

Calculus I, Class Notes

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Preface

These lecture notes were written during a period of time beginning in 2007, for my students enrolled in the Calculus classes. There are very many good calculus books out there having lots and lots of information and beautiful problems. We will refer to some of them for various proofs and problems. Despite the fact that there is quite a number of topics in Calculus, yet, the main concepts are just a few: *limit*, *continuity*, *derivative* and the *definite integral*. In these notes we would like to take an approach that goes to the matter of things most of the time. For applications will take problems from various texts such as: [5] or [6]. The idea of using all transcendental functions from the start has nevertheless good pedagogical advantages. So, we are going to adopt the same perspective here although we would like to introduce all these functions later in a rigorous way by the use of the concept of definite integral. For instance, the usual definitions one needs to have are:

$$\ln x := \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt, x > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \arcsin x := \int_0^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt, x \in [-1, 1],$$

and the rest of the properties of all the elementary functions follow from these definitions.

We begin with the concept of limits and introduce the so called fundamental limits. Exemplifying the concept of limit with nontrivial situations is not just a matter of taste but also a choice that we make to show the connection with the derivatives of the elementary functions. Continuity is briefly studied and some applications of the Intermediate Value Theorem are given. This is mostly a prelude for the work needed with the definition of the derivative and the study of all differentiation rules. We then continue with usual applications such as related rates problems, implicit differentiation, Newton's approximation technique and the Mean Value Theorem and its corollaries. Finally the concept of the Riemann integral and a few techniques of integration are given after the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus is discussed.

Chapter 1

Limits and The Main Elementary Functions

1.1 Fundamental Limits

Quotation: *“The result of the mathematician’s creative work is demonstrative reasoning, a proof, but the proof is discovered by plausible reasoning, by GUESSING” –George Polya, Mathematics and Plausible Reasoning, 1953.*

The concept of limit is essential in the investigation of this mathematical subject called Calculus. The idea of limit can be intuitively given by some important examples.

Example 1: Let us consider the function

$$f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$$

defined for all $x > 0$. Its graph is included in Figure 1.1.

From the graph of f we see that $f(x)$ gets closer and closer to a horizontal line, $y = 2.71\dots$, as x gets bigger and bigger; we formally say in a mathematical language that x goes or tends to infinity (symbol used for infinity is ∞). We assume this pattern continues as x grows indefinitely. This number that appears here magically is an important constant in mathematics and it is denoted by e . Leonhard Euler (1707-1783) was the first mathematician who used this notation.

This number is transcendental, i.e. there is no polynomial equation with inte-

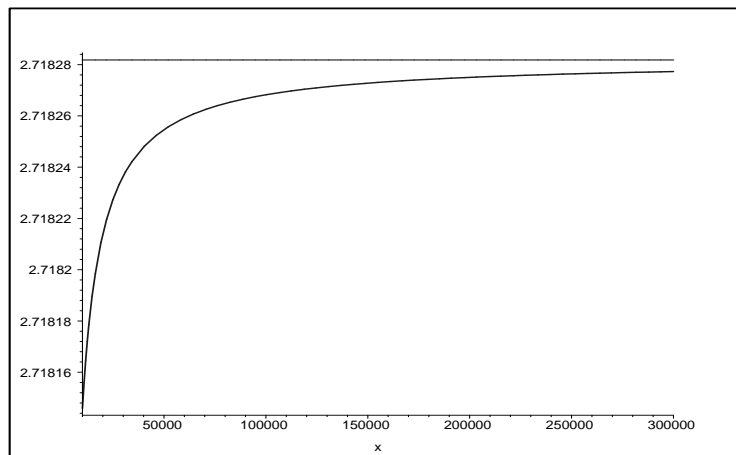


Figure 1.1: Plot of $f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$, $x = 10000..300000$

ger coefficients that has e as its root, and its truncation to 20 decimals is

$$e \approx 2.71828182845904523536 \dots$$

The fact about the behavior of the function f is recorded mathematically by writing

$$(1.1) \quad \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e.}$$

This is one of the fundamental limits that connects the behavior of polynomial functions with the exponential functions. In general the exponential functions are functions of the form $g(x) = a^x$ with $a \in (0, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$. If a is the number e then the function is called the natural exponential function. In order to be able to show such a limiting behavior for $f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$, we would need a rigorous definition for the exponential functions which is not a trivial matter at all. Think that in particular that will have to include what it means to calculate $\pi^{\sqrt{7}}$. We will come back to all these properties of limits and prove all the properties of the elementary functions as known, when we will have the concept of definite integral.

