

Ch 2 Differentiation

§2.1 The derivative and the tangent line problem.

Def If f is defined on an open interval containing c , and if the limit

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+\Delta x) - f(c)}{\Delta x} = m$$

exists, then the line passing through $(c, f(c))$ with slope m is the tangent line to the graph of f at $(c, f(c))$.

The derivative of f at x is given by

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

provided the limit exists. For all x for which the limit exists, f' is a function of x .

Remark: The process of finding the derivative of a fun. is called differentiation. A fun. f is differentiable at x if $f'(x)$ exists.

f is called differentiable on (a, b) , if it is differentiable at each pt. x in (a, b) .

Notation: $f'(x)$, $\frac{dy}{dx}$, y' , $\frac{d}{dx} f$

Examples a) $f(x) = x^2 + 1$, b) $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$$

Differentiability:

Not differentiable if ① $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$

$$\text{or } ② \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \pm \infty.$$

Examples a) $f(x) = |x-2|$ b) $f(x) = x^{1/2}$

Theorem 2.1 If f is differentiable at $x=c$, f is cts at $x=c$

§2.2 Basic differentiation rule.

Thm 2.2 If c is a real number, then

$$\frac{d}{dx} c = 0.$$

Thm 2.3 (Power rule)

If n is any rational number, then $f(x) = x^n$ is differentiable and

$$f'(x) = n x^{n-1}$$

In particular, we have $\frac{d}{dx} x = 1$.

Thm 2.4 If f is differentiable and c is any real number, then

$$\frac{d}{dx} (cf(x)) = c f'(x).$$

Thm 2.5 If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are differentiable, then

$f \pm g$ are differentiable and

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f \pm g)(x) = f'(x) \pm g'(x).$$

Examples a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ b) $f(x) = x^3 - 4x + 5$.

Thm 2.6

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x, \quad \frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x.$$

§2.3 Product and quotient rules

Thm 2.7 (Product rule)

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are differentiable, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)g(x)) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x).$$

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Thm 2.8 (Quotient rule)

If $f(x)$, $g(x)$ are differentiable with $g(x) \neq 0$.

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

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Examples Find the derivatives

1. $h(x) = (3x - 2x^2)(5 + 4x)$.

2. $y = \frac{5x-2}{x^2+1}$.

3. $y = 3x^2 \sin x$

4. The tangent line of $f(x) = \frac{3 - \frac{1}{x}}{x+5}$ at $(-1, 1)$.

5. $y = \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x} = \csc x - \cot x$.

Higher order derivatives.

1st order $y', f'(x), \frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{df}{dx}$

2nd order $y'', f''(x), \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \frac{d^2}{dx^2}f$

n^{th} order $y^{(n)}, f^{(n)}(x), \frac{d^ny}{dx^n}, \dots$

§2.4 Chain Rule.

Thm 2.10 If $y = f(u)$ is a differentiable function of u and $u = g(x)$ is a differentiable function of x , then $y = f(g(x))$ is a differentiable function of x and

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

or $\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x).$

Examples Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if

(1) $y = (x^2 + 1)^3$

(2) general power rule $y = (u(x))^n$, n rational, $u(x)$ is differentiable
then $\frac{dy}{dx} = n u(x)^{n-1} \frac{du}{dx}.$

(3) $f(u) = \sqrt[3]{(x^2 - 1)^2}$

(4) $g(t) = \frac{-7}{(2t-3)^2}$ (5) $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$

(6) $y = \left(\frac{3x-1}{x^2+8}\right)^2$

(7) $\frac{d}{dx} \sin u = \cos u \frac{du}{dx}$ $\frac{d}{dx} \cos u = -\sin u \frac{du}{dx}$
 $\frac{d}{dx} \tan u = \sec^2 u \frac{du}{dx}$ $\frac{d}{dx} \cot u = -\csc^2 u \frac{du}{dx}$

(8) $y = \cos^2 x$

(9) $f(t) = \sin^2 4t.$

§2.5 Implicit Differentiation.

If the function y of x is given implicitly by

$$f(x, y) = 0,$$

we can still find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of $f(x, y)$ and the chain rule.

Examples 2.4. 5. 6. 7.