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The Derivative Formula

First Principles



To find an expression for the gradient of the tangent at point P on a curve, we must consider lines passing through P and cutting the curve at points $Q_1 Q_2 Q_3 Q_4 Q_5 Q_6 \dots$ etc.

As Q approaches P so the gradient of the chord PQ approaches the gradient of the tangent at P.

We can form an expression for the gradient at P by using this concept.



We know from coordinate geometry that:

gradient =
$$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

for points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2)

Consider the coordinates of P to be (x,y) and point Q to be (x+dx, y+dy), where dx and dy are the horizontal and vertical components of the line PQ.



Gradient of the line between points (x,y) and (x+dx, y+dy) is given by :

gradient =
$$\frac{(y+dy)-y}{(x+dx)-x} = \frac{y+dy-y}{x+dx-x} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

The tangent to the curve = gradient of PQ when the length of PQ is zero and dx = 0 and dy = 0.

in the limit, as dx 'approaches zero' the gradient of the curve is said to be dy/dx.

If we now replace y by f(x) in the expression for gradient, since y = f(x) i.e. y is a function of x.

$$\lim_{dx\to 0} \frac{(y+dy-y)}{(x+dx-x)}$$

and

$$y = f(x)$$
$$y + dy = f(x + dx)$$

we have:

$$\lim_{dx\to 0} \frac{f(x+dx)-f(x)}{dx}$$

that is,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{dx \to 0} \frac{f(x+dx) - f(x)}{dx}$$

Example: find the gradient of $y = 4x^2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{dx \to 0} \frac{f(x+dx) - f(x)}{dx}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{dx \to 0} \frac{4(x+dx)^2 - 4(x)^2}{dx}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{dx \to 0} \frac{4(x^2 + 2xdx + (dx)^2) - 4x^2}{dx}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{dx \to 0} \frac{4x^2 + 8xdx + 4(dx)^2 - 4x^2}{dx}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{dx \to 0} \frac{8xdx + 4(dx)^2}{dx}$$

cancelling by dx

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 8x + 4dx$$

in the limit when dx = 0 this becomes,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 8x$$

Without doubt this is a very long winded way to work out gradients. There is a simpler way, by using the Derivation Formula(see further down the page).

Notation This is best described with an example.

If $y = 3x^2$, which can also be expressed as $f(x) = 3x^2$, then the derivative of *y* with respect to *x* can be expressed as:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x \qquad \qquad \frac{d(3x^2)}{dx} = 6x \qquad \qquad f'(x) = 6x$$

The Derivation Formula

If we have a function of the type $y = \mathbf{k} \ \mathbf{X}^n$, where \mathbf{k} is a constant, then,

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

Example:

Find the gradient to the curve $y = 5 X^2$ at the point (2,1).

gradient = (5) (2 X^{2-1}) = 10 X^{1} = 10 X

gradient at point (2,1) is $10 \times 2 = 20$

Tangents & Normals

Tangents

The gradient of the tangent to the curve $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ at the point $(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1)$ on the curve is given by:

the value of dy/dx, when $x = x_1$ and $y = y_1$



<u>Normals</u>

Two lines of gradients m 1, m 2 respectively are perpendicular to eachother if the product,

$m_{1} \times m_{2} = -1$

Equation of a tangent

The equation of a tangent is found using the equation for a straight line of gradient \boldsymbol{m} , passing through the point $(\boldsymbol{x}_1,\,\boldsymbol{y}_1)$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

To obtain the equation we substitute in the values for $\bm{x_1}$ and $\bm{y_1}$ and \bm{m} (dy/dx) and rearrange to make y the subject.

Example

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = 2x^2$ at the point (1,2).

$$y = 2x^{2}$$

therefore gradient, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x$
when $x = 1$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4$ therefore gradient is 4
using $y - y_{1} = m(x - x_{1})$ *

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*from coordinate geometry, gradient m of the line

between two points (x, y) and (X_1, Y_1)

$$x_{1} = 1 \qquad y_{1} = 2$$

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

$$y - 2 = 4x - 4$$

$$y = 4x - 4 + y = 4x - 2$$

Equation of a normal

The equation of a normal is found in the same way as the tangent. The gradient(m_2) of the normal is calculated from;

 $m_1 x m_2 = -1$ (where m_1 is the gradient of the tangent)

SO

$$m_2 = -1/(m_1)$$

Example

Find the equation of the normal to the curve:

 $y = x^2 + 4x + 3$, at the point (-1,0).

