

Example Find f' if $f(x) = \frac{1-x}{2+x}$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1-(x+h)}{2+(x+h)} - \frac{1-x}{2+x}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{1-x-h}{2+x+h} + \frac{x-1}{2+x} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{(1-x-h)(2+x) + (x-1)(2+x+h)}{(2+x+h)(2+x)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{2-2x-2h+x-x^2-hx+2x+x^2+hx-2-x-h}{(2+x+h)(2+x)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3h}{h(2+x+h)(2+x)} = \frac{-3}{(2+x)(2+x)} = \frac{-3}{(2+x)^2}$$

Other Notations

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

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

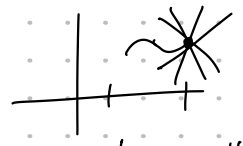
$$f'(x) = y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = Df(x) = D_x f(x)$$

Leibniz's notation $\frac{d}{dx}$, D : "differentiation operators"

$$f'(5) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=5}$$

Defⁿ f is differentiable at a if $f'(a)$ exists.

f is differentiable on (a,b) if $f'(x)$ exists for all $x \in (a,b)$



Example Where is the function $f(x) = |x|$ differentiable?

for $x > 0$, $f(x) = |x| = x$ $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h - x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} = 1$

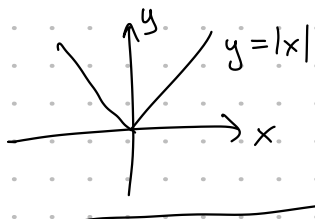
for $x < 0$, $f(x) = |x| = -x$

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

$$f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|}{h} \text{ DNE.}$$

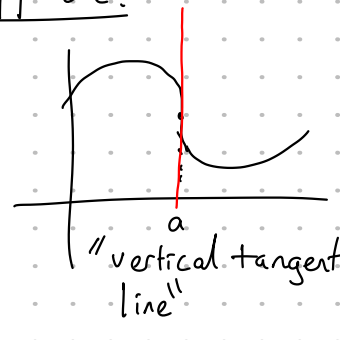
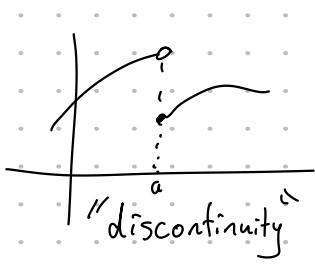
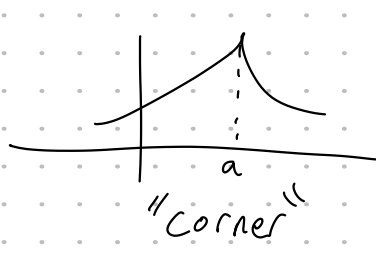
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|h|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h} = 1 \quad \text{but} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|h|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-h}{h} = -1$$

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



Thm If f is differentiable at a , then f is continuous at a .

Other examples where f fails to be diff^l ble.



High Order Derivatives

Since $f'(x)$ is "just another function", we can take its derivative to get $(f'(x))' = f''(x)$ called the second derivative of f , and in general we can continue to take higher order derivatives to get $f'''(x)$, $f^{(4)}$, $f^{(5)}$ and so on.

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

Example If $f(x) = x^3 - x$, find all higher order derivatives of f .

Recall from last time that $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 1$

$$f''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x+h) - f'(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3(x+h)^2 - 1 - (3x^2 - 1)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2 + 6xh + 3h^2 - 1 - 3x^2 + 1}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(6x + 3h)}{h} = 6x$$

$$f''(x) = 6x$$

$$f'''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f''(x+h) - f''(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{6(x+h) - 6x}{h} = 6$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{6 - 6}{h} = 0 \quad f^{(5)}(x) = f^{(6)}(x) = \dots = 0$$

Chp 3 Differentiation Rules

3.1 Derivatives of Polynomials and Exponential Functions

If c is a constant $\frac{d(c)}{dx} = 0$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1 \quad \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = 2x \quad \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) = 3x^2$$

The Power Rule If n is a positive integer, then

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

Pf First note that

$$\begin{aligned} x^n - a^n &= (x-a)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}a + x^{n-3}a^2 + \dots + x^2a^{n-3} + xa^{n-2} + a^{n-1}) \\ &= \cancel{x^n} + \cancel{x^{n-1}a} + \cancel{x^{n-2}a^2} + \dots + \cancel{x^2a^{n-2}} + \cancel{xa^{n-1}} \\ &\quad - (\cancel{x^{n-1}a} + \cancel{x^{n-2}a^2} + \dots + \cancel{x^2a^{n-2}} + \cancel{xa^{n-1}} + a^n) \end{aligned}$$

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

Thm Actually the same rule holds for any real number n .

$$\text{So } (x^n)' = n x^{n-1}$$

e.g. $f(x) = x^6 \quad f'(x) = 6x^5 \quad y = x^{1000} \quad y' = 1000x^{999}$

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

Example Differentiate:

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

b) $y = \sqrt[3]{x^2} = (x^2)^{1/3} = x^{2/3}$

$$f'(x) = -2x^{-2-1} = -2x^{-3}$$

$$y' = \frac{2}{3} x^{2/3-1} = \frac{2}{3} x^{-1/3}$$

c) $y = x\sqrt{x} = x x^{1/2} = x^{3/2} = x^{3/2}$

$$y' = \frac{3}{2} x^{1/2}$$

New derivatives from Old

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (cf(x)) &= c \frac{d}{dx} (f(x)) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{cf(x+h) - cf(x)}{h} = c \left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right) = c f'(x) \end{aligned}$$

Pf: define $g(x) = cf(x)$
 $g'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h}$

$$(cf(x))' = c f'(x)$$

Example

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

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

Thm

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

Example $\frac{d}{dx} (x^8 + 12x^5 - 4x^4 + 10x^3 - 6x + 5)$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} x^8 + 12 \frac{d}{dx} x^5 - 4 \frac{d}{dx} (x^4) + 10 \frac{d}{dx} x^3 - 6 \frac{d}{dx} (x) + \frac{d}{dx} 5$$

$$= 8x^7 + 12(5x^4) - 4(4x^3) + 10(3x^2) - 6$$