

4.3 continued

Theorem Use the limit definition of the derivative to prove the power rule

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

for all positive integers n .

Recall the Binomial Theorem

$$(a+b)^n = \binom{n}{0}a^n b^0 + \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1}b^1 + \binom{n}{2}a^{n-2}b^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-2}a^2b^{n-2} + \binom{n}{n-1}a^1b^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}a^0b^n$$

for all positive integers n .

The binomial coefficient is

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

where $n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$

and $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Example: $4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$

$$\begin{aligned} 3! &= 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\ 2! &= 2 \cdot 1 \\ 1! &= 1 \\ 0! &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

PROOF OF OUR THEOREM

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^n.$$

$$\text{Then } f(x+h) = (x+h)^n$$

$$= \binom{n}{0} x^n h^0 + \binom{n}{1} x^{n-1} h^1 + \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} h^2 \\ + \dots + \binom{n}{n-2} x^2 h^{n-2} + \binom{n}{n-1} x^1 h^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} x^0 h^n$$

$$= 1 \cdot x^n \cdot 1 + n x^{n-1} h + \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} h^2 \\ + \dots + \binom{n}{n-2} x^2 h^{n-2} + \binom{n}{n-1} x h^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} h^n$$

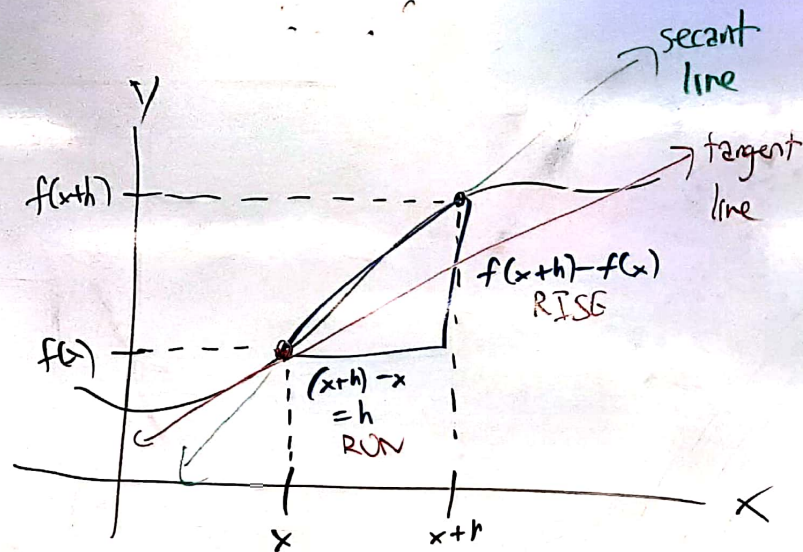
$$= x^n + n x^{n-1} h + \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} h^2 \\ + \dots + \binom{n}{n-2} x^2 h^{n-2} + \binom{n}{n-1} x h^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} h^n$$

$$\binom{n}{0} = \frac{n!}{0!(n-0)!} \\ = \frac{n!}{1 \cdot n!} \\ = 1$$

$$\binom{n}{1} = \frac{n!}{1!(n-1)!} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{n \cancel{(n-1)!}}{1 \cancel{(n-1)!}} \\ = n$$

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\ \quad \quad \quad (n-1)! \\ = n(n-1)!$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x^n} + nx^{n-1}h + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-2}x^2h^{n-2} + \binom{n}{n-1}xh^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}h^n - \cancel{x^n}}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{nx^{n-1}h + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-2}x^2h^{n-2} + \binom{n}{n-1}xh^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}h^n}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cancel{h} \left[nx^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}h + \dots + \binom{n}{n-2}x^2h^{n-3} + \binom{n}{n-1}xh^{n-2} + \binom{n}{n}h^{n-1} \right] \\
&= nx^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}0^1 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-2}x^20^{n-3} + \binom{n}{n-1}x0^{n-2} + \binom{n}{n}0^{n-1} \\
&= nx^{n-1} + 0 + \dots + 0 + 0 + 0 \\
&= nx^{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$



$$\text{SLOPE OF THE SECANT LINE} = \frac{\text{RISE}}{\text{RUN}}$$

$$= \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \text{difference quotient}$$

$$\text{SLOPE OF THE TANGENT LINE} = f'(x)$$

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

Example: Differentiate the following:

(a) $y = \sqrt{x}$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x})$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}$$

(b) $y = \sqrt[3]{x}$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt[3]{x})$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{3}x^{\frac{1}{3}-1}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}}}$$

(c) $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{x}}$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{x}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{-\frac{1}{5}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx}(x^{-\frac{1}{5}})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5}x^{-\frac{1}{5}-1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5}x^{-\frac{6}{5}}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{5x^{\frac{6}{5}}}}$$

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2}{3x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x}}}$$

(e) $y = \sqrt[5]{x^3}$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt[5]{x^3})$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx}(x^{\frac{3}{5}})$$

$$= \frac{3}{5}x^{\frac{3}{5}-1}$$

$$= \frac{3}{5}x^{-\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2}{5}}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3}{5x^{\frac{2}{5}}}}$$

4.4 Product and Quotient Rules

Product Rule: If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are differentiable functions, then

$$(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x).$$

LEIBNIZ' NOTATION:

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

Example: Differentiate

$$f(x) = (3x+1)(2x^2-5)$$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}[(3x+1)(2x^2-5)] \\ &= \left[\frac{d}{dx}(3x+1) \right] (2x^2-5) + (3x+1) \frac{d}{dx}(2x^2-5) \\ &= \boxed{3(2x^2-5) + (3x+1) \cdot (4x)} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Differentiate

$$f(x) =$$

SOLUTION:

$$f'(x) =$$

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Example: Differentiate

$$f(x) = (3x^3 - 2x)^2$$

SOLUTION:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [(3x^3 - 2x)^2]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} [(3x^3 - 2x)(3x^3 - 2x)]$$

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

$$= \underbrace{(9x^2 - 2)}_a \underbrace{(3x^3 - 2x)}_b + \underbrace{(3x^3 - 2x)}_b \underbrace{(9x^2 - 2)}_a = 2a \cdot b$$

$$= \boxed{2(9x^2 - 2)(3x^3 - 2x)}$$

2 a b

Example: Differentiate

$$y = (2x+1)(x+1)(3x-4)$$

SOLUTION:

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} [(2x+1)(x+1)(3x-4)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (2x+1) [(x+1)(3x-4)] + (2x+1) \frac{d}{dx} [(x+1)(3x-4)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (2x+1) [(x+1)(3x-4)] + (2x+1) \left[\frac{d}{dx} (x+1) \cdot (3x-4) + (x+1) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (3x-4) \right]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (2x+1)(x+1)(3x-4) + (2x+1) \frac{d}{dx} (x+1)(3x-4) + (2x+1)(x+1) \frac{d}{dx} (3x-4)$$

$$= \boxed{2(x+1)(3x-4) + (2x+1) \cdot 1 \cdot (3x-4) + (2x+1)(x+1) \cdot 3}$$

Quotient Rule

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are differentiable functions
and $g(x) \neq 0$, then

$$\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

LEIBNIZ NOTATION

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))g(x) - f(x)\frac{d}{dx}(g(x))}{[g(x)]^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HI} &= f(x) \\ \text{LO} &= g(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$'' \frac{\text{LO} \cdot D(\text{HI}) - \text{HI} \cdot D(\text{LO})}{[\text{LO}]^2} ''$$

Example: Differentiate

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

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^3 - 3x + 2}{x^2 + 1} \right) \\ &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 - 3x + 2)(x^2 + 1) - (x^3 - 3x + 2)\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 1)}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(3x^2 - 3)(x^2 + 1) - (x^3 - 3x + 2)(2x)}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(3x^4 + 3x^2 - 3x^2 - 3) - (2x^4 - 6x^2 + 4x)}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{3x^4 - 3 - 2x^4 + 6x^2 - 4x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{x^4 + 6x^2 - 4x - 3}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \quad \text{fully simplified} \end{aligned}$$

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Differentiate

$$y = \sqrt{2x}(3x+1)$$