In the theory of limits for functions one can first introduce the limit of a particular type of functions which are called sequences. In general by a *sequence of real numbers* we just understand an infinite list $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$ where a_k are real numbers. As one of the simplest examples is $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$. As n goes to ∞ then a_n gets closer and closer to zero. We write this like $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$.

The precise meaning of the limit of a sequence is given in the following definition:

Definition 1.1.1. *We say that the number L is the limit of the sequences a_n if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists an index n (which depends on ϵ) such that $|a_m - L| < \epsilon$ for all $m \geq n$. A short way to express that a_n has limit L (or a_n converges to L) is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$.*

An equivalent way of writing (1.1) is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{a_n}\right)^{a_n} = e \text{ for every sequence } a_n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Definition 1.1.2. *In general, we say that a function f has limit L at $x = a$ (which can be or not in the domain of the function) if the sequence $f(a_n)$ converges to L for every sequence a_n convergent to a , which is not eventually a constant sequence (so, it is implicit that the domain of the function allows for something like this to happen otherwise the concept is vacuous).*

The following equivalent statement for the definition of limit of a function at a finite point, it is usually known as the $\epsilon - \delta$ definition: f has L as limit at a , if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every x in the domain of the function such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta$, we have $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$.

We are going to prove (1.1) later on in the course after the formal definition of exponential functions by use of definite integrals has been introduced. At this point we are just going to take (1.1) as fact. To avoid circular reasoning we have to avoid using (1.1) as an important fact in the process of defining the exponential function and of course all of its properties that lead to this fundamental limit.

There are other fundamental limits which will be introduced later. At this point we would like to derive some other elementary limits using properties of limits and these fundamental limits.

A list of the basic properties of limits of sequences or functions which can be derived from the definitions of limits is given here:

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \text{constant} = \text{constant}$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \text{constant} f(x) = \text{constant} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{constant} a_n = \text{constant} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = (\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x))(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x))$
5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)/g(x) = (\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x))/(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x))$
6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)^r = (\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x))^r$

Let us work out an example in which these properties are used.

Example: Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x+3}{x} \right)^x$.

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x+3}{x} \right)^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{3}{x} \right)^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 + \frac{3}{x} \right)^{\frac{x}{3}} \right]^3$$

using Property 6, and the substitution $\frac{x}{3} = t$ ($t \rightarrow \infty$) we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x+3}{x} \right)^x = \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{t} \right)^t \right]^3 = e^3.$$

The Property 6 above can be extended to lots of other elementary functions. What do we understand by elementary functions? First let us start with the basic elementary functions:

1. Polynomials: $p(x) = c_0x^n + c_1x^{n-1} + \dots + c_{n-1}x + c_n$, *Domain* = \mathbb{R} ;
2. Power Functions: $g(x) = x^r$, *Domain* = $(0, \infty)$, $r \in \mathbb{R}$;
3. Trigonometric Functions: *sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, secant, cosecant*;
4. Exponential Functions: $h(x) = a^x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $a > 0$, $a \neq 1$;
5. Logarithmic Functions: $i(x) = \log_a(x)$, *Domain* = $(0, \infty)$;
6. Inverse Trigonometric Functions: *arcsin, arccos, arctan*

All the above classes of functions except polynomials are called transcendental functions. Their precise definitions will be given later, hence the reason for the addition in the title of the Calculus textbooks these days: “with Early Transcendentals”. The set of elementary functions is the class of functions which is closed under composition of functions and the usual operations with functions such as addition, multiplication, and division. Let us give a few examples:

$$j(x) = [\log_2(x^3 + 2x) + \sin(x)]^{\frac{2}{e^x}}, \quad k(x) = \frac{\arcsin(2^x + 3^{2x})}{\arctan(x) + \ln(2x + 1)},$$

or all the hyperbolic functions and their inverses.

