

3.1 Tangents and the derivative at a point

To find a tangent to an arbitrary curve $y = f(x)$ at a point $P(x_0, f(x_0))$, we calculate the slope of the secant through P and a nearby point $Q(x_0 + h, f(x_0 + h))$, we then investigate the limit of the slope as $h \rightarrow 0$. If the limit exists, we call it the slope of the curve at P and define the tangent at P to be the line through P having this slope.

Definition

The **slope of the curve** $y = f(x)$ at the point $P(x_0, f(x_0))$ is the number

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \quad (\text{provided the limit exists})$$

The **tangent line** to the curve at P is the line through P with this slope.

Example 1 :

Find the slope of the curve $y = 1/x$ at any point $x = a \neq 0$.

- 1- what is the slope at the point $x = -1$?
- 2- Where dose the slope equal $-1/4$?

Solution

1- here $f(x) = 1/x$. The slope at $(a, 1/a)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{a+h} - \frac{1}{a}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \frac{a - (a+h)}{a(a+h)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{ha(a+h)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{a(a+h)} = -\frac{1}{a^2} \end{aligned}$$

When $x = -1$, the slope is $\frac{-1}{(-1)^2} = -1$

2- the slope of $y = 1/x$ at the point where $-\frac{1}{a^2}$ is $-\frac{1}{a^2}$. it will be $-\frac{1}{4}$

provided that

$$-\frac{1}{a^2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

This equation is equivalent to $a^2 = 4$, so $a = 2$ or $a = -2$. the curve has slope

$$-\frac{1}{4} \text{ at the two points } \left(2, \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ and } \left(-2, -\frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Definition

The **derivative of a function** f at a point x_0 , denoted $f'(x_0)$, is

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

Provided this limit exists.

3.2 The derivative as a function

Definition The derivative of the function $f(x)$ with respect to the variable x is the function f' whose value at x is

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

Where $h = \Delta x = x_2 - x$

Provided the limit exists.

If we write $z = h + x$, then $h = z - x$ and h approaches 0 if and only if z approaches x . Therefore, an equivalent definition of the derivative is as follows. This formula is sometimes more convenient to use when finding a derivative function.

Alternative formula for the derivative

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

and some common alternative notations for the derivative are

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

Example 2 :

Differentiate $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$

Solution

We use the definition of the derivative $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x-1} \quad \text{and} \quad f(x+h) = \frac{(x+h)}{(x+h)-1}, \text{ so}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{(x+h)}{(x+h-1)} - \frac{x}{x-1}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{(x+h)(x-1) - x(x+h-1)}{(x+h-1)(x-1)} \quad \left[\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad - cb}{bd} \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{-h}{(x+h-1)(x-1)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(x+h-1)(x-1)} = \frac{-1}{(x-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3 :

- a- find the derivative of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ for $x > 0$.
 b- find the tangent line to the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$ at $x = 4$.

Solution

- a- we use the alternative formula to calculate f' :

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{f(z) - f(x)}{z - x} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{\sqrt{z} - \sqrt{x}}{z - x} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{(\sqrt{z} - \sqrt{x})}{(\sqrt{z} - \sqrt{x}) \cdot (\sqrt{z} + \sqrt{x})} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{z} + \sqrt{x})} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned}$$

b- the slope of the curve at $x = 4$ is

$$f'(4) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

The tangent is the line through the point $(4,2)$ with slope $(1/4)$

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

$$y = \frac{1}{4}x + 1$$

Example 4 :

Show that the function $y = |x|$ is differentiable on $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$ but has no derivative at $x = 0$.

Solution

The derivative of function $y = |x|$ to the right of the origin (positive x)

$$\frac{d}{dx}(|x|) = \frac{d}{dx}(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(1 \cdot x) = 1$$

And to the left of the origin (negative x)

$$\frac{d}{dx}(|x|) = \frac{d}{dx}(-x) = \frac{d}{dx}(-1 \cdot x) = -1$$

There is no derivative at the origin because the one-sided derivatives differ there:

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|0+h| - |0|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|h|}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Right-hand derivative of } |x| \text{ at zero} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|0+h| - |0|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|h|}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{left-hand derivative of } |x| \text{ at zero} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-h}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} (-1) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

3.3 Differentiation Rules

Powers, Multiples, Sums, and Differences

A simple rule of differentiation is that the derivative of every constant function is zero.

