

Last time

- Implicit / logarithmic differentiation
- Derivatives of inverse functions
- Higher order derivatives

$$y'' = f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$y^{(n)} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \left(\dots \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right)$$

Thm (Leibniz's rule) (Product rule for higher order derivatives)

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are n -times differentiable functions (i.e. $f^{(n)}(x)$ and $g^{(n)}(x)$ exist), then

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

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

Proof (By MI)

For $n=1$, $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$ (by product rule)

\therefore True for $n=1$.

Assume it is true for n .

For $n+1$,

$$(fg)^{(n+1)} = ((fg)^{(n)})' \quad (\text{by def})$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(n-k)} g^{(k)} \right)' \quad (\text{by induction hypothesis})$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left((f^{(n-k)})' g^{(k)} + f^{(n-k)} (g^{(k)})' \right) \quad (\text{by product rule})$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left(f^{(n-k+1)} g^{(k)} + f^{(n-k)} g^{(k+1)} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(n+1-k)} g^{(k)} + \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(n-k)} g^{(k+1)}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(n+1-k)} g^{(k)} + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \binom{n}{k-1} f^{(n-(k-1))} g^{(k)}$$

(replacing k with $k-1$,
so k starts with 1 now)

$$= \binom{n}{0} f^{(n+1)} g^{(0)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(n+1-k)} g^{(k)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k-1} f^{(n+1-k)} g^{(k)} + \binom{n}{n+1} f^{(0)} g^{(n+1)}$$

$$= f^{(n+1)} g^{(0)} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1} \right) f^{(n+1-k)} g^{(k)} \right) + f^{(0)} g^{(n+1)}$$

($\because \binom{n}{0} = 1$ and $\binom{n}{n} = 1$)

$$= f^{(n+1)} g^{(0)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n+1}{k} f^{(n+1-k)} g^{(k)} + f^{(0)} g^{(n+1)}$$

$$\because \binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} + \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k+1)!}$$

$$= \frac{n!(n-k+1+k)}{k!(n-k+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)!}{k!(n+1-k)!} = \binom{n+1}{k}$$

$$= \binom{n+1}{0} f^{(n+1)} g^{(0)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n+1}{k} f^{(n+1-k)} g^{(k)} + \binom{n+1}{n+1} f^{(0)} g^{(n+1)}$$

$$(\because \binom{n+1}{0} = \binom{n+1}{n+1} = 1)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{k} f^{(n+1-k)} g^{(k)}$$

\therefore By MI, the Leibniz's rule holds! //

Example Let $y = x^2 e^{3x}$. Find $y^{(n)}$ for $n \geq 1$.

Solution Consider $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = e^{3x}$.

Note that:

$$\cdot f'(x) = 2x, f''(x) = 2, f''' = f^{(4)} = \dots = 0$$

$$\cdot g'(x) = 3e^{3x}, g''(x) = 3^2 e^{3x}, \dots, g^{(k)} = 3^k e^{3x}$$

\therefore By Leibniz's rule,

$$\cdot n=1: y' = 2x e^{3x} + x^2 \cdot 3e^{3x} = (2x + 3x^2)e^{3x}$$

$$\cdot n=2: y'' = 2e^{3x} + \binom{2}{1}(2x)(3e^{3x}) + x^2 \cdot 3^2 e^{3x} \\ = (2 + 12x + 9x^2)e^{3x}$$

$$\cdot n \geq 3: y^{(n)} = \binom{n}{0} f^{(0)} g^{(n)} + \binom{n}{1} f^{(1)} g^{(n-1)} + \binom{n}{2} f^{(2)} g^{(n-2)} \\ + 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 \quad (\because f^{(3)} = f^{(4)} = \dots = 0) \\ = x^2 \cdot 3^n e^{3x} + n \cdot 2x \cdot 3^{n-1} e^{3x} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot 3^{n-2} e^{3x} \\ = (9x^2 + 6nx + n^2 - n) \cdot 3^{n-2} e^{3x} \quad // \quad \}$$

Recall that we have:

f is differentiable at $x=a \Rightarrow f$ is continuous at $x=a$

\Leftarrow (e.g. $f(x)=|x|$)

Similarly, we have:

Prop

If f is n -times differentiable at $x=a$

(i.e. $f^{(n)}(a)$ exists),

then $f^{(n-1)}(x)$ exists and is continuous at $x=a$.

$f^{(n)}$ exists at $x=a \Rightarrow f^{(n-1)}$ exists and is continuous at $x=a \Rightarrow f^{(n-2)}$ exists and is continuous at $x=a \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow f'$ exists and is continuous at $x=a \Rightarrow f$ is continuous at $x=a$

$\Leftarrow \quad \Leftarrow \quad \Leftarrow \quad \Leftarrow \quad \Leftarrow$

Example • $x^m, e^x, \cos x, \sin x$ are infinitely differentiable on \mathbb{R}

(i.e. $f^{(n)}$ exists for any n)

• $\ln(x)$ is infinitely differentiable on $(0, \infty)$

Example Let $f(x) = |x|x$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that:

- ① f is differentiable on \mathbb{R}
- ② f' is continuous on \mathbb{R}
- ③ f' is not differentiable at $x=0$ (i.e. $f''(0)$ does not exist)

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Example Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^4 \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$.

Show that f is twice differentiable on \mathbb{R}

(i.e. f'' exists on \mathbb{R})

but $f'''(0)$ does not exist.

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