 $y = x^2 + 4x + 3$ therefore gradient(m₁), $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 4$ at the point (-1,0) $m_1 = 2x + 4 = -2 + 4 = 2$

let the gradient of the normal be m_2 product of tangent and normal gradient:

$$m_1.m_2 = -1$$

$$\therefore 2.m_2 = -1 \qquad m_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

using
$$y - y_1 = m_2(x - x_1)$$

when $x_1 = -1$, $y_1 = 0$
 $y - 0 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - (-1))$
 $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$
mult. by 2 $2y = -x - 1$
 $\frac{2y + x + 1 = 0}{2}$

Maxima & Minima

Gradient change

Starting to the **left** of a **maximum** the gradient changes from '+ ' to ' - 'with increasing 'x'.



Starting to the **left** of a **minimum**, the gradient changes from '-' to ' + 'with increasing 'x'.



At the point of maximum or minimum the gradient is zero.

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Example

Show that the curve $y = x^2$ has a minimum at (0,0).

$$y = x^{2}$$
gradient, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$
at the point (0,0) $x = 0$
gradient, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x = 0$
 \therefore there is either a maximum or minimum at (0,0)
taking a value of x less than 0, say -1
gradient, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x = -2$ (a negative gradient)
taking a value of x more than 0, say +1
 $t = \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x = -2$ (by the constant of x more than 0, say +1)

gradient, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x = 2$ (a positive gradient) The gradient changes from negative to positive with increasing x,

 \therefore the function has a minimum at (0,0)

Locating the point of maximum or minimum

The x-value at a maximum or minimum is found by differentiating the function and putting it equal to zero.

The y-value is then found by substituting the 'x' into the original equation.

<u>Example</u>

Find the coordinates of the greatest or least value of the function:

$$y = x^{2} + 3x + 2$$

gradient, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 3$
max. or min. when gradient is zero
 $0 = 2x + 3$
 $x = -\frac{3}{2} = -\frac{1.5}{2}$
substituting this value of x into $y = x^{2} + 3x + 2$
 $y = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^{2} + 3\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) + 2$
 $y = \left(\frac{9}{4}\right) - \left(\frac{9}{2}\right) + 2$

$$= 2.25 - 4.5 + 2 = -0.25$$

coords. of the maximum/minimum are (-1.5,-0.25)

Curve Sketching

The power of 'x' gives a hint to the general shape of a curve.

Together with the point of maximum or minimum, where the curve crosses the axes at y=0 and x=0 gives further points.

Example

Sketch the curve $y = x^2 + 3x + 2$ from the example above, given that there is a minimum at (-1.5,-0.25).

factorising and putting y=0 to find where the curve crosses the x-axis,

$$(x+1)(x+2)=0$$

x=-1 and x=-2

so the curve crosses the x-axis at (-1,0) and (-2,0)

putting x=0 to find where the curve crosses the y-axis

y=2

so the curve crosses the y-axis at (0,2)



The Chain Rule

The Chain Rule Equation

This is a way of differentiating a function of a function.

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

Example #1

differentiate
$$(3x + 3)^3$$

let $y = (3x + 3)^3$ and $t = 3x + 3$
then $y = t^3$
 $\frac{dt}{dx} = 3$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3t^2$
using the Chain Rule
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$, $\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 3t^2 \cdot 3 = 9t^2$
 $\frac{d\{(3x + 3)^3\}}{dx} = 9(3x + 3)^2 = 9(3)(x + 1)(3)(x + 1)$
 $= 81(x + 1)^2$

Example #2

differentiate
$$(x^2 + 5x)^6$$

let $y = (x^2 + 5x)^6$ and $t = x^2 + 5x$
then $y = t^6$
 $\frac{dt}{dx} = 2x + 5$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 6t^5$
using the Chain Rule
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6t^5 \cdot 2x + 5$
 $\frac{d\{(x^2 + 5x)^6\}}{dx} = 6(x^2 + 5x)^5 (2x + 5)$
 $= 6(2x + 5)(x^2 + 5x)^5$

Rates of change

The Chain Rule is a means of connecting the rates of change of dependent variables.

