

**Example 17.1.1**

- (a) What are the derivatives of  $x^n$  and  $b^x$ ? Do either of these rules work for  $x^x$  when  $x > 0$ ?  
 (b) Can we make it so that  $x$  is not a power? (hint: do you remember your log rules?)

a) is  $\frac{df}{dx} = x x^{x-1}$  ?  $x x^{x-1}$

is  $\frac{df}{dx} = x^x \ln x$  ?

b)

$y = x^x$

if we had  $\ln(x^x) = x \ln x$

$\ln y = \ln(x^x) = x \ln x$

want  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Example 17.1.2 Find the derivative of  $y = x^{f(x)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(y) &= x \ln x && \text{check} \\
 (\ln(y))' &= (x \ln x)' = 1 + \ln x \\
 y &= y(x) && \ln(f(x)) \\
 \text{chain rule} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \ln(f(x)) &= \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{y'}{y} \\
 \downarrow \frac{y'}{y} &= 1 + \ln x \\
 y' &= y(1 + \ln x) = x^x(1 + \ln x)
 \end{aligned}$$

## 17.2 Logarithmic differentiation

### 17.2. Goals

- using logarithmic differentiation

Example 17.2.1 Find the tangent to the curve  $f(x) = (x^2 + 1)^x$  at  $x = 0$ .

Reason #1 to use log differentiation  
function function  
function  $f(x)g(x)$

domain: all real #s

$$y = (x^2 + 1)^x$$

$$\ln y = \ln((x^2 + 1)^x)$$

$$\ln y = x \ln(x^2 + 1)$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = x (\ln(x^2 + 1))' + \ln(x^2 + 1)$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = x \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} + \ln(x^2 + 1)$$

CR  
check

$$y' = \left( x \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} + \ln(x^2 + 1) \right) y$$

$$y' = \left( x \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} + \ln(x^2 + 1) \right) (x^2 + 1)^x$$

$$y'(0) = (0 + 0) (\text{cancel}) = 0$$

$$y = mx + b \quad m = 0$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

$y = 1$  is eqn for tangent

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(f(x))) &= f'(x) \frac{1}{f(x)} \\ &= \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \end{aligned}$$



**Example 17.2.2**(a) what is the domain of  $(x-1)^{1-x^2}$ ?(b) on this domain, find  $f'(2)$ .

$\ln(y) = (1-x^2) \ln(x-1)$

*chain rule* (pointing to  $\ln(y)$ )  
*product* (pointing to  $(1-x^2) \ln(x-1)$ )  
 don't worry  $x \geq 1$  (pointing to  $(x-1)$ )

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

$$y' = (\text{mess}) y$$

$$y' = \left( -2x \ln(x-1) + \frac{1-x^2}{x-1} \right) (x-1)^{1-x^2}$$

$$y'(2) \left( 0 + \frac{-3}{1} \right) * 1 = -3$$

Question 17.2.3 What are the properties of logarithms that we know?

$$\ln(AB) = \ln(A) + \ln(B)$$

$$\ln(A/B) = \ln(A) - \ln(B)$$

$$\ln(A^n) = n \ln(A)$$

$$\ln(e^x) = x \longleftarrow \log_b(b^x) = x$$

$$\ln(e) = 1 \qquad e^{\ln x} = x$$

**Example 17.2.4** Find the derivative of  $y = 2x^{e^x}$

$$\ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{(x+1)x^5}{e^{x^2}(x-9)^3}}\right)$$

**Example 17.2.5** Find the derivative of  $y = \frac{(x+3)^5(x^2+7x)^8}{x(x^2+5)^3}$

$$\ln y = \ln\left(\frac{(x+3)^5(x^2+7x)^8}{x(x^2+5)^3}\right)$$

$$\ln y = \ln((x+3)^5(x^2+7x)^8) - \ln(x(x^2+5)^3)$$

$$= \ln((x+3)^5) + \ln((x^2+7x)^8) - \ln x - \ln((x^2+5)^3)$$

$$\ln y = 5\ln(x+3) + 8\ln(x^2+7x) - \ln x - 3\ln(x^2+5)$$

$$\left(\frac{y'}{y}\right) = 5 \frac{1}{x+3} + 8 \frac{2x+7}{x^2+7x} - \frac{1}{x} - 3 \frac{2x}{x^2+5}$$

$$(\ln(f(x)))' = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$$

$$y' = (\text{mess}) * \frac{(x+3)^5(x^2+7x)^8}{x(x^2+5)^3}$$

**17.2.1 Extra Examples**

**Example 17.2.6** Find the derivatives of

(a)  $\frac{xe^{5x}}{(x+1)^2\sqrt{x-2}}$

(b)  $e^{2x}(x^2+3)^5(2x^2+1)^3$

(c)  $\left(e^{x-1}\right)^{x+1}$

## 17.3 Implicit differentiation

### 17.3. Goals

- using the ideas of the previous section to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  of implicitly defined functions

**Spot the mistake 17.3.1** Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$



**Example 17.3.2** Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

**Example 17.3.3** What kinds of information can we use to sketch the graph of a curve?

**Example 17.3.4** Sketch a graph of the curve  $y^2 = x^3 - x$  (don't worry about concavity)

**Example 17.3.5** Find all points where the tangent to

$$x^3 + y^3 = 1$$

is horizontal or vertical

**Example 17.3.7** Find the slope of the tangent to

$$x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$$

at the point  $(3, 3)$ .

**Example 17.3.8** Find the absolute maximum and minimum  $y$ -values of the ellipse

$$2x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2 = 6.$$