

Wrapping up Section 4.4

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

assuming $g(x) \neq 0$.

PROOF of (a).

Let $p(x) = f(x)g(x)$.

Then $p(x+h) = f(x+h)g(x+h)$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p(x+h) - p(x)}{h} &= \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) \left[\underbrace{f(x+h)g(x) + f(x+h)g(x)}_{\substack{\text{add and} \\ \text{subtract} \\ f(x+h)g(x)}} \right] - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \frac{\overbrace{f(x+h)g(x+h)}^{\substack{\text{factor } f(x+h)}}} \cdot \underbrace{[f(x+h)g(x) + f(x+h)g(x)]}_{\substack{\text{factor } g(x)}} - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \frac{f(x+h)[g(x+h) - g(x)] + g(x)[f(x+h) - f(x)]}{h} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \rightarrow = \frac{f(x+h)[g(x+h)-g(x)]}{h} + \frac{g(x)[f(x+h)-f(x)]}{h} \\
 & = \boxed{\frac{f(x+h)g(x+h)-g(x)}{h}} + \boxed{\frac{g(x)f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}} \\
 & = \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}g(x) + f(x+h)\frac{g(x+h)-g(x)}{h}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 & = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} g(x) + f(x+h) \frac{g(x+h)-g(x)}{h} \right] \\
 & = \left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} \right) g(x) + \left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x+h) \right) \left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h)-g(x)}{h} \right) \\
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PROOF of (b):

$$\text{Let } p(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\text{Then } p(x+h) = \frac{f(x+h)}{g(x+h)} \quad \text{So}$$

$$\frac{p(x+h) - p(x)}{h} = \frac{\frac{f(x+h)}{g(x+h)} - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}}{h}$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{f(x+h)}{g(x+h)} - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] \frac{g(x)g(x+h)}{g(x)g(x+h)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h)}{g(x)g(x+h)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h) + f(x)g(x)}{g(x)g(x+h)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow = \frac{1}{h} [f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h)] \\ & = \frac{1}{h} \frac{g(x)[f(x+h) - f(x)] - f(x)[g(x+h) - g(x)]}{g(x)g(x+h)} \\ & = \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} [g(x)[f(x+h) - f(x)] - f(x)[g(x+h) - g(x)]] \\ & = \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} [g(x)g'(x)h - f(x)g'(x)h] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h)}{g(x)g(x+h)} + f(x)g(x) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{g(x)[f(x+h) - f(x)] - f(x)[g(x+h) - g(x)]}{g(x)g(x+h)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \left[\frac{g(x)[f(x+h) - f(x)]}{h} - \frac{f(x)[g(x+h) - g(x)]}{h} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \left[g(x) \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - f(x) \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \left[\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} g(x) - f(x) \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right)' &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \left[\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} g(x) - f(x) \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right] \right) \\
 &= \left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \right) \cdot \left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} g(x) - f(x) \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right] \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{g(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(x+h)} \left(\left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right) g(x) - f(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{g(x)g'(x)} \left(f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x) \right) \\
 &= \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

4.5 The Chain Rule

Chain rule If g is differentiable at x
and f is differentiable at $u=g(x)$,
then

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'[g(x)]g'(x).$$

LEIBNIZ NOTATION:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(f \circ g)(x)] = \frac{df}{du} \frac{du}{dx},$$

where $u=g(x)$.

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

Example: Find the derivative of
 $y = (3x^2 - 1)^2$.

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{d}{dx} (3x^2 - 1)^2 \\ &= 2(3x^2 - 1)^{2-1} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (3x^2 - 1) \\ &= \boxed{2(3x^2 - 1)^1 \cdot 6x} \\ &= \boxed{12x(3x^2 - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

Set $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = 3x^2 - 1$.
Then $f'(x) = 2x$ and $g'(x) = 6x$.

So

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ g)'(x) &= y' \\ &= \frac{f'(g(x))}{g'(x)} \cdot 6x \\ &= f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x). \end{aligned}$$

Example:

SOLUTION:

y'

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

SOLUTION:

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

Example: Find the derivative of
 $y = \sqrt{x^2+1}$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x^2+1}) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}((x^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(x^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(x^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x \\ &= x(x^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the derivative of
 $y = \sqrt[7]{2x^2+3x}$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt[7]{2x^2+3x}) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}((2x^2+3x)^{\frac{1}{7}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{7}(2x^2+3x)^{-\frac{6}{7}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(2x^2+3x) \\ &= \frac{1}{7}(2x^2+3x)^{-\frac{6}{7}} \cdot (4x+3) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{4x+3}{7(2x^2+3x)^{\frac{6}{7}}}} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the derivative of
 $y = \left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)^2$

SOLUTION:

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

Example: Find the derivative of f

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

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{d}{dx} ((\sqrt{x^2+1} + 1)^2) \\ &= 2(\sqrt{x^2+1} + 1) \frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{x^2+1} + 1) \\ &= 2(\sqrt{x^2+1} + 1) \left(\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x^2+1} + \frac{d}{dx} 1 \right) \\ &= 2(\sqrt{x^2+1} + 1) \left(\frac{d}{dx} (x^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 0 \right) \\ &= 2(\sqrt{x^2+1} + 1) \left(\frac{1}{2} (x^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^2+1) \right) \\ &= (\sqrt{x^2+1} + 1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} \cdot 2x \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2x(\sqrt{x^2+1} + 1)}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the derivative of

$$y = (2x^3 - \sqrt{3x^4-2})^3$$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{d}{dx} ((2x^3 - \sqrt{3x^4-2})^3) \\ &= 3(2x^3 - \sqrt{3x^4-2})^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (2x^3 - \sqrt{3x^4-2}) \\ &= 3(2x^3 - \sqrt{3x^4-2})^2 \cdot \left(6x^2 - \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{3x^4-2} \right) \\ &= \boxed{3(2x^3 - \sqrt{3x^4-2})^2 \left(6x^2 - \frac{6x^3}{\sqrt{3x^4-2}} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{3x^4-2} &= \frac{d}{dx} (3x^4-2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (3x^4-2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (3x^4-2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (3x^4-2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 12x^3 \\ &= 6x^3 (3x^4-2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{6x^3}{\sqrt{3x^4-2}} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be differentiable functions, and assume $g(x) \neq 0$. Use the Product Rule and the Chain Rule to prove the Quotient Rule

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

Proof:

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

$$= \frac{d}{dx}\left(f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)}\right)$$

Product Rule = $\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)} + f(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{g(x)}\right)$

$$\stackrel{\downarrow}{=} f'(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)} + f(x) \cdot \left(-\frac{g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{f'(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)}}{1} - \frac{f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

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

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

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

Chain Rule = $-1 \cdot [g(x)]^{-2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(g(x))$

$$= -[g(x)]^{-2} \cdot g'(x)$$

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

Mini-Quiz 6/30

Find the derivative of

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{3x^4 + 2}}{x^3 - 6}$$