Example #1

If air is blown into a spherical balloon at the rate of 10 cm³ how quickly will the radius grow?

if the radius of the balloon is r

then the volume
$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

and $\frac{dV}{dr} = 4\pi r^2$

the rate of change of volume with time

is given by:
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 10 \text{ cm}^3 / \text{sec.}$$

using the Chain Rule $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} \text{ and } \frac{dV}{dr} = 4\pi r^2$ $\therefore \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{dV}{dr}} = \frac{dV}{dt} \cdot \frac{dr}{dV} = 10 \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi r^2}$ $= \frac{5}{2\pi r^2}$ i.e. rate of change of radius is $\frac{5}{2\pi r^2}$ cm/sec.

A spherical raindrop is formed by condensation. In an interval of 10 sec. its volume increases at a constant rate from 0.010 mm³ to 0.500 mm³.

Find the rate at which the surface area of the raindrop is increasing, when its radius is 1.0mm

radius*r* mm

volume V is given by:
$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^{2}$$

$$\therefore \qquad \frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 3r^{2} = 4\pi r^{2}$$

also, area A is given by: $A = 4\pi r^2$

$$\therefore \qquad \frac{dA}{dr} = 4\pi \cdot 2r = 8\pi r$$

vol. increases at a constant rate by.

$$0.5 - 0.010 = 0.490 \text{ mm}^3 \text{ in } 10 \text{ sec.}$$

so
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{0.49}{10} = 0.049 \text{ mm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$
.

we are required to find $\frac{dA}{dt}$ when r = 1.0mm using the Chain Rule, $\frac{dA}{dt} = \left(\frac{dA}{dV}\right) \cdot \frac{dV}{dt}$ $= \left(\frac{dA}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dV}\right) \cdot \frac{dV}{dt}$ $\frac{dA}{dt} = \left(8\pi r \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi r^2}\right) 0.049 = \left(\frac{2 \times 0.049}{r}\right) = \frac{0.098}{r}$

when r = 1.0 mm, $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{0.098}{1} = 0.098$ mm².s⁻¹. \therefore surface area, for a radius of 1mm, increases by 0.098 mm².s⁻¹.

Exponentials & Logarithms

Exponential functions

Strictly speaking **all** functions where the variable is in the index are called exponentials.

The Exponential function e^x

This is the **one** particular exponential function where 'e' is approximately 2.71828 and the gradient of $y = e^x$ at (0,1) is 1.



One other special quality of $y = e^x$ is that its derivative is also equal to e^x

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

and for problems of the type $y = e^{kx}$

$$t = kx \qquad \frac{dt}{dx} = k$$
$$y = e^{t} \qquad \frac{dy}{dt} = e^{t} = e^{kx}$$
$$\frac{d(e^{kx})}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = e^{kx} \cdot k$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = ke^{kx}$$

Derivative problems like the above concerning 'e' are commonly solved using the Chain Rule.

Example #1

Find the derivative of:

$$y = e^{2x^{3}}$$

let $t = 2x^{3}$, $y = e^{t}$
 $\frac{dx}{dt} = 6x^{2}$ $\frac{dy}{dt} = e^{t}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = e^{t} \cdot 6x^{2}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{2x^{3}} 6x^{2}$

find the derivative of:

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

let $t = (3x-4)^{2}$ $y = e^{t}$
 $\frac{dt}{dx} = 2(3x-4).3$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = e^{t}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = e^{t} \cdot 6(3x-4)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6(3x-4)e^{(3x-4)^{2}}}{4x}$

Derivative of a Natural Logarithm function

Remember **y=log**_e**x** means:

x is the number produced when **e** is raised to the power of **y**

The connection between $y=e^x$ and $y=log_ex$ can be shown by rearranging $y=log_ex$.

