

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

$$f(x) = x^{100}$$

polynomial

$$f'(x) = 100x^{99}$$

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

other useful rules

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

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

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

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

Proof (follows from limit laws)

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

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

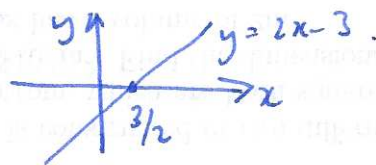
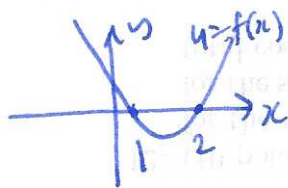
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = f'(x) + g'(x).$$

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

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

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

graphs



Derivative of e^x

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

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

$$= b^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^h - 1}{h}$$

→ 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 functions, i.e. if $f(x) = b^x$, $f'(x) = m_b b^x$, in particular the 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 $f(x) = e^x$, then $f'(x) = e^x$ $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$.

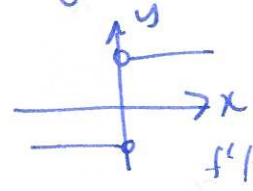
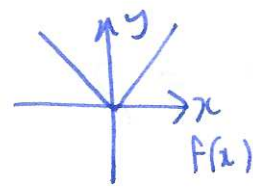
Example $\frac{d}{dx}(7e^x + 8x^2) = 7e^x + 16x$.

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



$f'(x)$ not continuous.

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

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

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|h|}{h} = +1$ $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|h|}{h} = -1 \Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|}{h}$ 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 $\Rightarrow$ cp) $f(x)$ 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) $(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$

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

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

warning $(fg)' \neq f'g' \quad !!$

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

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)

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

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

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

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

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

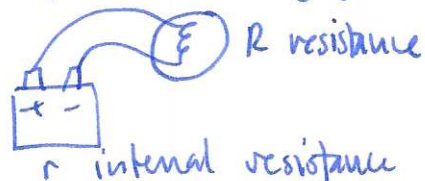
Thm Quotient rule (assume f, g differentiable, $g(x) \neq 0$)

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

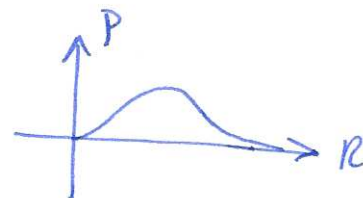
Examples ① $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{x+1} \right) = \frac{(x+1)(x)' - x(x+1)'}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{x+1 - x}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$

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?

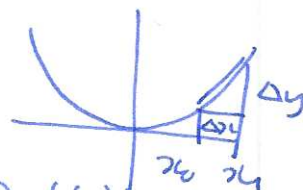
A: when $\frac{dP}{dR} = 0$ $P = \frac{V^2 R}{(r+R)^2}$ $P(R)$, V, r constant

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

$\Rightarrow R=r$. $\square$.

§ 3.4 Rates of change

recall: average rate of change = $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$



instantaneous rate of change: $f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$

observation: if Δx is small, we can use average rate of change to approximate actual rate of change, and vice versa.