



# Vv186 Recitation

Week 9

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# Outline

- Differentiability
- Property of differentiability

# Differentiability

# Definition

Let  $\Omega$  (a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ) be some set,  $x$  is an interior point of  $\Omega$  and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a real function. Then  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$  if there exists a linear map  $L_x$  such that for all sufficiently small  $h$  in  $\mathbb{R}$

$$f(x + h) = f(x) + L_x(h) + o(h) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

$$L_x(h) = L_x \cdot h$$

And  $L_x$  is called the derivative of  $f$  at  $x$ .

# Uniqueness of derivative

For given  $f$  and  $x$ , the derivative  $L_x$  is unique.

# Derivative when mapped to $\mathbb{R}$

Let  $\Omega$  be a set,  $x \in \Omega$  is an interior point and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a function that is differentiable at  $x$  with derivative  $L_x = f'(x)$ . Then

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

# Example

1.  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = x^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then by binomial formula, we have  $f'(x) = n \cdot x^{n-1}$ .
2.  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = x^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we also have  $f'(x) = n \cdot x^{n-1}$  in domain of  $f$ .

# Derivative of common functions

- $(c)'=0$
- $(a^x)'=a^x \ln(a)$
- $(e^x)'=e^x$
- $\ln'(x)=1/x$
- $\sin'(x)=\cos(x)$
- $\cos'(x)=-\sin(x)$



# Practice

Suppose  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \text{ is rational} \\ 0, & x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$ . Find the derivative of  $f(x)$  at point 0.

# Continuity

Let  $f$  be a function that is differentiable at some  $x \in \text{dom } f$ . Then  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ .

# Practice

Suppose  $F(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \leq x_0 \\ ax + b, & x > x_0 \end{cases}$  has a derivative at point  $x_0$ , find  $a$  &  $b$ .

# Operation on derivative

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in \text{dom } f$  and  $x \in \text{dom } g$ . Assume that  $f$  and  $g$  are both differentiable at  $x$ , then

$$(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$$

$$(\lambda f)'(x) = \lambda f'(x)$$

# Product rule

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in \text{dom } f$  and  $x \in \text{dom } g$ . Assume that  $f$  and  $g$  are both differentiable at  $x$ , then

$$(f \cdot g)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + g'(x)f(x)$$

# Quotient Rule

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in \text{dom } f$  and  $x \in \text{dom } g$ . Assume that  $f$  and  $g$  are both differentiable at  $x$ , then

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - g'(x)f(x)}{g(x)^2}.$$

# Chain Rule

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(x) \in \text{dom } f$  and  $x \in \text{dom } g$ . Assume that  $f$  is differentiable at  $g(x)$  and  $g$  is differentiable at  $x$ , then

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

# Practice

1. Find  $f'(x)$  of  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{1-x^2}$  by Quotient Rule.
2. Find  $f'(x)$  of  $f(x) = x\sqrt{1+x^2}$  by Product Rule and Chain Rule.



# Practice

Suppose that  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $a$  and  $f(a) \neq 0$ . Show that  $|f|(x)$  is also differentiable at  $a$ . (Think of the counterexample when  $f(a) = 0$ . Why under such circumstance  $|f|(x)$  is not differentiable?)

# Inverse Function Theorem

Let  $I$  be an open interval and let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable and strictly monotonic. Then the inverse map  $f^{-1} = g : f(I) \rightarrow I$  exists and is differentiable at all points  $y \in f(I)$  for which  $f'(g(y)) \neq 0$ . Furthermore we have

$$g'(y) = \frac{1}{f'(g(y))}$$

# Property of differentiability

# Extrema

Let  $f$  be a function and  $\Omega$  is a subset of  $\text{dom } f$ . Then  $x \in \Omega$  is called a (global) maximum point for  $f$  on  $\Omega$  if

$$f(x) \geq f(y) \quad \text{for all } y \in \Omega.$$

# Extrema

Let  $f$  be a function and  $(a, b)$  in  $\text{dom } f$  an open interval. If  $x \in (a, b)$  is a maximum (or minimum) point for  $f$  on  $(a, b)$  and if  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$ , then  $f'(x) = 0$ .

# Critical point

A function  $f$  is said to have a critical point at  $x \in \text{dom } f$  if  $f'(x) = 0$ .

## Remark

The critical point at  $x \in \text{dom } f$  where  $f'(x) = 0$  does not necessarily to be an extrema. However, there are still chances that the critical point is an extrema.

Example:  $f(x)=x^3$  has a critical point at 0 but 0 is not extrema point.  $f(x)=x^2$  has a critical point at 0 and 0 is an extrema point.