 $y = log_e x$ can be written as $x = e^y$

(log_ex is now more commonly written as ln(x))

The derivative of ln(x) is given by:



Example #1

find the derivative of y = ln(3x)

$$y = \ln(3x)$$
$$= \ln(3) + \ln(x)$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 + \frac{1}{x}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

find the derivative of $y = \ln(x^3+3)$

$$y = \ln(x^{2} + 3)$$

let $t = x^{2} + 3$, then $y = \ln(t)$
 $\frac{dt}{dx} = 2x$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{t}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{t} \cdot 2x = \frac{1}{x^{2} + 3} \cdot 2x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{x^{2} + 3}$

<u>Problems of the type $y=N^{f(x)}$ </u>

Problems of this type are solved by taking logs on both sides and/or using the Chain Rule.

Example #1

find the derivative of $y=10^x$

$$y = 10^{x}$$

$$\ln(y) = \ln(10^{x})$$

$$\ln(y) = x \ln(10)$$

$$\frac{d(\ln(y))}{dx} = \frac{d(x \ln(10))}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d(\ln(y))}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1.\ln(10)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \ln(10)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \ln(10) = \underline{10^{x} \ln(10)}$$

find the derivative of $y = ln(cos^3 2x)$

$$y = \ln(\cos^{3} 2x)$$

$$t = \cos(2x) \qquad y = \ln(t^{3})$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = -2\sin(2x) \qquad \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{t^{3}} \cdot 3t^{2} = \frac{3}{t}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{3}{t} \cdot (-2\sin(2x))$$

$$= \frac{3}{\cos(2x)} \cdot (-2\sin(2x))$$

$$= -6\tan(2x)$$

A graphical comparison of exponential and log functions

As you can see, $y = e^x$ is reflected in the line y=x to produce the curve y=ln(x)



Derivation of Trigonmetrical Functions

Relation between derived trigonometrical functions

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \qquad \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$
$$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x} \qquad \csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

Derivative of the Sine Function



Example differentiate sin(2x+4)

let
$$y = \sin(2x+4)$$
 and $t = 2x+4$
 $\therefore y = \sin(t)$
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = \cos(t)$ $\frac{dt}{dx} = 2$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = \cos(t) \cdot 2$
 $= 2\cos(2x+4)$



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

Example differentiate cos³x

let
$$y = \cos^3 x$$
 and $t = \cos x$
 $\therefore y = t^3$
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3t^2$ $\frac{dt}{dx} = -\sin x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = 3t^2 \cdot (-\sin x)$
 $= -3\cos^2 x \sin x$
 $= -\frac{3}{2}\cos x (2\cos x \sin x)$
but $\sin 2\theta = 2\cos \theta \sin \theta$
 $\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{2}\cos x \sin 2x$

Derivative of the Tangent Function

$$\frac{d(\tan x)}{dx} = \frac{d\left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}\right)}{dx}$$
using the Product Rule
$$y = \frac{u}{v} \qquad u = \sin x \quad v = \cos x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \cos x \qquad \frac{dv}{dx} = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$= \frac{(\cos x) \cdot (\cos x) - (\sin x) \cdot (-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$$

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

Derivative of the Cosecant Function

dx

$$\frac{d(\csc x)}{dx} = \frac{d\left(\frac{1}{\sin x}\right)}{dx} = \frac{d(\sin x)^{-1}}{dx}$$
let $y = (\sin x)^{-1}$, $t = \sin x$
then $y = t^{-1}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (-1)(t^{-2}) \qquad \frac{dt}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = -t^{-2} \cdot \cos x = -(\sin x)^{-2} \cdot \cos x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x} = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin x \cdot \sin x} = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

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

Derivative of the Secant Function

$$\frac{d(\sec x)}{dx} = \frac{d\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)}{dx} = \frac{d(\cos x)^{-1}}{dx}$$
let $y = (\cos x)^{-1}$, $t = \cos x$
then $y = t^{-1}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (-1)(t^{-2}) \qquad \frac{dt}{dx} = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = -t^{-2} \cdot (-\sin x) = (\cos x)^{-2} \cdot \sin x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x \cdot \cos x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

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

Derivative of the Cotangent Function

$$\frac{d(\cot x)}{dx} = \frac{d\left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}\right)}{dx}$$
using the Product Rule

$$y = \frac{u}{v} \qquad u = \cos x \quad v = \sin x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = -\sin x \qquad \frac{dv}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$= \frac{(\sin x) \cdot (-\sin x) - (\cos x) \cdot (\cos x)}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$= \frac{-\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{-1(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)}{\sin^2 x}$$

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

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

The Product Rule

The Product Rule Equation

Gottfried Leibniz is credited with the discovery of this rule which he called **Leibniz's Law**.