1- Derivative of a constant function

if f has the constant value $f(x) = c$, then

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$$

Proof we apply the definition of the derivative to $f(x) = c$, the function whose outputs have the constant value c , at every value of x , we find that

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

2- Power Rule for positive integers:

if n is a positive integer, then

$$\frac{df}{dx} x^n = n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

Proof the formula

$$z^n - x^n = (z - x) \cdot (z^{n-1} + z^{n-2}x + \dots + zx^{n-2} + x^{n-1})$$

From the alternative formula for the definition of the derivative,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{f(z) - f(x)}{z - x} = \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{z^n - x^n}{z - x} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{(z - x) \cdot (z^{n-1} + z^{n-2}x + \dots + zx^{n-2} + x^{n-1})}{(z - x)} \\ &= n \cdot x^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

The power rule is actually valid for all real numbers n (positive or negative).

For ex. $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (x^{-1}) = -x^{-2}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{x}) = \frac{d}{dx} (x^{1/2}) = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}$$

Example 5 :

Differentiate the following powers of x .

(a) x^3 (b) $x^{2/3}$ (c) $x^{\sqrt{2}}$ (d) $\frac{1}{x^4}$ (e) $x^{-4/3}$ (f) $\sqrt{x^{2+\pi}}$

Solution

(a) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^3) = 3 \cdot x^{3-1} = 3x^2$ (b) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{2/3}) = (2/3) \cdot x^{(2/3)-1} = (2/3) \cdot x^{-1/3}$

(c) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{\sqrt{2}}) = \sqrt{2} \cdot x^{\sqrt{2}-1}$ (d) $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^{-4}) = -4 \cdot (x^{-4-1}) = -4 \cdot x^{-5} = -\frac{4}{x^5}$

(e) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{-4/3}) = -(4/3) \cdot x^{-(4/3)-1} = -(4/3) \cdot x^{-(7/3)}$

(f) $\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x^{2+\pi}}) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^{1+(\pi/2)}) = \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot (x^{1+(\pi/2)-1}) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot (2 + \pi) \cdot (x^{(\pi/2)}) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot (2 + \pi) \cdot (\sqrt{x^\pi})$

3- Derivative constant multiple Rule

If u is a differentiable function of x , and c is a constant, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(cu) = c \frac{du}{dx}$$

In particular, if n is any real number, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(cx^n) = (c \cdot n) \cdot x^{n-1}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(cu) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{cu(x+h) - cu(x)}{h} \\ &= c \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x+h) - u(x)}{h} \\ &= c \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

Example 6 :

(a) the derivative formula $3x^2$ is

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

We describe that, the graph of $y = x^2$ multiplying y-coordinate by 3, then we multiply the slope at each point by 3.

(b) negative of a function

The derivative of the negative of a differentiable function u is the negative of the function's derivative. The constant multiple Rule with $c = -1$ gives

$$\frac{d}{dx}(-u) = \frac{d}{dx}(-1 \cdot u) = -1 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}u = -\frac{du}{dx}$$

4- Derivative Sum Rule

If u and v are differentiable function of x , then their Sum $u + v$ is differentiable at every point where u and v are both differentiable. At such points,

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u + v) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$$

For ex., if $y = x^4 + 12x$, then y is the sum of $u(x) = x^4$ and $v(x) = 12x$. We then have

$$\frac{d}{dx}y = \frac{d}{dx}(x^4) + \frac{d}{dx}(12x) = 4x^3 + 12$$

Example 7 :

Find the derivative of the polynomial $y = x^3 + (4/3)x^2 - 5x + 1$

Solution

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) + \frac{d}{dx}((4/3)x) - \frac{d}{dx}(5x) + \frac{d}{dx}(1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + (4/3) \cdot (2x) - 5 + 0 = 3x^2 + (8/3) \cdot x - 5$$

5- Derivative Product Rule

If u and v are differentiable function at x , then so is their product uv , and

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u \cdot v) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} \quad , \text{ in prime notation, } (u \cdot v)' = uv' + vu'$$

