

Thm (powers of x) if $f(x) = x^n$, then $f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$
(works for all $n \in \mathbb{R}$!).

Examples $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = 2x$ $\frac{d}{dx}(x^3) = 3x^2$ $\frac{d}{dx}(x^4) = 4x^3$

$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^{-1}) = -x^{-2} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ $\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x}) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^{1/2}) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^1) = x^0 = 1$ $\frac{d}{dx}(x^0) = 0$

Proof Let $f(x) = x^n$, then $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^n - x^n}{h}$

binomial theorem: $(x+h)^n = x^n + nx^{n-1}h + \underbrace{\binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \dots + h^n}_{\text{all of these have a power of } h \geq 2}$
where $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ and $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n$.

so $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^n - x^n}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{nx^{n-1}h + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \dots}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} nx^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}h + \dots$
 $= nx^{n-1} \quad \square$

Warning: this rule works for polynomials only, not exponentials.

$f(x) = x^{\log}$ polynomial, $f(x) = 2^x$ not polynomial.

Other useful rules

Thm (linearity) If f and g are differentiable functions, then

$f+g$ is differentiable, with $(f+g)' = f' + g'$

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(f+g) = \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{dg}{dx}$

if k is a constant

$(kf)' = kf'$

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(kf) = k \frac{df}{dx}$

Proof (follows from limit laws)

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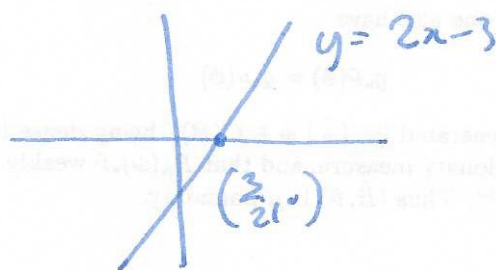
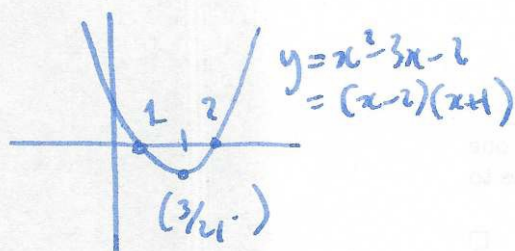
$$\begin{aligned}(f+g)'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(f+g)(x+h) - (f+g)(x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) + g(x+h) - f(x) - g(x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = f'(x) + g'(x)\end{aligned}$$

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

Example $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$ find $f'(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{df}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 - 3x + 2) = \frac{d}{dx} (x^2) + \frac{d}{dx} (-3x) + \frac{d}{dx} (2) \\&= 2x - 3 + 0\end{aligned}$$

graphs



Derivative of e^x

consider $f(x) = b^x$ $b > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^{x+h} - b^x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} b^x \left(\frac{b^h - 1}{h} \right) \\&= b^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^h - 1}{h}\end{aligned}$$

→ doesn't depend on x !
assume this limit exists and call it m_b .

We have shown: for exponential functions the derivative is

proportional to the value of the function, i.e. $f(x) = b^x$
 $f'(x) = m_b b^x$

in particular, slope at $x=0$ is $f'(0) = m_b b^0 = m_b$

recall: e is defined to be the special number s.t. the slope of e^x at $x=0$ is equal to 1. Therefore if $f(x)=e^x, f'(x)=e^x$

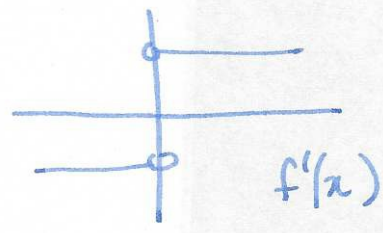
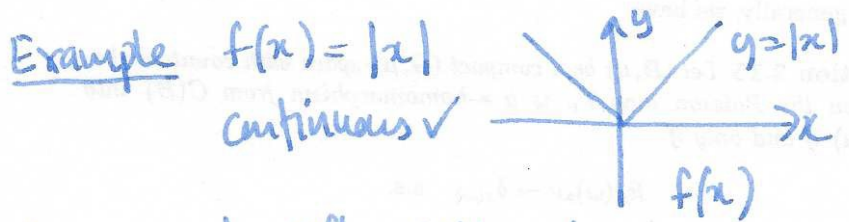
$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$

Example $\frac{d}{dx}(7e^x + 4x^2) = 7e^x + 8x$

Observation: this shows that e^x is not a polynomial!

