

# M1M1 Notes

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## 1 Functions

**Definition 1.0.1.** A function  $f$  is a rule assigning every element  $x$  in a set  $A$  an element  $f(x)$  in another set  $B$ .

**Remark 1.1.**

- $A$  is called the domain of  $f$  whereas  $B$  is called codomain.
- The range (image) of a function is the set:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Range}(f) &= \text{Im}(f) \subseteq \text{codomain} \\ &= \{f(x) \in B \mid \forall x \in A\}\end{aligned}$$

It does not have to be equal to the codomain.

- In the following we will mostly consider functions of one variable (with  $A = \mathbb{R}$  and  $B = \mathbb{R}$ , later  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

**Example 1.1.** Polynomials,  $c_i \in \mathbb{R}, \forall i \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + \dots$$

**Definition 1.0.2.** The graph of a function  $f$  (real not complex) is the set

$$\{(x, y) \mid x \in \text{dom}(f), y = f(x)\}$$

**Property 2.1.** The graph of any function intersects any vertical line at most once.

### 1.1 Rational Functions

**Definition 1.1.1.** A rational function is one of the form

$$f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

where  $P$  and  $Q$  are polynomials.

**Example 1.1.**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x^2}, \quad \text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1, -1\}$$

## 1.2 Exponential Function

**Definition 1.2.1.** The exponential function  $\exp$  can be defined by several ways:

1. As a power of  $e$ :

$$\exp(x) = e^x$$

Obviously, for this definition the number  $e$  must be defined.

2. As a power series:

$$\exp(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m}{m!}$$

3. By a ordinary differential equation (ODE):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \exp(x) &= \exp(x) \\ \exp(0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

4. As inverse of the natural logarithm:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp^{-1}(x) &= \log(x) \\ \log(x) &= \int_1^x \frac{du}{u} \end{aligned}$$

5. As a limit:

$$\exp(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n$$

**Property 1.1.**

$$\exp(x + y) = \exp(x) \cdot \exp(y)$$

## 1.3 Trigonometrical Functions

**Definition 1.3.1.** Similar to the exponential function, the trigonometrical functions  $\cos$  and  $\sin$  have several potential definitions:

1. The elementary geometric definition at a right-angled triangle with a hypotenuse of length 1.
2. Definition through Polar form – considering a point  $p$  on a unit circle centred at the origin .
3. As a power series:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \\ \sin x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

4. Through a system of ODEs:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sin x &= \cos x \\ \frac{d}{dx} \cos x &= -\sin x \\ \sin 0 &= 0, \quad \cos 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

5. With the help of complex numbers:

$$\cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}, \quad \sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$$

**Property 1.1.**

- The addition formula:

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

- Shifting:

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(x + \pi) &= \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin x$$

**Remark 1.1.** Special values which should be memorized are

$$x = 0, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}$$

**Definition 1.3.2.** If a function  $f$  has property  $f(x + a) = f(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \text{dom}(f)$  it is called periodic. The period of  $f$  is the smallest possible  $a$  for which  $f(x + a) = f(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \text{dom}(f)$ .

**Definition 1.3.3.** Other trigonometric functions can be written as a combination of sine and cosine:

$$\begin{aligned}\sec x &= \frac{1}{\cos x} \\ \text{cosec } x &= \frac{1}{\sin x} \\ \tan x &= \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \\ \cot x &= \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}\end{aligned}$$

## 1.4 Odd and Even Functions

**Definition 1.4.1.** A function  $f$  is even if

$$\forall x \in \text{dom}(f) : f(-x) = f(x)$$

A function  $f$  is odd if

$$\forall x \in \text{dom}(f) : f(-x) = -f(x)$$

**Remark 1.1.** These definitions assume that  $\text{dom}(f)$  is symmetric which means  $x \in \text{dom}(f) \Rightarrow -x \in \text{dom}(f)$

**Example 1.1.**  $\sin x$  is odd,  $\cos x$  is even.

**Property 1.1.** A function can be neither odd nor even. However, any function can be split into a sum of even and odd functions

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

The odd and even part of a function are unique.