Simply, if **u** and **v** are two differentiable functions of *x*, then the differential of uv is given by:

$$y = uv$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$$

this can also be written, using 'prime notation' as :

$$(u.v)' = u.v' + vu'$$

differentiate
$$(x^2 + 1)^3 (x^3 + 1)^2$$

 $u = (x^2 + 1)^3$ $v = (x^3 + 1)^2$
 $y = u.v$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 3(x^2 + 1)^2.2x$$
 $\frac{dv}{dx} = 2(x^3 + 1).3x^2$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (x^2 + 1)^3.2(x^3 + 1).3x^2 + (x^3 + 1)^2.3(x^2 + 1)^2.2x$$

 $= 6x^2 (x^2 + 1)^3.(x^3 + 1) + 6x(x^2 + 1)^2 (x^3 + 1)^2$
 $= 6x(x^2 + 1)^2 (x^3 + 1) \left(x(x^2 + 1) + (x^3 + 1)\right)$
 $= 6x(x^2 + 1)^2 (x^3 + 1) \left(x^3 + x + x^3 + 1\right)$
 $= \frac{6x(x^2 + 1)^2 (x^3 + 1)(2x^3 + x + 1)}{2x^3 + 1}$

Example #2

differentiate
$$y = (x^2 - 4)(x + 3)^2$$

 $u = (x^2 - 4)$ $v = (x + 3)^2$
 $y = u.v$
 $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$ $\frac{dv}{dx} = 2(x + 3)$
using $\frac{dy}{dx} = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x^2 - 4).2(x + 3) + (x + 3)^2.2x$
 $= 2(x + 3)(x^2 - 4) + 2x(x + 3)^2$
 $= 2(x + 3)(x^2 - 4 + x^2 + 3x)$
 $= 2(x + 3)(2x^2 + 3x - 4)$

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

 $u = (x^2 + 3)$ $v = (2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $y = u.v$
 $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$ $\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(2 + x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
using $\frac{dy}{dx} = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x^2 + 3) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(2 + x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + (2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x$
 $= \frac{(x^2 + 3)}{2(2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{2x(2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1}$
 $= \frac{(x^2 + 3) + 2(2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x(2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2(2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$
 $= \frac{(x^2 + 3) + 4x(2 + x)}{2(2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$
 $= \frac{(x^2 + 3) + 8x + 4x^2}{2(2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$
 $= \frac{(x^2 + 3) + 8x + 4x^2}{2(2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$
 $= \frac{5x^2 + 8x + 3}{2(2 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

The Quotient Rule

The Quotient Rule Equation

This is a variation on the Product Rule(Leibniz's Law) from the previous topic.

As with the Product Rule, , if **u** and **v** are two differentiable functions of *x*, then the differential of u/v is given by:

$$y = \frac{u}{v}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

this can also be written, using 'prime notation' as :

$$\left(\frac{u}{v}\right)' = \frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$$

differentiate
$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{(x+2)^2}$$

 $u = (x-3)^2$ $v = (x+2)^2$
 $y = \frac{u}{v}$
 $\frac{du}{dx} = 2(x-3)$ $\frac{dv}{dx} = 2(x+2)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x+2)^2 \cdot 2(x-3) - (x-3)^2 \cdot 2(x+2)}{(x+2)^4}$
 $= \frac{(x+2)^2 \cdot 2(x-3) - (x-3)^2 \cdot 2(x+2)}{(x+2)^4}$
 $= \frac{2(x+2)(x-3)((x+2) - (x-3))}{(x+2)^4}$
 $= \frac{2(x-3)(x+2-x+3)}{(x+2)^3}$
 $= \frac{2(x-3)(5)}{(x+2)^3}$

