

Last time :

- Proof of chain rule

- $a^x = e^{x \ln a}$

- implicit differentiation

$$F(x, y) = 0 \rightarrow \text{take derivative}$$

$\rightarrow$  rearrange terms

$$\rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \dots$$

Example Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $y = x^x$ , where  $x > 0$ .

Solution (Method 1)  $\ln y = x \ln x$

$$(\ln y)' = (x \ln x)'$$

$$\frac{1}{y} y' = x' \ln x + x (\ln x)'$$

$$\frac{1}{y} y' = \ln x + x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y' = y (\ln x + 1)$$

$$= x^x (\ln x + 1)$$

(Method 2)  $y = x^x = e^{x \ln x}$  ( $\because a^x = e^{x \ln a}$ )

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = (e^{x \ln x})'$$

$$= \frac{de^u}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \quad (\text{let } u = x \ln x)$$

$$= e^u \cdot (x' \ln x + x (\ln x)')$$

$$= e^u (\ln x + 1)$$

$$= e^{x \ln x} (\ln x + 1)$$

$$= x^x (\ln x + 1) \quad \checkmark$$

Example

Let  $u(x), v(x)$  be differentiable functions of  $x$ ,  
with  $u(x) > 0$ .

Find  $\frac{d}{dx} u^v$ .

Solution

$$\frac{d}{dx} u^v = \frac{d}{dx} (e^{v \ln u}) \quad (\because a^x = e^{x \ln a})$$

$$= e^{v \ln u} \cdot (v \ln u)' \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$= e^{v \ln u} (v' \ln u + v (\ln u)') \quad (\text{product rule})$$

$$= e^{v \ln u} (v' \ln u + v \cdot \frac{1}{u} \cdot u')$$

$$= u^v v' \ln u + u^{v-1} v u' \quad \equiv$$

## Derivatives of inverse functions

Prop If  $f(y)$  is a bijection and differentiable function  
with  $f'(y) \neq 0$  for any  $y$ .

Then the inverse function  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  is differentiable

and

$$\boxed{(f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}}$$

Proof By def of inverse function,

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \quad \text{for any } x.$$

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

(Chain rule)  $\rightarrow f'(f^{-1}(x)) \cdot ((f^{-1})'(x)) = 1$

$$\therefore (f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))} \quad //$$

Prop (Derivatives of inverse of trigonometric functions)

① For  $\sin^{-1}: (-1, 1) \rightarrow (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

(note:  $\sin^{-1}$  is also known as arcsin  $\neq \frac{1}{\sin x}$  !)

② For  $\cos^{-1}: (-1, 1) \rightarrow (0, \pi)$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

(note:  $\cos^{-1} = \arccos$ )

③ For  $\tan^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

(note:  $\tan^{-1} = \arctan$ )

Proof

①  $y = \sin^{-1} x$

$$\sin y = x$$

$$(\sin y)' = x'$$

$$(\cos y) \cdot y' = 1$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{1}{\cos y}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 y}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad //$$

(note:  $\cos y > 0$  for  $y \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ )

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$$(2) \quad y = \cos^{-1} x$$

$$\cos y = x$$

$$(\cos y)' = x'$$

$$(-\sin y) y' = 1$$

$$\therefore y' = -\frac{1}{\sin y}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 y}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \parallel$$

$$(3) \quad y = \tan^{-1} x$$

$$\tan y = x$$

$$(\tan y)' = x'$$

$$(\sec^2 y) y' = 1$$

(Note: By quotient rule,

$$(\tan x)' = \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}\right)'$$



$$= \frac{(\sin x)' \cos x - (\sin x)(\cos x)'}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sec^2 y} = \frac{1}{1+\tan^2 y}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad \parallel$$

(by trigo. identity:  $1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$ )

### Summary of common derivatives

- $(x^a)' = ax^{a-1}$

- $(e^x)' = e^x$

- $(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}$

- $(a^x)' = a^x \ln a$

- $(\sin x)' = \cos x$

- $(\cos x)' = -\sin x$

- $(\tan x)' = \sec^2 x$

- $(c)' = 0$

- $(\sinh x)' = \cosh x$

- $(\cosh x)' = \sinh x$

- $(\tanh x)' = \operatorname{sech}^2 x$

- $(\sin^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

- $(\cos^{-1} x)' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

- $(\tan^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

Recall:

$$\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x}$$

## Summary of useful differentiation rules

- $(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$
- $(cf)' = cf'$
- $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$  (product rule)
- $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$  (if  $g \neq 0$ ) (quotient rule)
- $(g \circ f)'(x) = g'(f(x))f'(x)$  (chain rule)
- implicit / logarithmic differentiation

Example  $y = \sqrt{\frac{(x-1)^3(x-6)}{(x+7)^5}}$  with  $x > 6$ , find  $y'$ .