**Example 1.2.**

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

## 1.5 Hyperbolic Functions

**Definition 1.5.1.**

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

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

**Property 1.1.**

- Addition theorem and derivatives:

$$\sinh(x + y) = \sinh x \cosh y + \cosh x \sinh y$$

$$\sinh(x - y) = \sinh x \cosh y - \cosh x \sinh y$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sinh x = \cosh x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cosh x = \sinh x$$

- The hyperbolic functions can also be expressed through power series:

$$\cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

- Similarly to the trigonometrical Pythagoras the following equation holds:

$$\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$$

**Remark 1.1.** Origin of the name:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \cosh t, & t &\in \mathbb{R} \\ y &= \sinh t \\ x^2 - y^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

parametrizes a hyperbola.

## 1.6 Inverse Functions

**Definition 1.6.1.** The inverse function  $f^{-1}$ , if it exists, is a function  $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$  with the properties

$$\begin{aligned} f(f^{-1}(y)) &= y, & \forall y \in B \\ f^{-1}(f(x)) &= x, & \forall x \in A \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.1.**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^2 & A &= [0, \infty) = B \\ f^{-1}(y) &= \sqrt{y} \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 1.1.**

- A necessary condition for a function to be invertible is that  $f$  is injective (one-to-one).

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_1 = x_2$$

or

$$f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) \quad \Leftarrow \quad x_1 \neq x_2$$

Graphical test:  $f$  is injective if its graph intersects any horizontal line at most once.

- The graph of the inverse  $f^{-1}$  is the set of the points of the graph of  $f$  with the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates exchanged. The graph of  $f^{-1}$  can be obtained by reflecting the graph of  $f$  about the line  $y = x$ .
- If  $f$  is strictly increasing (decreasing), it is injective.

**Definition 1.6.2.**  $f$  is strictly increasing if

$$x_1 > x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2)$$

$f$  is strictly decreasing if

$$x_1 > x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2)$$

**Example 2.1.** The exponential function is strictly increasing. (proof in problem sheet)

**Remark 2.1.**

- Any even function  $f$  is not injective if  $\text{dom } f \not\subseteq \{0\}$ .
- Any periodic function is not injective either.
- Therefore, the trigonometric functions

$$\sin, \cos, \tan$$

are not invertible.

In order to inverse the sin function, restrict the domain to  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ .

In order to inverse the cos function, restrict the domain to  $[0, \pi]$ .

The inverse of the exponential function is called logarithm,  $\log x$ .

Analytic treatment is sometimes possible. Require the existence of  $f^{-1}(x)$  and 'Solve'  $y = f(x)$  to obtain  $x$  in terms of  $y$ ,  $x = f^{-1}(y)$ .

**Example 2.2.**

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$$f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{\log y}$$

- inverse hyperbolic functions

$$f(x) = \cosh x$$

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

$$e^{2x} - 2ye^x + 1 = 0$$

$$(e^x)^2 - 2ye^x + 1 = 0$$

$$e^x = \frac{2y \pm \sqrt{4y^2 - 4}}{2}$$

$$e^x = y \pm \sqrt{y^2 - 1}$$

$$x = \log \left( y \pm \sqrt{y^2 - 1} \right)$$

Restrict domain of  $\cosh x$  to non-negative  $x$ .

$$x = \log(y + \sqrt{y^2 - 1})$$

$$\cosh^{-1} x = \log \left( x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1} \right)$$

$$\sinh^{-1} x = \log \left( x + \sqrt{1 + x^2} \right)$$

### 1.6.1 Derivatives of Inverse Functions

The slope of the inverse function is  $\frac{1}{f'(a)}$ , the reciprocal of slope of the original function.