differentiate
$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{(1+x^2)}}$$

 $u = x$ $v = (1+x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $y = \frac{u}{v}$
 $\frac{du}{dx} = 1$ $\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x(1+x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
 $= x(1+x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
 $= \frac{(1+x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 1 - x \cdot x(1+x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(1+x^2)}$
 $= \frac{(1+x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} - x^2(1+x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(1+x^2)}$

mult. top & bottom by $(1 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$=\frac{(1+x^2)-x^2}{(1+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx}=\frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

differentiate
$$\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}$$

 $u = 1-x^2$ $v = 1+x^2$
 $y = \frac{u}{v}$
 $\frac{du}{dx} = -2x$ $\frac{dv}{dx} = 2x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
 $= \frac{(1+x^2).(-2x) - (1-x^2).2x}{(1+x^2)^2}$
 $= \frac{-(2x+2x^3) - (2x-2x^3)}{(1+x^2)^2}$
 $= \frac{-2x-2x^3 - 2x + 2x^3}{(1+x^2)^2}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4x}{(1+x^2)^2}$

Parametric Equations

Parametric Equations

Both x and y are given as functions of another variable - called a **parameter** (eg 't'). Thus a pair of equations, called **parametric** equations, completely describe a single x-y function.

The d ifferentiation of functions given in parametric form is carried out using the Chain Rule.

Example #1

find
$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$
 when $x = t^2$, $y = 2t$
 $x = t^2$, $y = 2t$
 $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2t$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt}$, $\frac{dt}{dx} = 2$, $\frac{1}{2t}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{t}$

given that $x = 3\cos\theta - \cos 3\theta$, $y = 3\sin\theta - \sin 3\theta$ show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan 2\theta$ $x = 3\cos\theta - \cos 3\theta$ $y = 3\sin\theta - \sin 3\theta$ $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -3\sin\theta + 3\sin 3\theta$, $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 3\cos\theta - 3\cos 3\theta$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{d\theta}$, $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 3\cos\theta - 3\cos 3\theta$, $\frac{1}{-3\sin\theta + 3\sin 3\theta}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3\cos\theta - 3\cos 3\theta}{3\sin 3\theta - 3\sin\theta} = \frac{\cos\theta - \cos 3\theta}{\sin 3\theta - \sin\theta}$ but $\cos(A + B) - \cos(A - B) = -2\sin A\sin B$ $\therefore \cos(2\theta + \theta) - \cos(2\theta - \theta) = -2\sin 2\theta \sin\theta$ $\Rightarrow \cos(3\theta) - \cos(3\theta) = 2\sin 2\theta \sin\theta$ $\Rightarrow \cos(\theta) - \cos(3\theta) = 2\sin 2\theta \sin\theta$ $\Rightarrow \sin(3\theta) - \sin(\theta) = 2\cos 8\theta \sin\theta$ $= \tan 2\theta$

if
$$x = t^3 - t^2$$
 and $y = t^2 - t$,
find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t
 $x = t^3 - t^2$ \therefore $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3t^2 - 2t$
 $y = t^2 - t$ \therefore $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2t - 1$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$
 $= 2t - 1 \cdot \frac{1}{3t^2 - 2}$
 $= \frac{2t - 1}{\frac{t(3t - 2)}{3t^2 - 2}}$

Implicit Equations

Explicit equations

Explicit equations are the type we are most familiar with eq y=f(x), $y = 2x^2 + 3x - 5$ etc. where y is expressed in terms of x or some other variable.

Implicit equations

Implicit equations have the structure of being a mix of x and y terms eg $2x^2 + 3xy - 3y^2 =$ 5, so y cannot be expressed in terms of x.

The method for solving equations of this type is to regard the whole expression as a function of x and to differentiate both sides of the equation. Any power of y is treated as a 'function of a function', as y is a function of x.