Solution:  $\ln y = \frac{1}{2} (3 \ln(x-1) + \ln(x-6) - 5 \ln(x+7))$

$$\frac{1}{y} y' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x-6} - \frac{5}{x+7} \right)$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{y}{2} \left( \frac{3}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x-6} - \frac{5}{x+7} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{(x-1)^3(x-6)}{(x+7)^5}} \left( \frac{3}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x-6} - \frac{5}{x+7} \right) //$$

Example Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $y = \tan^{-1}(\ln(\sin x + 2))$

Solution  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d(\tan^{-1} u)}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$  (let  $u = \ln(\sin x + 2)$ )

$$= \frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot \frac{d(\ln v)}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} \quad (\text{let } v = \sin x + 2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot \frac{1}{v} \cdot (\cos x + 0)$$

$$= \frac{\cos x}{(1 + \ln^2(\sin x + 2))(\sin x + 2)} //$$

Example  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin \sqrt{x^2+x+1} = ?$

By Chain rule,

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

$$\left( \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} \right)$$

where  $u = \sqrt{x^2+x+1}$   
 $v = x^2+x+1$

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## Higher order derivatives

Def • Second derivative of  $y = f(x)$ :

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \quad \left( \text{also denoted as } f''(x) \text{ or } y'' \right)$$

•  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $y = f(x)$  (where  $n \geq 1$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(n)}(x) &= \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( \dots \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

•  $0^{\text{th}}$  derivative:

$$f^{(0)}(x) = f(x)$$

Example

$$y = x^2 + 3x + 7$$

$$y' = 2x + 3$$

$$y'' = 2$$

$$y^{(n)} = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 3.$$

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Example

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x, \quad f''(x) = -\sin x, \quad f'''(x) = -\cos x, \quad f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x = f(x)$$

More generally,

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x & \text{if } n = 4m \\ \cos x & \text{if } n = 4m+1 \\ -\sin x & \text{if } n = 4m+2 \\ -\cos x & \text{if } n = 4m+3 \end{cases}$$

where  $m$  is a nonnegative integer

Example

Find  $y''$  if  $y = \ln(x^2 + 1)$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x^2+1} \cdot 2x \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$y'' = \frac{(2x)'(x^2+1) - (x^2+1)'(2x)}{(x^2+1)^2} \quad (\text{quotient rule})$$

$$= \frac{2(x^2+1) - 4x^2}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2 - 2x^2}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

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Example

Find  $y''$  if  $x^2 - y^2 = 1, y \neq 0.$

$$(x^2 - y^2)' = 1'$$

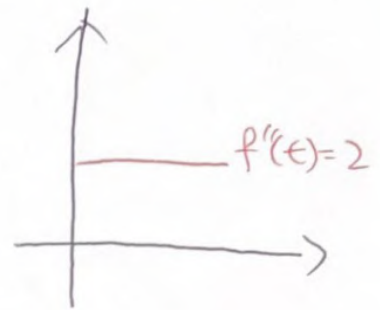
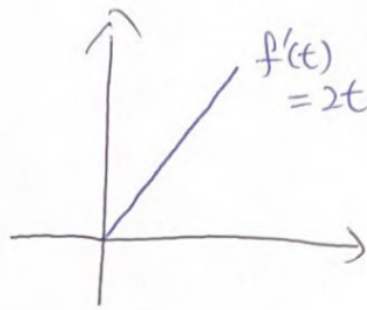
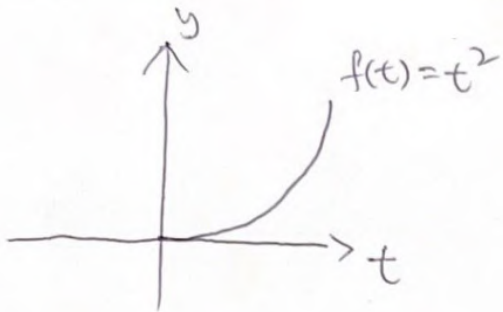
$$2x - 2y y' = 0$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{x}{y}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore y'' &= \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)' \\
 &= \frac{x'y - xy'}{y^2} \\
 &= \frac{y - x\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)}{y^2} \quad (\because y' = \frac{x}{y}) \\
 &= \frac{y^2 - x^2}{y^3} = -\frac{1}{y^3} \quad \equiv
 \end{aligned}$$

Physical / geometric meaning of derivatives :



$f(t)$ : a function representing the displacement (position) of a particle at time  $t$

$f'(t)$ : a function representing the velocity (rate of change of  $f(t)$ )

$f''(t)$ : a function representing the acceleration (rate of change of  $f'(t)$ )

Product rule for higher order derivatives

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 (fg)'' &= ((fg)')' = (f'g + fg')' \\
 &= (f'g)' + (fg')' \\
 &= (f''g + f'g') + (f'g' + fg'') \\
 &= f''g + 2f'g' + fg''
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 (fg)''' &= (f''g + 2f'g' + fg'')' \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= f'''g + 3f''g' + 3f'g'' + fg'''
 \end{aligned}$$

More generally, we have:

Thm (Leibniz's rule)

$$(fg)^{(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(n-k)} g^{(k)}$$

where  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$  is the binomial coefficient.