Such functions may have complicated domains but whatever these domains are they will play an important role in what follows. The Property 6 for limits can be extended (shown to hold true) to any elementary function as above, say F , in the following way:

$$(1.2) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(f(x)) = F(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)),$$

whenever $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ is in the domain of F and the composition $F(f(x))$ makes sense. The reason for which (1.2) happens is in fact a more general (at least formally) property:

$$(1.3) \quad \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow b \\ x \in D}} F(x) = F(b), \quad b \in D = \text{Domain}(F),$$

which is called continuity of F at the point b . In other words we have the following theorem:

Theorem 1.1.3. *Every elementary function is continuous at each point in its domain of definition.*

As an application of this theorem let us derive another fundamental limit which is equivalent to (1.1) and it is an intimate connection between polynomials and the natural logarithmic function:

$$(1.4) \quad \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} = 1.}$$

Since \ln is continuous at the point e we obtain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = \ln e = 1, \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 1,$$

and if we substitute $y = \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0$ we get $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+y)}{y} = 1$ which is nothing else but (1.4). Of course, if one assumes that (1.4) is true, the first fundamental limit (1.1), follows.

The third fundamental limit can be derived from (1.4) and it intimately connects the polynomials with the exponentials:

$$(1.5) \quad \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \ln a, \quad a > 0, \quad a \neq 1.}$$

Indeed, if we set $y = \log_a(1+x) = \frac{\ln(1+x)}{\ln a} \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ (continuity of \ln at the point 1) we obtain $x = a^y - 1$ and so (1.4) becomes

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y}{a^y - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x \ln a} = \frac{1}{\ln a},$$

which proves that we must have (1.5).

Next, let us derive the fourth fundamental limit which intimately connects the polynomials with the power functions:

$$(1.6) \quad \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^\alpha - 1}{x} = \alpha, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.}$$

Using the fact that the logarithmic function is the inverse of the exponential function, i.e. $a = e^{\ln a}$, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^\alpha - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\ln(1+x)^\alpha} - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\alpha \ln(1+x)} - 1}{\alpha \ln(1+x)} \frac{\alpha \ln(1+x)}{x}.$$

Because $t = \alpha \ln(1+x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ and using (1.4) and (1.5) we obtain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^\alpha - 1}{x} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^y - 1}{y} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\alpha \ln(1+x)}{x} = \alpha.$$

Let us work an exercise in which (1.6) plays an important role.

Exercise: Calculate the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 1}{x - 1}$.

Solution: Changing the variable of the limit to $y = x - 1$ we see that while $x \rightarrow 1$ then $y \rightarrow 0$. Hence the limit becomes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + y)^{1/3} - 1}{y} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

The fifth fundamental limit which cannot be derived from the previous ones is one that intimately connects the polynomials with trigonometric functions:

$$(1.7) \quad \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1.}$$

We are going to show this property when the trigonometric functions will be defined rigorously with the concept of definite integral.

A few simple corollaries of (1.7) are worth mentioning. First, for every $a \neq 0$, a simple substitution gives

$$(1.8) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t/a} = a.$$

Also, using the double angle formula $1 - \cos(\alpha) = 2 \sin(\alpha/2)^2$ leads us into another important trigonometric limit:

$$(1.9) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos ax}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin^2 ax/2}{x^2} = 2(a/2)^2 = \frac{a^2}{2}.$$

Finally, another important tool used in computing limits is the so called Squeeze Theorem.

Theorem 1.1.4. *Given three functions f , g and h defined on a domain D which has a as limiting point (there exist a non-constant sequence in D , which is convergent to a), and*

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x), \text{ for all } x \in D \setminus \{a\}.$$

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$ then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$.