Example 8 :

Find the derivative of $y = (x^2 + 1) \cdot (x^3 + 3)$

Solution

From the product Rule with $u = (x^2 + 1)$ and $v = (x^3 + 3)$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 1) \cdot (x^3 + 3) &= (x^2 + 1) \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + 3) + (x^3 + 3) \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 1) \\ &= (x^2 + 1) \cdot (3x^2) + (x^3 + 3) \cdot (2x) \\ &= 3x^4 + 3x^2 + 2x^4 + 6x \\ &= 5x^4 + 3x^2 + 6x \end{aligned}$$

6- Derivative Quotient Rule

If u and v are differentiable function at x and if $v(x) \neq 0$, then the quotient u/v is differentiable at x , and

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

Example 9 :

Find the derivative of $y = \frac{(t^2 - 1)}{(t^3 + 1)}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(t^3 + 1) \frac{d}{dx}(t^2 - 1) - (t^2 - 1) \frac{d}{dx}(t^3 + 1)}{(t^3 + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(t^3 + 1) \cdot (2t) - (t^2 - 1) \cdot (3t^2)}{(t^3 + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(2t^4 + 2t - 3t^4 + 3t^2)}{(t^3 + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(-t^4 + 3t^2 + 2t)}{(t^3 + 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

7- Second- and Higher-order Derivatives

If $y = f(x)$ is the differentiable function, then its derivative $f'(x)$ is also a function. If f' is also differentiable, then we can differentiate f' to get a new function of x denoted by f'' . The function f'' is called the **second derivative** of f and written in several ways:

$$f''(x) = y'' = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

If y'' is differentiable, its derivative, $y''' = dy''/dx = d^3 y/dx^3$, is the **third derivative** of y with respect to x . also for ***n*th derivative** of y with respect to x for any positive integer n , given as

$$y^{(n)} = \frac{d}{dx} y^{(n-1)} = \left(\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} \right)$$

Example 10 :

Find the first four derivatives of $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2$ are

first derivative: $y' = 3x^2 - 6x$

second derivative: $y'' = 6x - 6$

third derivative: $y''' = 6$

fourth derivative: $y^{(4)} = 0$

3.4 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

1. Derivative of the Sine Function

To calculate the derivative of $f(x) = \sin(x)$, for x measured in radians, we combine the limits

$$\sin(x+h) = \sin(x)\cos(h) + \cos(x)\sin(h)$$

If $f(x) = \sin(x)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin(x)\cos(h) + \cos(x)\sin(h)) - \sin(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) \cdot (\cos(h) - 1) + (\cos(x)\sin(h))}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\sin(x) \cdot \frac{(\cos(h) - 1)}{h} \right) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\cos(x) \cdot \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) \\ &= \sin(x) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{(\cos(h) - 1)}{h} \right) + \cos(x) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) = \sin(x) \cdot (0) + \cos(x) \cdot (1) = \cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

Since, the derivative of the sine function is the cosine function:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = \cos(x)$$

Example 11 :

Find the derivatives of the sine function involving differences, products, and

quotients: (a) $y = x^2 - \sin(x)$ (b) $y = x^2 \cdot \sin(x)$ (c) $y = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$

Solution

$$(a) \quad y = x^2 - \sin(x) : \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - \frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = 2x - \cos(x)$$

$$(b) \quad y = x^2 \cdot \sin(x) : \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) + 2x \cdot \sin(x) = x^2 \cdot \cos(x) + 2x \cdot \sin(x)$$

$$(c) \quad y = \frac{\sin(x)}{x} : \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) - \sin(x) \cdot (1)}{x^2} = \frac{x \cdot \cos(x) - \sin(x)}{x^2}$$

2. Derivative of the Cosine Function

To calculate the derivative of $f(x) = \cos(x)$, for x measured in radians, we combine the limits

$$\cos(x+h) = \cos(x)\cos(h) - \sin(x)\sin(h)$$

If $f(x) = \cos(x)$, then we can compute the limit of the difference quotient:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x+h) - \cos(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cos(x)\cos(h) - \sin(x)\sin(h)) - \cos(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) \cdot (\cos(h) - 1) - (\sin(x)\sin(h))}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\cos(x) \cdot \frac{(\cos(h) - 1)}{h} \right) - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\sin(x) \cdot \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) \\ &= \cos(x) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{(\cos(h) - 1)}{h} \right) - \sin(x) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) = \cos(x) \cdot (0) - \sin(x) \cdot (1) = -\sin(x) \end{aligned}$$