**Example 2.3.**  $f(x) = e^x = y$  so that  $x = \log y$ .

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{e^x} = \frac{1}{y}$$

or

$$\frac{d}{dy} \log y = \frac{1}{y}$$

### 1.6.2 Inverse Trigonometrical functions

We are going to differentiate  $\sin^{-1}$ ,  $\tan^{-1}$ . We set  $y = \sin x$  so that  $x = \sin^{-1} y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dy} &= \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\cos x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - y^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

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

**Property 2.1.**

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

**Example 2.4.** Find the mistake in the following proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \left( x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) &= \cos x \\ x &= \cos^{-1} y \\ \sin \left( \cos^{-1} y + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) &= \cos \left( \cos^{-1} y \right) \\ \sin \left( \cos^{-1} y + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) &= y \\ \cos^{-1} y + \frac{\pi}{2} &= \sin^{-1} y \\ \sin^{-1} - \cos^{-1} y &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Limits

**Definition 2.0.3.** The symbolic notation

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

means:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 : (|x - a| > \delta \wedge x \in \text{dom}(f)) \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

$f(x)$  approaches  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$ .

**Remark 3.1.** It is important that  $x$  approaches  $a$  from both the left and the right. A one sided limit is written as follows:

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

or

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$$

**Example 3.1.**

- Let

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{|x|}, \quad x \neq 0$$

Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$$

is undefined but one sided limits exist:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= 1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

- Let

$$f(x) = x^2$$

Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2) = 4$$

- Let

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  is an indeterminate limit of the form  $\frac{0}{0}$ . However  $\frac{x^2-1}{x-1} = x+1$  if  $x \neq 1$ . Therefore  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 2$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Not all indeterminate limits are meaningful.

**Example 3.2.** The limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{(x - 1)^2}$$

of the form  $\frac{0}{0}$  does not exist.

## 2.1 Infinite Limits

**Example 0.3.**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} &= 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \tan^{-1} x &= -\frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$x \rightarrow \infty$  is the same as  $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0^+$ .  
 $x \rightarrow -\infty$  is the same as  $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0^-$ .

**Property 0.1.** Provided the limits  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  exist we know the following rules:



- addition formula

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

- product rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

- quotient rule ( $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$ )

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$$

## 2.2 Computing Limits

- manipulate function so the limit is 'obvious'
- use power-series
- L'Hopital's rule

**Example 0.4.**

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$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{2-x}-1}{1-x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{2-x}-1}{1-x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2-x}+1}{\sqrt{2-x}+1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(2-x)-1}{(1-x)(\sqrt{2-x}+1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-x}{(1-x)(\sqrt{2-x}+1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-x}+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively the power series can be used. Let  $s = 1 - x$ . Then

$$L = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+s}-1}{s}$$

**Theorem 2.2.1.** The general binomial theorem says

$$(1+s)^p = 1 + ps + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!} s^2 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!} s^3 + \dots$$

for  $|s| < 1$ .

The geometric series is a special case of the binomial theorem with  $p = -1$ .

If  $p$  is a positive integer, the series terminates – and gives us the standard binomial theorem. If  $p$  is not a positive integer, the formula continues infinitely. Hence

$$(1+s)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)}{2!} s^2 + \dots$$

can be inserted in our formula and we get:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+s}-1}{s} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)}{2!} s^2 + \dots - 1}{s} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- Let us calculate the following well-known limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

Using a power series we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \dots \right) = 1$$

- Having calculated this limit we can compute

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \cos x = 1$$

- Using limits for graph sketching.