This theorem can be easily shown directly from the definition of the limit (1.1.2). One needs to use the following inequality which is left as an exercise: for all a , b and c such that $a \leq b \leq c$ and for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$(1.10) \quad |x - b| \leq |x - a| + |x - c|.$$

Proof Sketch: We let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary and choose $\delta_1 > 0$ such that $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon/2$ for all $x \in D$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta_1$. Also, because $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$, we can find $\delta_2 > 0$ such that $|h(x) - L| < \epsilon/2$ for all $x \in D$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta_2$. Therefore, for $x \in D$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta := \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$, using 1.10, we have

$$|g(x) - L| \leq |f(x) - L| + |h(x) - L| < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon. \quad \blacksquare$$

Here is an example of how this theorem can be used to show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 0$. We observe that $-\frac{1}{x} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq \frac{1}{x}$ for $x > 0$. Also, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$, the claim follows by applying the theorem to $f(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$, $g(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$ and $h(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

Finally some important limits, which deal with the end behavior of elementary are listed next:

$$(1.11) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^\alpha}{a^x} = 0, \quad a > 1, \quad \text{and } \alpha \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$(1.12) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^\alpha} = 0, \quad \alpha \in (0, \infty),$$

$$(1.13) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \arctan x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \arctan x = -\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

The last two limits follow from the properties of the function $f(x) = \tan x$ and the limits $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} f(x) = \infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} f(x) = -\infty$.

Let us prove next (1.11) using the Squeeze Theorem. We need the so called Bernoulli's Inequality:

$$(1.14) \quad (1 + \epsilon)^n \geq 1 + n\epsilon,$$

for every $\epsilon > -1$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

One can prove this by induction on n . It is clear for $n = 1$ and for the induction step,

$$(1 + \epsilon)^{n+1} \geq (1 + n\epsilon)(1 + \epsilon) = 1 + (n + 1)\epsilon + n\epsilon^2 \geq 1 + (n + 1)\epsilon.$$

Then for every $a > 1$ we can write $a = (1 + \epsilon)^2$ for some $\epsilon > 0$. Then

$$0 \leq \frac{n}{a^n} \leq \frac{1}{(1 + \epsilon)^n} \frac{n}{1 + n\epsilon} < \frac{1}{(1 + \epsilon)^n} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0.$$

This shows that $\frac{n}{a^n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence,

$$0 \leq \frac{x}{a^x} \leq \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor + 1}{a^{\lfloor x \rfloor}} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty,$$

where $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the greatest integer part of x , $x > 0$. This shows (1.11) for $\alpha = 1$. Then for α arbitrary we observe that it is true for $\alpha \leq 0$ and for $\alpha > 0$ we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^\alpha}{a^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x}{(a^{1/\alpha})^x} \right)^\alpha = 0,$$

because we still have $a^{1/\alpha} > 1$. Using a substitution, $x = e^t$, one reduces (1.12) to (1.11).

1.1.1 Problems

In these exercises assume that all the fundamental limits discussed earlier are true, and all the properties of limits take place including the theorem about elementary functions. Although all of these limits can be computed easily later, by L'Hopital's rule, look at these limits as a simple opportunity to brush up on your algebra skills.

1. Calculate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2x + 3}{2x - 1} \right)^{3x-1}$$

2. Show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{1 + 2x}{1 - 3x} \right) = 5.$$

3. Use the fundamental limits to obtain the equality

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4^x - 2^x}{x} = \ln 2.$$

4. Find the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^5 - 1}{x^7 - 1}.$$

5. Use the last fundamental limit to prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 6x}{\tan 3x} = 2.$$

6. Use any of the fundamental limits and properties of limits to show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4^x - 2^{x+1} + 1}{x^2} = (\ln 2)^2.$$

7. Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+3x} - \sqrt[3]{1-3x}}{x} = 2.$$

8. Use a simple substitution to calculate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x - 1}.$$

9. Use any methods to find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x+5} - 3}{\sqrt{x} - 2}.$$

10. (More challenging one) Assuming that the limit

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2},$$

exists, prove that $L = \frac{1}{2}$.

