

Differentiation

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Let f be real-valued function defined on an open interval containing a point a . We say f is differentiable at a , or f has a derivative at a , if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$ exists and is finite. Then, $f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$ $\text{dom}(f') \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$

Q. $f(x) = x^n \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - f(a) = x^n - a^n = (x-a)(x^{n-1} + ax^{n-2} + a^2x^{n-3} + \dots + a^{n-1})$$
$$\therefore \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a} = x^{n-1} + ax^{n-2} + \dots + a^{n-2}x + a^{n-1} \quad \text{for } x \neq a$$

$$\text{Then } f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a} = a^{n-1} + a^{n-1} + \dots + a^{n-1} \quad (n \text{ times})$$
$$= n a^{n-1}$$

Theorem: If f is differentiable at point a , then f is cont. at a .

Proof: $f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a}$ (Given)

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

We have: $f(x) = \frac{(x-a) \cdot (f(x) - f(a))}{x-a} + f(a)$ $\forall x \in \text{dom}(f), x \neq a$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{(x-a) \cdot (f(x) - f(a))}{x-a} + f(a) \right)$$
$$= 0 + f(a) = f(a)$$

Theorem: Let f and g be function differentiable at a . Then $cf, f+g, fg, f/g$ is also differentiable at a , except f/g if $g(a) = 0$. The formulas are:

(1) $(cf)'(a) = c \cdot f'(a)$

(2) $(f \pm g)'(a) = f'(a) \pm g'(a)$

(3) [product rule] $(fg)'(a) = f(a)g'(a) + f'(a)g(a)$

(4) [quotient rule] $(f/g)'(a) = \frac{g(a)f'(a) - f(a)g'(a)}{g^2(a)}$

Proof: (1) $(cf)'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(cf)(x) - (cf)(a)}{x-a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} c \cdot \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a} = c \cdot f'(a)$

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

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

$$\therefore (f+g)'(a) = f'(a)g(a) + g'(a)f(a)$$

$$(3) \frac{f(x)g(x) - (fg)(a)}{x-a} = \frac{f(x)g(x) - f(a)g(a)}{x-a} = \frac{f(x)g(x) - f(a)g(a)}{x-a}$$

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$$\text{Applying limits: } (fg)'(a) = g(a) \cdot f'(a) + f(a) \cdot g'(a)$$

Chain Rule: If f is differentiable at a and g is differentiable at $f(a)$, then $g \circ f$ is differentiable at a and $(g \circ f)'(a) = g'(f(a)) \cdot f'(a)$.

Proof: $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$. Applying limit $x \rightarrow a$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)'(a) = g'(f(a)) \cdot f'(a)$$

$$\therefore (g \circ f)'(a) = g'(f(a)) \cdot f'(a)$$

Proof:

$$h(x) = \sin(x^3 + 7x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 + 7x \text{ and } g(y) = \sin y.$$

$$\therefore h(x) = (g \circ f)(x) \Rightarrow h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow h'(x) = \cos(f(x)) \cdot (3x^2 + 7) = \cos(x^3 + 7x) \cdot (3x^2 + 7)$$

If a function is differentiable on domain D , then f' is not differentiable in every point that is not in domain of f' . So, if we were given to prove, when a function is not differentiable, then use chain rule to show where $f'(x)$ is not defined at which point.

Example: Let $h(x) = e^{1/x}$, $f(x) = 1/x$, $g(z) = e^z$

Using chain rule, $h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$

$$\text{Then } h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) = g'(1/x) \cdot (-1/x^2)$$

$$[\text{Please note: if } f(x) = 1/x, \text{ then } f'(x) = -1/x^2]$$

$$\text{Hence, } h'(x) = e^{1/x} \cdot (-1/x^2)$$

$$\text{Clearly, } h'(x) \text{ is defined at } x \neq 0. \therefore S = \{x \mid x \neq 0\}$$

$$(b) \text{ Similarly, } \sin(x) = \sin(x), f(x) = x, g(z) = \sin z.$$

$$\text{Then } h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) = \cos(x) \cdot 1 = \cos(x)$$

$$[\text{Please note: } \frac{1}{x} \text{ is not defined at } 0]$$

$$(c) \text{ Similarly, } h(x) = |\sin(x)|, f(x) = \sin(x), g(z) = |z|$$

$$h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) = |\cos(x)| \cdot \cos(x)$$

$$\text{So, } |\sin x| \text{ is defined at every point and } \cos x \text{ also.}$$