Example #1

find
$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$
 for the implicit function:
 $x^3 + 3y^4 - y^2 - 2x = 0$

$$\frac{d(x^3)}{dx} + \frac{d(3y^4)}{dx} - \frac{d(y^2)}{dx} - \frac{d(2x)}{dx} = 0$$
$$3x^2 + 12y^3\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y\frac{dy}{dx} - 2 = 0$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx}(12y^3 - 2y) = 2 - 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 - 3x^2}{12y^3 - 2y}$$

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find
$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$
 for the implicit function:

$$\ln(y) = y \ln(x)$$
for $x > 0$ and $y > 0$

$$\frac{\ln(y) = y \ln(x)}{dx} = \frac{d(y \ln(x))}{dx} \qquad (i$$
for the expression $\frac{d(y \ln(x))}{dx}$
let $u = y$ and $v = \ln(x)$

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{du}{dx} \cdot \frac{dy}{du} = \frac{dy}{dx} \qquad \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$
substituting into $(i \text{ for } \frac{d(y \ln(x))}{dx})$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln(x) \frac{dy}{dx}$$
rearranging
$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} - \ln(x) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{x}$$
multiplying each side by y

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y \ln(x) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{x(1-y \ln(x))}$$

find the gradient of the curve:

$$x^{2} + 2xy - 2y^{2} + x = 2$$
 at the point (-4,1)

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

$$2x + (2.y + 2x.\frac{dy}{dx}) - 4y.\frac{dy}{dx} + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx}(2x - 4y) = -1 - 2x - 2y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1 - 2x - 2y}{2x - 4y}$$

when $x = -4$ and $y = 1$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1 - 2(-4) - 2(1)}{2(-4) - 4(1)} = \frac{-1 + 8 - 2}{-8 - 4}$$

$$= \frac{5}{-12} = -\frac{5}{12}$$

gradient at (-4, 1) is $-\frac{5}{12}$

Differential Equations

Definition

An equation containing any **differential coefficients** is called a differential equation.

differential coefficients:
$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$
, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$...

The solution of a differential equation is an equation relating x and y and containing **no** differential coefficients.

General & Particular Solution

The **General Solution** includes some unknown constant in the solution of a differential equation.

When some data is given, say the coordinates of a point, then a **Particular Solution** can be formed.

example

differential equation: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4$ general solution: y = 4x + c(where c is an unknown constant)

if we are given that x = 3 when y = 5then 5=12+c, so c = -7particular solution: y = 4x - 7

find
$$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}$$
 when $y = \frac{3}{x}$
 $y = \frac{3}{x} = 3x^{-1}$
 $\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 3(-1)x^{-2} = -\frac{3}{x^2}$
 $\therefore \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -3(-2)x^{-3} = \frac{6}{x^3}$
 $\therefore \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = 6(-3)x^{-4} = -\frac{18}{x^4}$

Example #2

given that $y = Ax^2 + B\ln x + C$ show that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$ $y = Ax^2 + B\ln x + C$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2Ax + \frac{B}{x}$ $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2A - \frac{B}{x^2}$ $= \frac{1}{x} \left(2Ax - \frac{B}{x} \right)$ $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$

Points of Inflection(Inflexion)

The value of the second derivative can give an indication whether at a point a function has a maximum, minimum or an inflection. These are all called **stationary points**.

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} < 0 \implies \text{maximum(-ve)}$$
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} > 0 \implies \text{minimum(+ve)}$$
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0 \implies \text{inflection(zero)}$$

A point of inflection has a zero gradient, but the point is not a maximum or a minimum value.



It is where the gradient of a curve decreases(or increases)to zero before increasing(or decreasing)again, but not changing from a negative to a positive value or vice versa.

<u>Example</u>

Find the stationary points of the function:

$$y = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 5$$

$$y = 3x^{4} - 4x^{3} - 12x^{2} + 5$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12x^{3} - 12x^{2} - 24x$$

$$= 12x(x^{2} - x - 2)$$

$$= 12x(x + 1)(x - 2)$$

 $\therefore x \text{ has roots } 0, -1, 2$

$$\frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} = 36x^{2} - 24x - 24 = 12(3x^{2} - 2x - 2)$$

when $x = 0$ $\frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} = -24 < 0$ $\therefore \max(0, 10)$
when $x = -1$ $\frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} = 36 > 0$ $\therefore \min(-1, 5)$
when $x = 2$ $\frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} = 72 > 0$ $\therefore \min(2, 22)$

<u>Notes</u>

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