11. Determine the following limits numerically and analytically:

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-3} \right)^{x/2} \quad (b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 3x - \cos 5x}{x^2} \quad (c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[5]{x} - 1}{\sqrt[7]{x} - 1}$$

12. Determine if the following function is continuous or not. If it is not continuous find the points of discontinuity.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x-2)(x-3) & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{(\sin 2x)(\sin 3x)}{x^2} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}.$$

13. Find all values of a such that the following function is continuous:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{ax}{3+a^2x} & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt[4]{|x|}-1}{x-1} & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}.$$

14. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that the following equation has a solution in the specified interval:

$$e^x = 2 - 2x \quad \text{in } (0, 1).$$

15. Use Squeeze Theorem to show that following limit is equal to 1:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x}{x + \cos x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

16. Show that for all a, b and c such that $a \leq b \leq c$ and for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$|x - b| \leq |x - a| + |x - c|.$$

1.1.2 Solutions

1. We substitute $\frac{2x+3}{2x-1} = 1 + t$. We observe that since $x \rightarrow \infty$, then $\frac{1}{2x-1} \rightarrow 0$. Hence $t = \frac{2x+3}{2x-1} - 1 = \frac{2x+3-2x+1}{2x-1} = \frac{4}{2x-1} \rightarrow 0$. Solving for x , we obtain $x = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{t}$. Then the limit given can be written in terms of t

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-1} \right)^{3x-1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (1+t)^{1/2+6/t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (1+t)^{1/2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} ((1+t)^{1/t})^6 = 1(e^6) = e^6.$$

We used several of the property of the limits listed on page 6, including a variation of the first fundamental limit (1.1): $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (1+t)^{1/t} = e$.

2. We use the property of the logarithmic functions, $\ln(a/b) = \ln a - \ln b$, ($a, b > 0$), and separate the given limit into two limits which have basically the same nature:

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{1+2x}{1-3x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{x} - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln 1-3x}{x}.$$

So, because for every real number $k \neq 0$, we have by 1.4

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+kx)}{x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+t)}{t/k} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} k \frac{\ln(1+t)}{t} = k,$$

we see that the required limit is $L = 2 - (-3) = 5$.

3. Since we know that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x-1}{x} = \ln a$, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4^x - 2^x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2^x(2^x - 1)}{x} = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2^x \right) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2^x - 1}{x} = 2^0 \ln 2 = \ln 2.$$

4. We use the fundamental limit $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^a-1}{t} = a$ and with the substitution $t = x - 1 \rightarrow 0$, we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^5 - 1}{x^7 - 1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^5 - 1}{(1+t)^7 - 1} = \frac{\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^5 - 1}{t}}{\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^7 - 1}{t}} = \frac{5}{7}.$$

5. Let us first observe that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan ax}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{x} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos ax} = 1.$$

Hence, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 6x}{\tan 3x} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 6x}{x}}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 3x}{x}} = \frac{6}{3} = 2.$$

[6.] Let us observe that $4^x - 2^{x+1} + 1 = 2^{2x} - 2(2^x) + 1 = (2^x - 1)^2$, and so

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{2^x - 1}{x} \right)^2 = (\ln 2)^2.$$

[7.] We observe that for $a \neq 0$, we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + at)^\alpha - 1}{t} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + x)^\alpha - 1}{x/a} = a\alpha.$$

So, the required limit L can be calculated as shown below

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1 + 3x} - 1}{x} - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1 - 3x} - 1}{x} = 3(1/3) - (-3)(1/3) = 2.$$

[8.] We substitute $x - 1 = t$, and observe that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + t)^2 - 3(1 + t) + 2}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t - 1 = -1.$$

[9.] Let's multiply by the conjugate top and bottom and get rid of the differences of square roots by using the formula $(\sqrt{a} - b)(\sqrt{a} + b) = a - b^2$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x + 5} - 3}{\sqrt{x} - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x - 4)(\sqrt{x} + 2)}{(x - 4)(\sqrt{x + 5} + 3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} + 2}{\sqrt{x + 5} + 3} = 4/6 = 2/3.$$

[10.] Assuming that the limit, let us first observe that if we change the variable $x \rightarrow 2x$, we have

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} - 1 - (2x)}{4x^2},$$

and so

$$4L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} - 1 - (2x)}{x^2}.$$

On the other hand, using a fundamental limit, we have

$$1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(e^x - 1)^2}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} - 2e^x + 1}{x^2}.$$

Subtracting the two equalities we get

$$4L - 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2e^x - 2x - 2}{x^2} = 2L.$$

From here we solve for L : $2L = 1$ or $L = 1/2$.