Since, the derivative of the cosine function is the negative of the sine function:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) = -\sin(x)$$

Example 12 :

Find the derivatives of the cosine function in combinations with other

functions: (a) $y = 5x + \cos(x)$ (b) $y = \sin(x) \cdot \cos(x)$ (c) $y = \frac{\cos(x)}{1 - \sin(x)}$

Solution

$$(a) \quad y = 5x + \cos(x) \quad : \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(5x) + \frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) = 5 - \sin(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad y = \sin(x) \cdot \cos(x) \quad : \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &= \sin(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\cos(x)) + \cos(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin(x)) \\ &= \sin(x) \cdot (-\sin(x)) + \cos(x) \cdot \cos(x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(1 - \sin(x)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) - \cos(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (1 - \sin(x))}{(1 - \sin(x))^2} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - \sin(x)) \cdot (-\sin(x)) - \cos(x) \cdot (0 - \cos(x))}{(1 - \sin(x))^2} \\
 &= \frac{(-\sin(x) + \sin^2(x)) + \cos^2(x)}{(1 - \sin(x))^2} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - \sin(x))}{(1 - \sin(x))^2} = \frac{1}{(1 - \sin(x))} \quad [\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) = 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Derivatives of the other Basic Trigonometric Functions

Because $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$ are differentiable functions of x , the related functions $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$, $\cot(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$, $\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$, $\csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$, are differentiable at every value of x at which they are defined. Their derivatives, calculated from the Quotient Rule, are given by the following formulas:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) = \sec^2(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot(x) = -\csc^2(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) = \sec(x) \cdot \tan(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \csc(x) = -\csc(x) \cdot \cot(x)$$

Example 13 : Find $\frac{d}{dx} \tan(x)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right) = \left(\frac{\cos(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) - \sin(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \cos(x)}{\cos^2(x)} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{\cos(x) \cdot \cos(x) - \sin(x) \cdot (-\sin(x))}{\cos^2(x)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)} = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = \sec^2(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 14 : Find y'' if $y = \sec(x)$

Solution

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

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= \frac{d}{dx}(\sec(x) \cdot \tan(x)) \\ &= \sec(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) + \tan(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) \\ &= \sec(x) \cdot \sec^2(x) + \tan(x) \cdot (\sec(x)\tan(x)) \\ &= \sec^3(x) + \tan^2(x) \cdot \sec(x) \\ &= \sec(x) \cdot (\sec^2(x) + \tan^2(x)) \end{aligned}$$

3.5 The chain Rule

If $f(u)$ is differentiable at the point $u = g(x)$ and $g(x)$ is differentiable at x , then the composite function $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ is differentiable at x , and

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

In Leibniz's notation, if $y = f(u)$ and $u = g(x)$, then

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

Where $\frac{dy}{du}$ is evaluated at $u = g(x)$.

Example 15 : Find the derivative of the function $y = (3x^2 + 1)^2$

Solution

The function here is composite of $y = f(u) = u^2$ and $u = g(x) = 3x^2 + 1$,

therefore, $\frac{dy}{du} = f'(u) = 2u$ and $\frac{du}{dx} = g'(x) = 6x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = 2u \cdot 6x = 2 \cdot (3x^2 + 1) \cdot 6x = 36x^2 + 12x$$

Example 16 : An object moves along the x-axis so that its position at any time $t \geq 0$ is given by $x(t) = \cos(t^2 + 1)^2$. Find the velocity of the object as a function of t .

Solution

We know that the velocity is $\frac{dx}{dt}$. In this instance, x is a composite function:

$x = \cos(u)$ and $u = t^2 + 1$, we have

$$\frac{dx}{du} = -\sin(u) \text{ and } \frac{du}{dt} = 2t$$

By the chain Rule,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dt} = -\sin(u) \cdot 2t = -\sin(t^2 + 1) \cdot 2t = -2t \sin(t^2 + 1)$$

Example 17 : Differentiate $\sin(x^2 + x)$ with respect to x .