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{e^x - 1} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x}{2!} + \frac{x^2}{3!} + \dots} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} 1$$

- Let

$$f(x) = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right)}{1 - x^2}$$

Now we can calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right)}{1 - x^2} \\ &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(x-1) + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{(x-1)(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(x-1)\right)}{(x-1)(x+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $s = x - 1$  that gives us

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right)}{s(2+s)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\pi}{2}s - \frac{1}{3!}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right)^3 + \frac{1}{5!}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right)^5 + \dots}{s(2+s)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{3!}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right)^3 + \frac{1}{5!}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}s\right)^5 + \dots}{2+s} \\ &\xrightarrow{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

- Consider the limit

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( (x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( x^{\frac{2}{3}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( x^{\frac{2}{3}} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}(\frac{2}{3}-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 + \dots \right) - x^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left( 1 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}(\frac{2}{3}-1)}{2!} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 + \dots \right) - x \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( x \left( 1 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}(\frac{2}{3}-1)}{2!} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 + \dots \right) - x \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( x + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}(\frac{2}{3}-1)}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \dots - x \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

- Using limits, the equivalence of the definitions for the exponential function can be proven.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right)^x = e^a$$

Derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right)^x \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \exp\left(\log\left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right)^x\right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \exp\left(x \log\left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left(\frac{a}{x} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^3 - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^4 \dots\right)\right) \\ &= \exp(a) \end{aligned}$$

Another possibility to derive this is

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right)^x &= 1 + x \frac{a}{x} + \frac{x(x-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{3!} \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Considering the limit to infinity and therefore only the dominant powers in each fraction we get

$$= 1 + a + \frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{a^3}{3!} + \dots$$

## 2.3 Continuity

*Informal Definition.* A continuous function  $f$  has a graph with no breaks or jumps.

**Example 0.5.** A continuous function is

$$f(x) = x^2$$

An example for a non-continuous function is the Heaviside function:

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.3.1.** A function  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in \text{dom}(f)$  if

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

As for the Heaviside function,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} H(x)$  doesn't exist. Nonetheless,  $H(x)$  is continuous for all  $x \neq 0$ .

**Example 1.1.**

$$f(x) = x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

is continuous for  $x \neq 0$  but not continuous at  $x = 0$  (because it is not defined there). However,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$$

since

$$-|x| \leq f(x) \leq |x| \left| \sin \frac{1}{x} \right| \leq |x|$$

Hence, we can consider the function

$$g(x) = x \begin{cases} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$g$  is continuous for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## 2.4 List of Power Series

$$\begin{aligned}\sin x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \\ \cos x &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \\ \tan x &= x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2}{15}x^5 + \dots \\ \tan^{-1} x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \\ \log(1+x) &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \\ e^x &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

To derive the power series for  $\tan^{-1}$ , consider

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots$$

Integrating both sides gives us

$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$$

## 3 Differentiation

*Geometrical definition.* The derivative of a function  $f$  at  $x$  is the slope of the tangent to the graph  $y = f(x)$  at  $(x, f(x))$ .

**Definition 3.0.1.**

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$  denotes the slope of the secant through  $(x, f(x))$  and  $(x+h, f(x+h))$ .

**Remark 1.1.**  $f'(x)$  is also a function with  $\text{dom}(f') \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$ .

Using the limit definition to compute derivatives is called differentiation from first principles.

**Example 1.1.**

- Polynomials

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 \\ \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} \\ &= \frac{x^3 + 3hx^2 + 3h^2x + h^3 - x^3}{h} \\ &= 3x^2 + 3hx + h^2 \\ &\xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 3x^2\end{aligned}$$

- The cosine function

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \cos x \\ \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \frac{\cos(x+h) - \cos x}{h}\end{aligned}$$

Let us use the trigonometrical identity

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}$$

(Derivation:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(\alpha + \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ \cos(\alpha - \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ \cos(\alpha + \beta) - \cos(\alpha - \beta) &= -2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta\end{aligned}$$

With  $A = x + h$  and  $B = x$  this gives us

$$\frac{\cos(x + h) - \cos(x)}{h} = \frac{-2 \sin \frac{h}{2} \sin \left(x + \frac{h}{2}\right)}{h} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} -\sin x$$