11. We will demonstrate similar problems:

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{3x+1}{1+2x} \right)^{1/x} \quad (b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 5x - \cos 7x}{x^2} \quad (c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 1}{\sqrt[7]{x} - 1}$$

(a) Let $f(x) = \left(\frac{3x+1}{1+2x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$ for $x \in (-1/2, 1/2)$. Some of the values of f at inputs that are getting closer to zero are tabulated next:

f(0.1)	2.226491601
f(-0.1)	3.801189052
f(0.01)	2.652804911
f(-0.01)	2.788907699
f(0.001)	2.711511762
f(-0.001)	2.725103316

It seems to be the case that the limit is ≈ 2.71 . To do this algebraically we use the first fundamental limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{3x+1}{1+2x} \right)^{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{x}{1+2x} \right)^{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{(1+2x)/x} \right)^{\frac{1+2x}{x}} \right]^{\frac{x}{1+2x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1+2x} = e$$

so

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3x+1}{1+2x} \right)^{2x} = e.$$

(b) If $g(x) = \frac{\cos 5x - \cos 7x}{x^2}$ if $x \neq 0$. Some of the values of g for inputs getting closer and closer to zero are included in the next table:

g(0.1)	11.27403746
g(0.01)	11.99260100
g(0.001)	11.99990000

We can guess that this limit must be equal to 36. This is indeed the case since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 3x - \cos 9x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin x \sin 6x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 \frac{\sin x}{x} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 6 \frac{\sin 6x}{6x} = 12.$$

Hence $\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 5x - \cos 7x}{x^2} = 12}.$ ■

(c) Finally if $h(x) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 1}{\sqrt[7]{x} - 1}$ for every real number $x \neq 1$. Some of the values of g around zero are shown below:

$h(0.9)$	2.310133871
$h(1.1)$	2.354690647
$h(0.99)$	2.331101813
$h(1.01)$	2.335546124

So it is reasonable to conclude that the limit of this function at $x = 1$ is $2.\bar{3} = \frac{7}{3}$. This is true since if we make the change of variable $x = (1 + t)^7$ we see that $t \rightarrow 0$ and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 1}{\sqrt[7]{x} - 1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + t)^{\frac{7}{3}} - 1}{t} = \frac{7}{3}.$$

Therefore, $\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 1}{\sqrt[7]{x} - 1} = \frac{7}{3}}.$ ■

12. We observe that there are not problems with the continuity at points a other than $a = 0$. Clearly $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 6 = f(0)$ and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{(\sin 2x)(\sin 3x)}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin 3x}{x} = 2(3) = 6.$$

13. We observe that h is continuous everywhere except possibly at $x = 1$. Next, we see that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} h(x) = h(1) = a/(3 + a^2)$. Also, we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} h(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + t)^{1/4} - 1}{t} = 1/4.$$

In order for h to be continuous, we need $a/(3 + a^2) = 1/4$ or $a^2 - 4a + 3 = 0$. This quadratic has two solutions: $a = 1$ and $a = 3$. Therefore, h is continuous if and only if $a \in \{1, 3\}$.

[14.] We consider $f(x) = e^x - 2 + 2x$ defined on $[0, 1]$. This is a continuous function, being elementary. We notice that $f(0) = e^0 - 2 = 1 - 2 = -1 < 0$ and $f(1) = e - 2 + 2 = e > 0$. Thus, we can apply IVT to f on $[0, 1]$ and $y = 0$. We conclude that there exists $x_0 \in (0, 1)$ such that $f(x_0) = 0$. This is equivalent to $e^{x_0} = 2 - 2x_0$.

[15.] Since $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$ we see that, for $x > 1$, we have

$$\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \leq \left(\frac{x}{x+\cos x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \leq \left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

But $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1-1/x}\right) = 1$ and similarly $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1+1/x}\right) = 1$. Hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}} = 1^0 = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}} = 1^0 = 1.$$

This forces

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x}{x+\cos x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}} = 1.$$

[16.] There are four possibilities: $x \in (-\infty, a]$, $x \in (a, b]$, $x \in (b, c]$ and $x \in (c, \infty)$.