Solution We apply the Chain Rule directly and find

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

Example 18 : Find the derivative of the function $g(t) = \tan(5 - \sin(2t))$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} g'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} [\tan(5 - \sin(2t))] \\ &= \sec^2(5 - \sin(2t)) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} (5 - \sin(2t)) \\ &= \sec^2(5 - \sin(2t)) \cdot \left(0 - \cos(2t) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} (2t) \right) \\ &= \sec^2(5 - \sin(2t)) \cdot (-\cos(2t)) \cdot (2) \\ &= (-2 \cos(2t)) \cdot \sec^2(5 - \sin(2t)) \end{aligned}$$

The Chain Rule with Powers of function

If f is a differentiable function of u and if u is a differentiable function of x , then substituting $y = f(u)$ into the Chain Rule formula

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

Leads to the formula

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(u) = f'(u) \frac{du}{dx}$$

If n is any real number and f is a power function, $f(u) = u^n$, the power rule tells us that $f'(u) = nu^{n-1}$. if u is a differentiable function of x , then we can use the chain rule to extend this to the **Power Chain Rule**.

$$\frac{d}{dx} (u^n) = n \cdot u^{n-1} \frac{du}{dx}$$

Example 19 : Find the derivative of a power of an expressions follows:

$$(a) \quad \frac{d}{dx} (5x^3 - x^4)^7 \quad (b) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{3x-2} \right) \quad (c) \quad \frac{d}{dx} (\sin^5(x))$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad \frac{d}{dx} (5x^3 - x^4)^7 &= 7 \cdot (5x^3 - x^4)^6 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (5x^3 - x^4) \\ &= 7 \cdot (5x^3 - x^4)^6 \cdot (5 \cdot 3x^2 - 4x^3) \\ &= 7 \cdot (5x^3 - x^4)^6 \cdot (15x^2 - 4x^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{3x-2} \right) &= \frac{d}{dx} (3x-2)^{-1} \\ &= -1 \cdot (3x-2)^{-2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (3x-2) \\ &= -1 \cdot (3x-2)^{-2} \cdot (3) \\ &= -\frac{3}{(3x-2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^5(x)) &= 5 \cdot \sin^4(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) \\ &= 5 \cdot \sin^4(x) \cdot \cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

Example 20 : show that the slope of every line tangent to the curve

$$y = \left(\frac{1}{(1-2x)^3} \right) \text{ is positive.}$$

Solution

we find the derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx}((1-2x)^{-3}) \\ &= (-3 \cdot (1-2x)^{-4}) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(1-2x) \\ &= (-3 \cdot (1-2x)^{-4}) \cdot (-2) \\ &= \frac{6}{(1-2x)^4} \end{aligned}$$

At any point (x, y) on the curve, $x \neq 1/2$ and the slope of the tangent line is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{(1-2x)^4}$$

The quotient of two positive numbers.

3.6 Implicit Differentiation

Most of the functions described by an equation of the form $y = f(x)$. Another situation occurs when we encounter equations like

$$x^3 + y^3 - 9xy = 0, \quad y^2 - x = 0, \quad x^2 + y^2 - 25 = 0$$

To calculate these types of function, we treat (y) as a differentiable implicit function of (x) and apply the usual rules to differentiate both sides of the defining equation.

1. differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to (x) , treating (y)

as a differentiable function of (x) .

2. collect the terms with $\frac{dy}{dx}$ on one side of the equation and solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Example 21 : find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y^2 = x$.

Solution

The equation $y^2 = x$ defines two differentiable functions of x that we can actually find, namely $y_1 = \sqrt{x}$ and $y_2 = -\sqrt{x}$, then

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

By other way to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, we simply differentiate both sides of the equation

$y^2 = x$ with respect to x , treating $y = f(x)$ as a differentiable function of x :

$$y^2 = x \quad \text{the chain rule gives} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)]^2 = 2f(x)f'(x) = 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2y}$$

This one formula gives the derivative we calculated for both explicit solutions $y_1 = \sqrt{x}$ and $y_2 = -\sqrt{x}$:

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = \frac{1}{2y_1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = \frac{1}{2y_2} = \frac{1}{2(-\sqrt{x})} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

Example 22 : find the slope of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ at the point (3,-4).