- The function  $f$  with

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0, & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

is not continuous for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 3.0.1.** If a function  $f$  is differentiable at  $a \in \text{dom } f$  then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

This poses the question whether it is possible to find a function which is continuous but nowhere differentiable? The Fourier series are

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n} = \sin(\pi x) + \frac{\sin(2\pi x)}{2} + \frac{\sin(3\pi x)}{3} + \dots$$

This led to the discovery of the Lacunary Fourier series

$$R(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n^2\pi x)}{n} = \sin(\pi x) + \frac{\sin(4\pi x)}{2} + \frac{\sin(9\pi x)}{3} + \dots$$

$R$  is not differentiable except for  $x$  rational of the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ ,  $p, q$  odd.

### 3.1 Basic Derivatives

|                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| $f(x)$         | $f'(x)$                  |
| $x^n$          | $nx^{n-1}$               |
| $\log x$       | $\frac{1}{x}$            |
| $\exp(x)$      | $\exp(x)$                |
| $\cosh(x)$     | $\sinh(x)$               |
| $\sinh(x)$     | $\cosh(x)$               |
| $\sin(x)$      | $\cos(x)$                |
| $\cos(x)$      | $-\sin(x)$               |
| $\tan^{-1}(x)$ | $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$        |
| $\sin^{-1}(x)$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ |

### 3.2 Differentiation rules

If  $u, v$  and  $f$  are derivable functions then the followings rules hold:

- Addition rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u(x) + v(x)) = u'(x) + v'(x)$$

- Multiplication rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}u(x)v(x) = u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x)$$

- Chain rule

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}f(u(x)) &= f'(u(x))u'(x) \\ \frac{df}{dx} &= \frac{df}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}\end{aligned}$$

For the derivation of the product rule consider the following quotient:

$$\begin{aligned}& \frac{u(x+h)v(x+h) - u(x)v(x)}{h} \\ &= \frac{u(x+h)v(x+h) - u(x)v(x+h) + u(x)v(x+h) - u(x)v(x)}{h} \\ &= v(x+h)\frac{u(x+h) - u(x)}{h} + u(x)\frac{v(x+h) - v(x)}{h} \\ &\xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} v(x)u'(x) + u(x)v'(x)\end{aligned}$$

The proof of chain rule will be done in spring term analysis.

### 3.3 Implicit Differentiation

**Remark 0.2.** Implicit differentiation applies the chain rule .

**Example 0.2.** Compute the slope of tangent to unit circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .

'Solve' to get  $y = y(x)$  and use the differentiation rules.

$$\begin{aligned}y(x) &= \pm\sqrt{1-x^2} \\ y'(x) &= \pm \frac{-x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \mp \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\end{aligned}$$

Implicit differentiation. Treat  $y^2$  as a composite function – differentiate with the chain rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx}y^2(x) = 2y(x)y'(x)$$

equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Differentiate with respect to  $x$

$$2x + 2yy' = 0 \quad \vee \quad y' = \frac{-x}{y}$$

**Example 0.3.**

$$\begin{aligned}y^3 - y &= x^2 \\ (3y^2 - 1)y' &= 2x\end{aligned}$$

The slope of the tangent is

$$y' = \frac{2x}{3y^2 - 1}$$

For the point  $(\sqrt{6}, 2)$  we get the slope

$$y' = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{11}$$

### 3.4 Parametric Differentiation

You can describe a curve in the  $xy$  plane parametrically.