Case I So, for $x \in (-\infty, a]$ the inequality becomes equivalent to $b - x \leq a - x + c - x$ or $x \leq a + c - b$. This is true since $x \leq a$ and $c - b \geq 0$.

Case II, $x \in (a, b]$ The inequality is the same as $b - x + x - a + c - x$. This is the same as $b \leq (x - a) + c$ which is true because $b \leq c$ and $x - a \geq 0$. Similarly, one can analyze the other two cases.

1.1.3 Problems done in class, edited by Charles Carter and Henry Hetzel

Fundamental Limits

$$(1.15) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e$$

$$(1.16) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} = 1$$

$$(1.17) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \ln a, a \neq 0$$

$$(1.18) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^\alpha - 1}{x} = \alpha, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(1.19) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1$$

$$(1.20) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(\alpha x)}{x^2} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2}$$

1.2 Problems

a. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+2x}-1}{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+2x}-1}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}-1}{x} && \text{convert radical to exponent} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2(1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}-1}{2x} && \text{multiply by } 2/2 \\ &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}}-1}{t} && \text{move constant, substitute } t=2x \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1 && \text{by equation 1.18} \end{aligned}$$

b. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1-x}-1}{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1-x}-1}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}-1}{x} && \text{convert radical to exponent} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^{\frac{1}{3}}-1}{-t} && \text{substitute } t=-x \\ &= -1 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^{\frac{1}{3}}-1}{t} && \text{moved negative outside} \\ &= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3} && \text{by equation 1.18} \end{aligned}$$

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[4]{1+4x} - \sqrt[4]{1-4x}}{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[4]{1+4x} - \sqrt[4]{1-4x}}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[4]{1+4x}}{x} - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[4]{1-4x}}{x} && \text{split the limits} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+4x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{x} - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1-4x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{x} && \text{convert radicals to exponents} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\frac{t}{4}} - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+s)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\frac{s}{4}} && \text{substitute } t = 4x, s = -4x \\ &= 4 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{t} - 4 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+s)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{s} && \text{invert denominator and multiply} \\ &= 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 2 && \text{by equation 1.18} \end{aligned}$$

d. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+x} - 2}{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+x} - 2}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2}{x} && \text{convert radical to exponent} \\ &= \lim_{4t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4+4t)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2}{4t} && \text{substitute } x = 4t \\ &= \lim_{4t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4(1+t))^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2}{4t} && \text{factor 4 in numerator} \\ &= \lim_{4t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{(4(1+t))^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2}{t} && \text{factor } \frac{1}{4} \text{ in denominator} \\ &= \lim_{4t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2}{t} && \text{take square root of 4} \\ &= \lim_{4t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{t} && \text{factor 2 and move outside} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} && \text{by equation 1.18} \end{aligned}$$

e. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^4 - 1}{x^3 - 1}$

$t = x^3 - 1$ and
 $x = (1 + t)^{\frac{1}{3}}$
 simplify exponents

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^4 - 1}{x^3 - 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{[(1 + t)^{\frac{1}{3}}]^4 - 1}{t} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{[(1 + t)^{\frac{1}{3}}]^4 - 1}{t} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(1 + t)^{\frac{4}{3}} - 1}{t} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(1 + t)^{\frac{4}{3}} - 1}{t} &= \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

by equation 1.18

f. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 64} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 8}{\sqrt[3]{x} - 4}$

$t = \sqrt[3]{x} - 4$,
 $x = (t + 4)^3$, convert
 root
 simplify exponent

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 64} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 8}{\sqrt[3]{x} - 4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 64} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 8}{\sqrt[3]{x} - 4} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 64} \frac{((t + 4)^3)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 8}{t} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 64} \frac{(t + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 8}{t} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 64} \frac{(t + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 8}{t} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 64} \frac{8(\frac{1}{8}(t + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1)}{t} \end{aligned}$$

factor the 8

g. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 81} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 9}{\sqrt[4]{x} - 3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 81} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 9}{\sqrt[4]{x} - 3}$$

h. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(4x) - \cos(6x)}{x^2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(4x) - \cos(6x)}{x^2}$$

i. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(4x) - 2\cos(x) + \cos(3x)}{x^2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(4x) - 2\cos(x) + \cos(3x)}{x^2}$$

j.
$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} & x > 1 \\ 2x + 1 & x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} & x > 1 \\ 2x + 1 & x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{k. } \begin{cases} \frac{(1-x)^3-1}{1} & x < 0 \\ 2x-3 & 0 \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{(1-x)^3-1}{1} & x < 0 \\ 2x-3 & 0 \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$$