# Practice

Find the extrema of  $f(x)=x\sqrt[3]{x-1}$ .

Remark: What is  $f'(x)$ ? Does  $f(x)$  reach extrema only when  $f'(x)=0$ ?



# Rolle's Theorem

Let  $f$  be a real function and  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $[a, b] \in \text{dom } f$ . Assume that  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and  $f(a)=f(b)$ . Then there exists a number  $x \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$ .

# Practice

Suppose  $f''(x)$  exists on  $[0,1]$  for some function  $f(x)$  and  $f(0)=f(1)=0$ . Let  $F(x)=xf(x)$ , show that there exists a  $t \in R$  such that  $F''(t)=0$ .

# Solution

1. We can easily check  $F(0)=F(1)=0$ . Then by Rolle's Theorem, there exists a  $p \in [0,1]$  such that  $F'(p)=0$ .
2. Also, we can easily check  $F'(0)=F'(p)=0$ . Then by Rolle's Theorem there exists a  $t \in [0,p]$  such that  $F'(t)=0$ .

# Mean Value Theorem

Let  $f$  be a real function and  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $[a, b] \in \text{dom } f$ . Assume that  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Then there exists a number  $x \in (a, b)$  such that

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

# Corollary

1. Let  $f$  be a real function and  $I$  in  $\text{dom } f$ .  
Assume that  $f'(x) = 0$  on  $I$ . Then  $f$  is constant on  $I$ .
2. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions and  $I$  in  $\text{dom } f$  and  $I$  in  $\text{dom } g$ . Assume that  $f'(x) = g'(x)$  on  $I$ .  
Then there exists some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = g(x) + c$ .

# Corollary

3. Let  $f$  be a real function and  $I$  in  $\text{dom } f$ . Assume that  $f'(x) > 0$  on  $I$ . Then  $f$  is strictly increasing on  $I$ . If  $f'(x) < 0$  on  $I$ ,  $f$  is strictly decreasing on  $I$ .

# Practice

Suppose  $f'(x)$  exists for some real continuous function  $f(x)$ , and the limit of  $f(x)$  and  $f'(x)$  both exist as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . Show that the limit of  $f'(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  is actually 0.

# Solution

1. Suppose the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  is  $L$ . Then the limit of  $f(x+1)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  is also  $L$ .
2. By Mean Value Theorem, there exists a number  $t \in (x, x+1)$  such that  $f(x+1) - f(x) = f'(t)$ .
3. Since the limit of  $f'(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  exists, take the limit of both sides of eqn  $f(x+1) - f(x) = f'(t)$ . Then we have the limit of  $f'(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  is actually 0.



# Maxima and Minima

Let  $f$  be a real function and  $x \in \text{dom } f$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$ . If  $f''(x) > 0$ , then  $f$  has a local minimum at  $x$ . If  $f''(x) < 0$ , then  $f$  has a local maximum at  $x$ .

# Maxima and Minima

Let  $f$  be a real function and  $x \in \text{dom } f$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$ . If  $f$  has a local minimum at  $x$ , then  $f''(x) \geq 0$ . If  $f$  has a local maximum at  $x$ , then  $f''(x) \leq 0$ .

# Example

1.  $f(x)=x^2$  has a minimum at 0 because  $f'(0)=0$  and  $f''(0)=2>0$ .
2.  $f(x)=x^3$  does not have a minimum or maximum at 0 because  $f''(0)=0$  even if  $f'(0)=0$ .

# Convexity and Concavity

Let  $\Omega$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $I \subseteq \Omega$  an interval. A function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called strictly convex on  $I$  if for all  $a, x, b \in I$  with  $a < x < b$

$$\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} < \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$

# Convexity and Concavity

Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be strictly convex on  $I$  and differentiable at  $a, b \in I$ . Then

1. For any  $h > 0$  such that  $a + h \in I$ , the graph of  $f$  over the interval  $(a, a + h)$  lies below the secant line through the points  $(a, f(a))$ ,  $(a + h, f(a + h))$ .
2. The graph of  $f$  over all of  $I$  lies above the tangent line through the point  $(a, f(a))$ .
3. If  $a < b$ , then  $f'(a) < f'(b)$ .

