

Thm $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$

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

binomial theorem: $(x+h)^n = x^n + nx^{n-1}h + \underbrace{\binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \binom{n}{3}x^{n-3}h^3 + \dots + h^n}_{\text{all of these contain } h^2}$

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

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

$f(x) = x^{100}$ 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 $(f+g)' = f' + g'$
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(f+g) = \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{dg}{dx}$

• k constant, $(kf)' = kf' \Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(kf) = k \frac{df}{dx}$

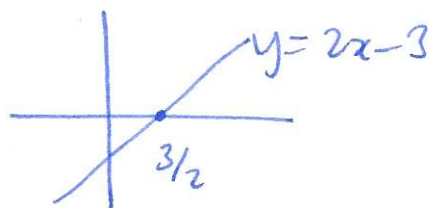
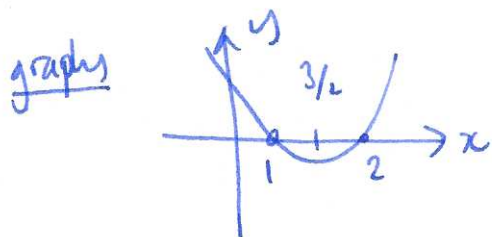
Proof (follows from limit laws)

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

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

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

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



Derivative of e^x

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

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

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 original function, i.e. if $f(x) = b^x$, $f'(x) = m_b b^x$.
in particular, slope at $x=0$ is 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 $\boxed{f(x) = e^x, f'(x) = e^x}$ ($\boxed{\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x}$)

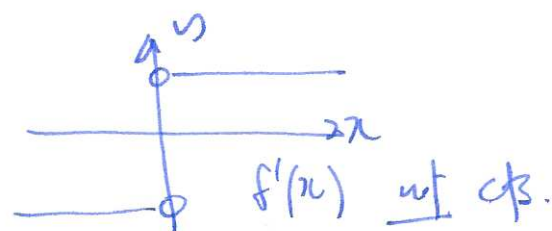
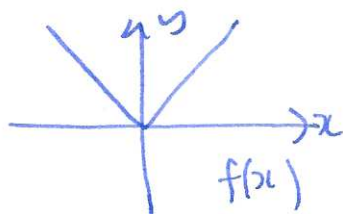
Example $\frac{d}{dx}(7e^x + 8x^2) = 7e^x + 16x$

observation this shows that e^x is not a polynomial

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

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

Example $f(x) = |x|$
continuous



claim: $f(x) = |x|$ not differentiable at $x=0$

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

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|h|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 1 = 1$ $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|h|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} -1 = -1$ $+1 \neq -1$
so $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|}{h}$ DNE. $\square$

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

Proof (differentiable $\Rightarrow$ cfs) $f(x)$ differentiable at $x=c$ means

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$ exists. (want to show $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$)

consider $f(c+h) - f(c) = h \cdot \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$ so $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(c+h) - f(c) =$

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} = 0 \cdot f'(c) = 0 \quad \square$

§3.3 Product and quotient rules

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

Thm (product rule) $(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$

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

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

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

② $\frac{d}{dx}(3x^2(x^2+1)) = (3x^2)'(x^2+1) + (3x^2)(x^2+1)'$
 $= 6x(x^2+1) + 3x^2 \cdot 2x$

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

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

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

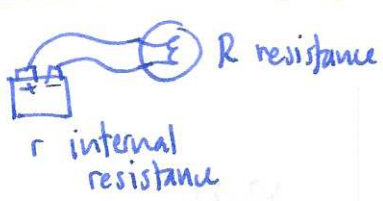
Thm Quotient rule (assume f, g differentiable at x , $g(x) \neq 0$)

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

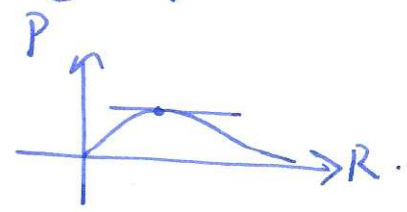
Examples ① $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{x+1} \right) = \frac{(x+1)(x)' - x(x+1)'}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{x+1 - x}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$

② $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{e^t}{e^t + t} \right) = \frac{(e^t + t)(e^t)' - (e^t + t)'(e^t)}{(e^t + t)^2} = \frac{(e^t + t)e^t - (e^t + 1)e^t}{(e^t + t)^2} = \frac{te^t - e^t}{(e^t + t)^2}$

③ application: 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)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dR} &= \frac{(r+R)^2 (V^2 R)' - ((r+R)^2)' V^2 R}{(r+R)^4} = \frac{(r+R)^2 V^2 - (r+2R+R^2)' V^2 R}{(r+R)^4} \\ &= \frac{V^2 [(r+R)^2 - R(2r+2R)]}{(r+R)^4} = \frac{V^2 (r+R)(r+R-2R)}{(r+R)^4} = \frac{V^2 (r-R)}{(r+R)^3} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow R = r.$