$$\text{But } \sin x \text{ is not defined at } x = 0$$

$$\therefore S = \{n\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$(d) \text{ Similarly, } h(x) = |x| + |x-1|, f(x) = |x|, g(z) = |z| + |z-1|$$

$$\text{Then } h'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x) \Rightarrow h'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\therefore S = \{0, 1\}$$

$$(e) \text{ Similarly, } h(x) = |x|^2 + 1, f(x) = |x|^2, g(z) = |z|^2 + 1$$

$$h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) = g'(|x|^2) \cdot 2x = 2|x| \cdot 2x = 4|x|$$

$$\therefore S = \{-1, 1\}$$

$$(f) \text{ Similarly, } h(x) = x^3 - 8, f(x) = x^3, g(z) = z^3 - 8$$

$$\therefore h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) = g'(x^3) \cdot 3x^2 = 3x^2 \cdot 3x^2 = 9x^4$$

Extreme Value Theorem: If f is defined on an open interval containing x_0 , and f is continuous at x_0 , then f has a local maximum or minimum at x_0 .

If f is differentiable at x_0 , then $f'(x_0) = 0$.

\Rightarrow Let f be defined on (a, b) where $a < x_0 < b$.

Assume first that $f'(x_0) > 0$.

$\therefore f'(x_0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} > 0$

and $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$ implies $\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} > 0$

\Rightarrow For $x < x_0$, $x - x_0 < 0$, then

from (1) $f(x) > f(x_0)$, which is contradiction,

since $f(x_0)$ is maximum.

Similarly, if we assume $f'(x_0) < 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$:

$0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) - f(x_0) < 0$

\Rightarrow If we $x > x_0$, $x - x_0 > 0$, then (2) implies $f(x) > f(x_0)$

which contradiction

$\therefore f'(x_0) = 0$

Ex 2.1(a) x^2 on $[-1, 2]$: Clearly x^2 is cont and diff at $[-1, 2]$

\therefore MVT holds. Also $f'(x) = 2x = \frac{f(2) - f(-1)}{2 - (-1)} = \frac{4 - 1}{3} = 1$

$\therefore f'(x_0) = 2x_0$ and we $f'(x_0) = 1$

$\therefore x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$

(b) $\sin x$ on $[0, \pi]$: cont and diff.

$\therefore f'(x_0) = \cos x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow f'(x_0) = \cos x_0 \Rightarrow x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$

(c) $|x|$ on $[-1, 2]$: cont but not diff at 0.

(d) x on $[-1, 1]$: not cont and diff at 0.

(e) $\frac{1}{x}$ on $[-1, 3]$: $f'(x_0) = f'(3) = f'(1) = \frac{1}{3} - 1 = -\frac{2}{3}$

also $f'(x_0) = -\frac{1}{x_0^2} = -\frac{1}{3^2} = -\frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow x_0 = \sqrt{3}$

(f) $\sin(x)$ on $[-2, 2]$: Not cont and diff at 0.

Rolle's Theorem: If f is a g^n defined on closed interval $[a, b]$ such that (i) f is cont on $[a, b]$

(ii) f is diff on (a, b)

(iii) $f(a) = f(b)$

Then \exists a pt $c \in (a, b)$: $f'(c) = 0$

Example: Given f is cont on $[a, b]$

$\therefore f$ is bdd and f attains its bounds

$\exists_0, \exists x_0, y_0 \in [a, b] : f(x_0) = \min f = m$

& $f(y_0) = \max f = M$

Case I: If x_0, y_0 are end pts (a or b), then because

$f(a) = f(b) \Rightarrow m = M$

$\Rightarrow f$ is constant on $[a, b] \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$

Case II: when m or M are not end points.

\therefore In this case $f'(x_0) = f'(y_0) = 0$ (by interior extremum theorem)

* Rolle's Theorem is special case of Mean Value Theorem

Lagrange's Mean Value Theorem: If f is a g^n defined on $[a, b]$ st (i) f is cont on $[a, b]$

(ii) f is diff on (a, b)

then \exists a pt $c \in (a, b) : f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

Proof: If $L(x)$ stands for equation of line joining pts

$(a, f(a))$ & $(b, f(b))$, then

$L(x) = f(a) + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(x - a)$

$\Rightarrow L(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(x - a) + f(a)$

Then $L'(a) = f'(a) = 0$

$L'(b) = f'(b) = 0$

$L'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

$L'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

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Increasing and decreasing function in interval I
Defn (Incl): A f^n f defined on R is said to be an increasing f^n if for $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \leq f(x_2)$.
Strictly inc: $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$. Similarly in dec.