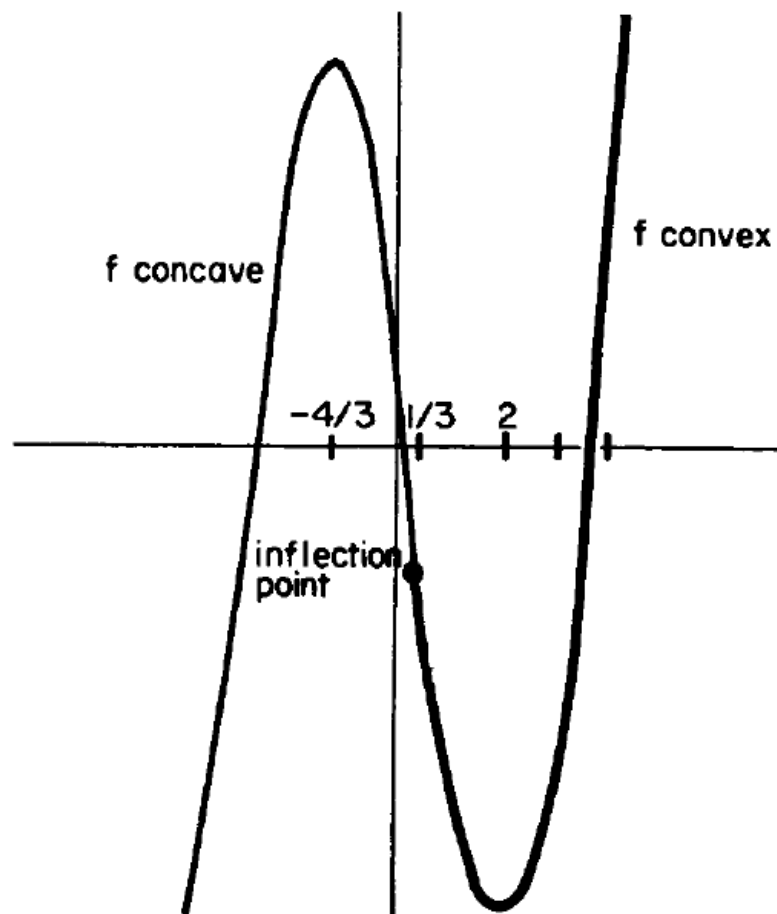
# Convexity and Concavity

Let  $I$  be an open interval,  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable and  $f'(x)$  strictly increasing. If  $a, b \in I$ ,  $a < b$ , and  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then  $f(x) < f(a) = f(b)$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

# Example

$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 1$  on  $[-2, 2]$  is concave on  $[-2, 1/3)$  and convex on  $(1/3, 2]$ , where point  $x=1/3$  is the inflection point.

# Graph of $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 1$





# Curve Sketching

1. Ruler & pencil
2. Don't draw small graphs. At least 8 cm wide.
3. Label the function
4. Title the graph

# Curve Sketching

1. Coordinate system: origin, the domain and range
2. Continuity and behavior near points of discontinuity
3. The behavior as  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$ ; in particular asymptotes
4. Local and global extrema
5. Intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing or constant
6. Inflection points, where the second derivative changes sign

# Example

Draw the graph of  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 1$ ,  
where the domain is  $\mathbb{R}$ .

# Cauchy Mean Value Theorem

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions and  $[a, b]$  in  $\text{dom } f \cap \text{dom } g$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then there exists an  $x \in (a, b)$  such that

$$(f(b) - f(a))g'(x) = (g(b) - g(a))f'(x).$$

# Practice

Suppose  $f'(x)$  exists for some continuous  $f(x)$  on  $[0,1]$  and  $f(0) \neq f(1)$ . Show that there exists  $p, q \in (0,1)$  such that  $f'(p) = \frac{f'(q)}{2q}$ .

# Solution

1. Let  $g(x)=x$ , then by Cauchy Mean Value Theorem, there exists  $p \in (0,1)$  such that  $f(1)-f(0)=(b-a)f'(p)$
2. Let  $h(x)=x^2$ , then by Cauchy Mean Value Theorem, there exists  $q \in (0,1)$  such that  $[f(1)-f(0)]2q=(b-a)f'(q)$
3. To sum,  $f'(q)/f'(p)=2q$

# L'Hôpital's Rule

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions and  $b \in \text{dom } f \cap \text{dom } g$  with

$$\lim_{x \searrow b} f(x) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \searrow b} g(x) = 0.$$

Suppose that there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f$  and  $g$  are defined and differentiable on the interval  $(b, b+\delta)$  and  $g'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in (b, b+\delta)$ . Suppose the limit  $\lim_{x \searrow b} f'(x)/g'(x) =: L$  exists. Then

$$\lim_{x \searrow b} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L.$$

# Example

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x+1}}{1} = 1$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{x^2-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{x^2-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x}{1} = 2. ???$$





Thank you for your attention!