**Example 0.4.** • Let us consider a curve defined by the hyperbolic functions.

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= \cosh(t) \\ y(t) &= \sinh(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

slope of the tangent

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}}$$

$\dot{\cdot}$  denotes differentiation with respect to the parameter  $t$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cosh t}{\sinh t} = \coth t$$

• The equation for a cycloid is

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= t - \sin t \\ y(t) &= 1 - \cos t, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

The point on the edge of a rolling wheel traces a cycloid.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}} = \frac{\sin t}{1 - \cos t}$$

### 3.5 Higher Differentiation

Suppose  $f$  is differentiable then consider the limit

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x+h) - f'(x)}{h}$$

If this exists,  $f$  is said to be twice differentiable. The limit is called second derivative, denoted

$$f''(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} \quad \text{or} \quad y''(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2}$$

This can be continued to define the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative, denoted as

$$f^{(n)}(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^n f(x)}{dx^n} \quad \text{or} \quad y^{(n)}(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^n y(x)}{dx^n} \quad \text{or} \quad \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n f(x)$$

$\frac{d}{dx}$  is called the differential operator.

**Example 0.5.**

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \log x & f^{(1)}(x) &= \frac{1}{x} \\ f^{(2)}(x) &= -\frac{1}{x^2} & f^{(3)}(x) &= \frac{2}{x^3} \\ f^{(4)}(x) &= -\frac{2 \cdot 3}{x^4} & f^{(n)}(x) &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(n-1)!}{x^n}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.5.1.** The Leibniz' formula is

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) uv = \sum_{p=0}^n \binom{n}{p} u^{n-p} v^p$$

The derivation can be made through regarding the functions  $u(x)v(x)$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx}uv = u'v + uv'$$

Differentiating again gives us

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^2 uv &= u''v + u'v' + u'v' + uv'' \\ &= u''v + 2u'v' + uv'' \\ \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^3 uv &= u''v + u''v' + 2(u''v' + u'v'') + u'v'' + uv''' \\ &= u'''v + 3u''v' + 3u'v'' + uv'''\end{aligned}$$

The coefficients are binomial coefficients. A rigorous proof can be made by induction.

**Example 0.6.** • Leibniz is particularly useful if one term in the product is a polynomial – since the sum terminates

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

Set

$$v = x^2, \quad u = e^{2x}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}v^{(1)} &= 2x, & v^{(2)} &= 2, & v^{(3)} &= v^{(4)} = v^{(5)} = 0 \\ u^{(n)} &= 2^n e^{2x}\end{aligned}$$

This gives us the  $n^{th}$  derivative of  $f$

$$\begin{aligned}f^{(n)}(x) &= \binom{n}{0}u^{(n)}v^{(0)} + \binom{n}{1}u^{(n-2)}v^{(1)}\binom{n}{2}u^{(n-2)}v^{(2)} \\ &= 2^n e^{2x}x^2 + n2^{n-1}e^{2x}2x + n(n-1)2^{n-2}e^{2x}\end{aligned}$$

• Another example

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \sin^{-1} x \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{x}{(1-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{x}{1-x^2}f^{(1)}(x) \\ (1-x^2)f^{(2)}(x) &= xf^{(1)}(x)\end{aligned}$$

Differentiate both sides  $n$  times.

$$\begin{aligned}(1-x^2)f^{(2+n)} + \binom{n}{1}(-2x)f^{(1+n)} + \binom{n}{2}(-2)f^{(n)} &= xf^{(n+1)} + 1f^{(n)}\binom{n}{1} \\ (1-x^2)f^{2+n} - 2nxf^{(1+n)}(x) - n(n+1)f^{(n)} &= xf^{(n+1)} + nf^{(n)}\end{aligned}$$

Set  $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}f^{(2+n)}(0) - n(n-1)f^{(n)}(0) &= nf^{(n)}(0) \\ f^{(2+n)}(0) &= n^2 f^{(n)}(0) \\ f^{(0)}(0) &= 0 \\ f^{(1)}(0) &= 1 \\ f^{(3)}(0) &= 1 \\ f^{(5)}(0) &= 9 = 3^2 \\ f^{(7)}(0) &= 3^2 5^2 = 225 \\ f^{(9)}(0) &= 3^2 5^2 7^2\end{aligned}$$