

Differentiation and It's application:

Differentiation:

It is a process of finding a function that outputs the rate of change of one variable with respect to another variable.

Standard formulae of derivatives:

Function $f(x)$		Derivative $f'(x)$
1. $\frac{d}{dx}(k)$, constant		0
2. $\frac{d}{dx}(x)^n$ ($n \in \mathbb{R}$)		$n \cdot x^{n-1}$
3. $\frac{d}{dx}(\log x)$		$\frac{1}{x}$
4. $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x)$		e^x
5. $\frac{d}{dx}(a^x)$		$a^x \log_e a$
6. $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x)$		$\cos x$
7. $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x)$		$-\sin x$
8. $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x)$		$\sec^2 x$
9. $\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec} x)$		$-\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$

Function $f(x)$

Derivative $f'(x)$

10. $\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x)$  $\sec x \tan x$

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

12. $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  $-\frac{1}{x^2}$

13. $\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x})$  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

Note: Formulae 12 and 13 are the particular cases of x^n .

14. $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x)$  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, |x| < 1$

15. $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x)$  $\frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, |x| < 1$

16. $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x)$  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}, x \in \mathbb{R}$

17. $\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x)$  $\frac{-1}{1+x^2}, x \in \mathbb{R}$

18. $\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x)$  $\frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}, x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$

19. $\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x)$  $\frac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}, x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$

Working rules of differentiation:

1) Derivative of Sum and Difference:

If u and v are functions of x and $y = u \pm v$, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} \pm \frac{dv}{dx}$$

e.g. $y = e^x + x^e + e^e$

Sol.
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} e^x + \frac{d}{dx} x^e + \frac{d}{dx} e^e \\ &= e^x + ex^{e-1} + 0 = e^x + ex^{e-1}\end{aligned}$$

2) Derivative of Product:

If u and v are functions of x and $y = uv$, then $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} + v \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

e.g. $y = \log x \cdot \tan x$

Sol. $y = \log x \cdot \tan x$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \log x \frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) + \tan x \frac{d}{dx} \log(x) \cdots \text{(using product rule)} \\ &= \log x \cdot \sec^2 x + \tan x \cdot \frac{1}{x}\end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1: If $y = uvw$, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = uv \cdot \frac{dw}{dx} + vw \cdot \frac{du}{dx} + wu \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}$$

Corollary 2: If $y = ku$, then

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

3) Derivative of a quotient:

If u and v are functions of x and $y = \frac{u}{v}$, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}, (v \neq 0)$$

e.g. $y = \frac{\log x}{x}$

Sol. $y = \frac{\log x}{x}$

take $u = \log x$ and $v = \frac{1}{x}$

$$\therefore \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \text{ and } \frac{dv}{dx} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\log x) - \log x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x)}{x^2} \\ &= \frac{x \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \log x \cdot 1}{x^2} \\ &= \frac{1 - \log x}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Differentiation of a composite function:

If y is a function of u and u is a function of x , then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

This rule is known as **Chain rule** and it is useful for finding derivatives of composite function.

The chain rule can be generalized as follows.

i. If y is a function of u , u is a function of v , v is a function of w and w is a function of x , then

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

ii. In general

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{dt} \dots \frac{dz}{dx}$$

e.g. $y = \log(\log x)$

Sol. $y = \log(\log x) = \log u$

$$\text{where } u = \log x \therefore \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{Now, } y = \log u \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{\log x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\log x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x \log x}$$

Differentiation of parametric function:

When the variables x and y are expressed in terms of some other variable (called parameter) t or θ , the functions are called parametric functions. e.g. $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$.

If $x = f(t)$ and $y = g(t)$, where t is a parameter, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{g'(t)}{f'(t)}, \text{ where } f'(t) \neq 0.0$$

$$\text{e.g. } x = at^2, y = 2at,$$

$$\text{Sol. } x = at^2 \therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = 2at,$$

$$y = 2at \therefore \frac{dy}{dt} = 2a$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{2a}{2at} = \frac{1}{t} \quad (t \neq 0)$$

Differentiation of Implicit functions:

Let $\Phi(x, y) = 0$ be the equation defining y implicitly as a function of x i.e. in the equation $\Phi(x, y) = 0$, x and y are related in such a way that y cannot conveniently be expressed directly as a function of x like $y = f(x)$.

$$\text{e.g. } x^2 + y^2 = xy$$

$$\text{Sol. } x^2 + y^2 = xy$$

Differentiating on both sides w.r.t. x ,

$$\text{we get } 2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cdot 1$$

$$\therefore 2x - y = (x - 2y) \frac{dy}{dx} \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x - y}{x - 2y}$$

Logarithmic differentiation :

When a function $f(x)$ is raised to a power, which itself is a function of x , say $\Phi(x)$ i.e. it is of the form $[f(x)]^{\Phi(x)}$, in that case neither the formula for x^n nor that for a^x is applicable. In such a type, we have to take logarithms first then differentiate. This method of differentiation is called logarithmic differentiation.

e.g. $y = x^x$

Sol. $y = x^x$

Now take a log with base e on both sides.

$$\therefore \log y = x \log x$$

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

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + (\log x) \cdot 1 = (1 + \log x)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = y (1 + \log x) = x^x (1 + \log x)$$

Successive Differentiation:

We have denoted the first derivative of $y = f(x)$ by $f'(x)$ or $\frac{dy}{dx}$. This derivative is called the first derivative of the function f and it is a function of x . This first derivative can again be differentiated with respect to x and the result is called the second derivatives of the function f . It is denoted by $f''(x)$ or $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$.

e.g. $y = 4e^{3x} + 2^x$

Sol. $y = 4e^{3x} + 2^x$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 4(3e^{3x}) + 2^x \log 2 = 12e^{3x} + 2^x \log 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 12(3e^{3x}) + \log 2 (2^x \log 2) \\ &= 36e^{3x} + 2^x (\log 2)^2\end{aligned}$$

Velocity and Acceleration:

Velocity : Velocity is a vector measurement of the rate of motion of an object and the direction in which it is moving.

$$V = \frac{ds}{dt} = f'(t)$$

Acceleration: The rate of change of velocity is called acceleration.

The acceleration a of a particle at time t is given by $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{ds}{dt} \right) = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$

e.g. The equation of motion of a particle is $s = t^3 - 3t^2 + 4t + 3$. Find its velocity and Acceleration .

Sol. Here $s = t^3 - 3t^2 + 4t + 3$.

$$\text{Velocity } V = \frac{ds}{dt} = 3t^2 - 6t + 4$$

$$\text{and Acceleration } a = \frac{dV}{dt} = 6t - 6$$