$\frac{d}{dx}(p(x)) \leftarrow$ degree goes down, eventually zero.

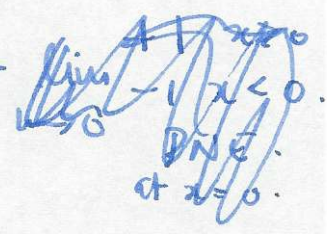
Thm Differentiable $\Rightarrow$ continuous. Warning continuous $\nRightarrow$ differentiable



claim: not differentiable at $x=0$.

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

when $x=0$: $f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|}{h}$ DNE.



local picture if $f(x)$ differentiable at $x=c$, then if you look closely enough, the graph looks close to a straight line.

Proof (differentiable $\Rightarrow$ c3)

$f(x)$ differentiable at $x=c$ means $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$ exists

(want to show $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(c+h) = f(c)$)

consider $f(c+h) - f(c) = \frac{h(f(c+h) - f(c))}{h}$

$$\text{so } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(c+h) - f(c) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \quad (\text{product of limits})$$

$$= 0 \cdot f'(c) = 0 \quad \square.$$

§ 3.3 Product and quotient rules

new functions from old: $f(x)g(x)$ product $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ quotient.

Thm (Product rule) $(fg)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(fg) = \frac{df}{dx}g + f\frac{dg}{dx}$$

Warning $(fg)' \neq f'g' !!$

Examples ① $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(x) \cdot x + x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1 \cdot x + x \cdot 1 = 2x.$

② $\frac{d}{dx}(3x^2(x^2+1)) = \frac{d}{dx}(3x^2) \cdot (x^2+1) + 3x^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2+1)$

$$= 6x \cdot (x^2+1) + 3x^2 \cdot 2x$$

③ $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 e^x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) \cdot e^x + x^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = 2x e^x + x^2 e^x.$

Proof (of product rule) (assume f, g both differentiable at x)

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

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

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

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

$$= f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x) \quad \square.$$

Thm Quotient rule (assume f, g differentiable at x , $g(x) \neq 0$)

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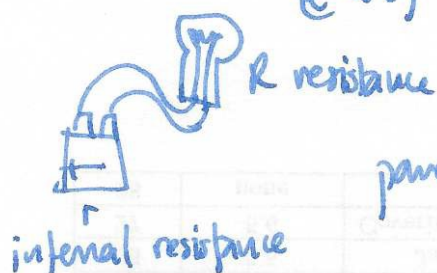
Then $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) = \frac{g(x) \cdot f'(x) - g'(x) f(x)}{(g(x))^2}$

Example ① $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{x+1} \right) = \frac{(x+1)(x)' - (x+1)'(x)}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{(x+1) \cdot 1 - x}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$

② $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{e^t}{e^t+t} \right) = \frac{(e^t+t) \cdot (e^t)' - (e^t+t)' \cdot e^t}{(e^t+t)^2}$

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

③ battery power



power $P = \frac{V^2 R}{(r+R)^2}$

Q: when does the battery give maximal power?

A: when $\frac{dP}{dR} = 0$

$$P = \frac{V^2 R}{(r+R)^2}$$

$P(R), V, r$ constant.

$$\frac{dP}{dR} = \frac{(r+R)^2 \cdot (V^2 R)' - V^2 R [(r+R)^2]'}{(r+R)^4} = \frac{(r+R)^2 V^2 - V^2 R (r+2rR+R^2)'}{(r+R)^4}$$

$$= \frac{V^2 [(r+R)^2 - R(r+2rR)]}{(r+R)^4} = \frac{V^2 [r+R][r+R-2R]}{(r+R)^4} = \frac{V^2 (r-R)}{(r+R)^3} = 0$$

when $r=R$.