Solution

The circle is combined graphs of two differentiable functions, $y_1 = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$ and $y_2 = -\sqrt{25 - x^2}$. The point (3,-4) lies on the graph of y_2 , so we can find the slope by calculating the derivative directly, using the power chain rule:

$$\left[\frac{d}{dx} \left(- (25 - x^2)^{1/2} \right) \right] = -\frac{1}{2} (25 - x^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (-2x), \text{ then}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy_2}{dx} \right|_{x=3} = \left. -\frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{25-x^2}} \right|_{x=3} = -\frac{-6}{2\sqrt{25-9}} = -\frac{-6}{2\sqrt{16}} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{3}{4}$$

We can solve this problem more easily by differentiable the given equation of the circle implicitly with respect to x :

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) + \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(25)$$

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

$$\text{The slope at (3,-4) is } \left. -\frac{x}{y} \right|_{(3,-4)} = -\frac{3}{-4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Example 23 : find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y^2 = x^2 + \sin(xy)$.

Solution

We differentiate the equation implicitly

$$y^2 = x^2 + \sin(xy)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) + \frac{d}{dx}(\sin(xy))$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + (\cos(xy)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(xy)$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + (\cos(xy)) \cdot \left(y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} - (\cos(xy)) \cdot \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 2x + y \cos(xy)$$

$$[2y - x(\cos(xy))] \cdot \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 2x + y \cos(xy)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x + y \cos(xy)}{2y - x \cos(xy)}$$

Derivatives of Higher Order

Implicit differentiation can also be used to find higher derivatives.

Example 24 : find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ if $2x^3 - 3y^2 = 8$.

Solution

To start, we differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to x in

order to find $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(2x^3 - 3y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(8)$$

$$6x^2 - 6yy' = 0$$

$$y' = \frac{x^2}{y} \quad \text{when } y \neq 0$$

We now apply the quotient rule to find y''

$$y'' = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^2}{y} \right) = \frac{2xy - x^2 y'}{y^2} = \frac{2x}{y} - \frac{x^2}{y^2} y'$$

We substitute $y' = \frac{x^2}{y}$ to express y'' in terms of x and y .

$$y'' = \frac{2x}{y} - \frac{x^2}{y^2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{y} = \frac{2x}{y} - \frac{x^4}{y^3} \quad \text{when } y \neq 0$$

Example 25 : show that the point (2, 4) lies on the curve $x^3 + y^3 - 9xy = 0$.

Then find the tangent.

Solution

The point (2, 4) lies on the curve because its coordinates satisfy the equation given for the curve : $2^3 + 4^3 - 9 \cdot (2) \cdot (4) = 8 + 64 - 72 = 0$.

To find the slope of the curve at (2, 4), we first use implicit differentiation to

find a formula for $\frac{dy}{dx}$:

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 + y^3 - 9xy &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) + \frac{d}{dx}(y^3) - \frac{d}{dx}(9xy) &= \frac{d}{dx}(0) \\ 3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 9\left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \frac{dx}{dx}\right) &= 0 \\ (3y^2 - 9x) \frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2 - 9y &= 0 \\ 3(y^2 - 3x) \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3(3y - x^2) \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(3y - x^2)}{(y^2 - 3x)} \end{aligned}$$

We then evaluate the derivative at (x, y) = (2, 4):

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(2,4)} = \frac{(3y - x^2)}{(y^2 - 3x)} \Big|_{(2,4)} = \frac{(3 \cdot (4) - 2^2)}{(4^2 - 3 \cdot (2))} = \frac{(12 - 4)}{(16 - 6)} = \frac{8}{10} = \frac{4}{5}$$

The tangent at (2, 4) is the line through (2, 4) with slope (4/5) :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y - y_0}{x - x_0} &= \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{(y - 4)}{(x - 2)} &= \frac{4}{5} \quad \Rightarrow (y - 4) = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) \cdot (x - 2) \\ y &= 4 + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) \cdot (x - 2) \quad \Rightarrow y = \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{12}{5} \end{aligned}$$