Covallary: Let f be diff f^n on interval (a, b) . Then
(i) f is strictly inc or dec if $f'(x) > 0$ or $f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$
(ii) f is inc or dec if $f'(x) \geq 0$ or $f'(x) \leq 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$
 \Rightarrow (i) Consider $x_1, x_2 \in (a, b)$ st $a < x_1 < x_2 < b$.

By MVT, for some $x \in (x_1, x_2)$, we have $f'(x) = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$.
Also since it is inc f^n , if $f'(x) > 0$
It implies $\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} > 0 \Rightarrow f(x_2) > f(x_1)$
 $\therefore f$ strictly inc

Intermediate Value Theorem for Derivatives
Let f be a differentiable f^n on (a, b) whenever $a < x_1 < x_2 < b$ and c lies betⁿ $f'(x_1)$ and $f'(x_2)$,
 \exists [at least one] x in (x_1, x_2) st $f'(x) = c$.

\rightarrow Proof: Assume $f'(x_1) < c < f'(x_2)$ (i) \leftarrow
Let $g(x) = f(x) - cx \forall x \in (a, b)$
[Note: we took $f(x) - cx$ because $g'(x) = f'(x) - c$]
 \rightarrow Then, we have $g'(x_1) < 0 < g'(x_2)$ from (i)

According to Max-min value theorem,
 g assumes its minimum on $[x_1, x_2]$ at $x_0 \in [x_1, x_2]$
 $\therefore g'(x_0) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x_0} \frac{g(y) - g(x_0)}{y - x_0} < 0$,

Since $y - x_0 > 0$, $\therefore g(y) - g(x_0)$ must be negative for y closer to and larger than x_0 .
In particular, $\exists y_1 \in (x_1, x_2) : g(y_1) < g(x_0)$.
 $\therefore g$ doesn't take minimum at x_0 , so we must have $x_0 \neq x_1$.

Similarly, $\exists y_2 \in (x_1, x_2) : g(y_2) < g(x_2)$, so $x_0 \neq x_2$.
 $\therefore x_0$ is in (x_1, x_2) , so $g'(x_0) = 0$, by Interior extreme value.
 $\therefore f'(x_0) = g'(x_0) + c = c$.

Theorem: Let f be one to one cont f^n on I and let $J = f(I)$.
If f is diffⁿ at $x_0 \in I$ and if $f'(x_0) \neq 0$, then f^{-1} is differentiable at $y_0 = f(x_0)$ and $(f^{-1})'(y_0) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)}$.

A291 Let $f(x) = x - \sin x$. We have to show $f(x) \geq 0 \forall x \geq 0$ in $[0, \infty)$.
 $f'(x) = 1 - \cos x$. Here $\cos x \in [-1, 1]$
 $\therefore f'(x) \geq 0$

A292 $f(x) = \tan x - x$ then $f'(x) = \sec^2 x - 1 = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} - 1$
we know that $\cos x \in (0, 1] \therefore f'(x) > 0, \therefore f(0) = 0$

(b) Let $f(x) = \frac{x \cos x}{\sin x}$
 $\therefore f'(x) = \frac{\sin x - x \cos x}{\sin^2 x}$. On $(0, \pi/2)$ $\sin x \in (0, 1)$
Clearly, $\sin^2 x > 0$ $x \cos x \in (0, \pi/2)$
Now, we have to prove $\sin x > x \cos x$
 $\Rightarrow \tan x > x$ which is proved in part (a)

$\therefore f'(x) > 0$ on $(0, \pi/2)$
(c) $f(x) = \pi/2 \sin x - x$ $f'(x) = \pi/2 \cos x - 1$
we have to prove $\pi/2 \cos x \geq 0$ which is true
 \checkmark Now, $\pi/2 \cos x = 1 \Rightarrow \cos x = 2/\pi \Rightarrow x = \arccos(2/\pi) \approx 0.88 = 0.004\pi$
 $\checkmark \therefore x > 0.004\pi, f'(x) > 0$ and vice versa.
 $\checkmark \therefore \theta(0.004\pi)$ is minimum and $f(0.004\pi) = 0$ (approx)
 $\therefore f(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \pi/2 \sin x \geq x$

Clearly $\cos x \in (0, 1) \therefore f'(x) \geq 0$
Now $f(0) = 0 \therefore f(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \pi/2 \sin x \geq x$

B. Let $h(x) = g(x) - f(x)$. Also $-f'(x) + g'(x) \geq 0$
 $\therefore h'(x) \geq 0$ Also $h(0) = 0$
 $\therefore h(x)$ is inc in $[0, \infty] \Rightarrow g(x) \geq f(x)$ in $[0, \infty)$