1.3 Continuity and piecewise functions

Calculating limits from the fundamental limits may turn out to be a real challenge. We have seen in Theorem 1.1.3 that every elementary function is continuous on its domain of definition.

A new class of functions which appears often in applications we will refer to it here as *piecewise functions*. This set of functions is important also within mathematics as a theoretical tool since it provides a good pool for examples and counterexamples.

Let us consider such an example:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ \frac{1-\ln(1-2x)}{x} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} .$$

This function is continuous at every point different of zero since the rules for each branch are elementary functions well defined on those intervals. At $x = 0$ we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \ln(1 - 2x)}{x} = 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1 - 2x) - 1}{-2x} = 2$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} = 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} = 2.$$

Hence we conclude that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 2 = f(0)$ and so this function is continuous.

On the other hand if we simply change the definition of f to

$$\hat{f}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ \frac{1 - \ln(1-2x)}{x} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} .$$

In this case clearly \hat{f} is not continuous, we say it is *discontinuous*, and since the limit exists at this point we call such a point a *removable discontinuity*.

A more interesting example is the following function which does not have a limit at zero:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} ,$$

although the left hand side limit exists since $|x \sin(\frac{1}{x})| \leq |x| \rightarrow 0$. This forces $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = 0$. This principle is known as the *squeeze theorem*. So, g is discontinuous at $x = 0$ and such a discontinuity is called an *essential discontinuity*.

An important theorem that is used often in mathematics is the Intermediate Value Theorem:

Theorem 1.3.1. (IVT) *Consider a continuous function on a closed interval $[a, b]$ and a number c between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$. Then there exists a value $x \in (a, b)$ such that $f(x) = c$.*

The proof of this theorem is beyond the scope of the course so we invite the interested students read a proof of it from a real analysis textbook.

As an application let us work the following problem:

If a and b are positive numbers, prove that the equation

$$(1.21) \quad \frac{a}{x^3 + 2x^2 - 1} + \frac{b}{x^3 + x - 2} = 0$$

has at least one solution in the interval $(-1, 1)$.

The equation is equivalent to $a(x^3 + x - 2) + b(x^3 + 2x^2 - 1) = 0$. So, if we denote by $p(x) = a(x^3 + x - 2) + b(x^3 + 2x^2 - 1)$ we notice that, p is continuous on $[-1, 1]$ and $p(-1) = -4a < 0$ and $p(1) = 2b > 0$. Hence 0 is in between the two values of p at the endpoints of the interval $[-1, 1]$ and so, by the Intermediate Value Theorem, there must be a $c \in (-1, 1)$ such that $p(c) = 0$. This means c is a solution of the original equation.

A related problem and a more precise statement about the possible zeroes of (1.21) will be to show that the equation (1.21) has at least one solution in the interval $(\alpha, 1)$ where $\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \approx 0.6180$ (reciprocal of the so called golden ratio number).

Indeed, the polynomial above can be written in the form $p(x) = a(x-1)(x^2 + x + 2) + b(x+1)(x^2 + x - 1)$ and α is a root of the polynomial $x^2 + x - 1$. Hence $p(\alpha) = a(\alpha-1)3 < 0$ and $p(1) = 2b > 0$. Therefore the same argument applies for the interval $(\alpha, 1)$.

1.3.1 Problems

1. Use the IVT to prove that every continuous function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$ has a fixed point, i.e. a point $c \in [a, b]$ such that $f(c) = c$.
2. Consider the function f defined in the following way:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} xe^{-\frac{1}{|\sin x|}}, & \text{if } x \neq k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{cases}$$

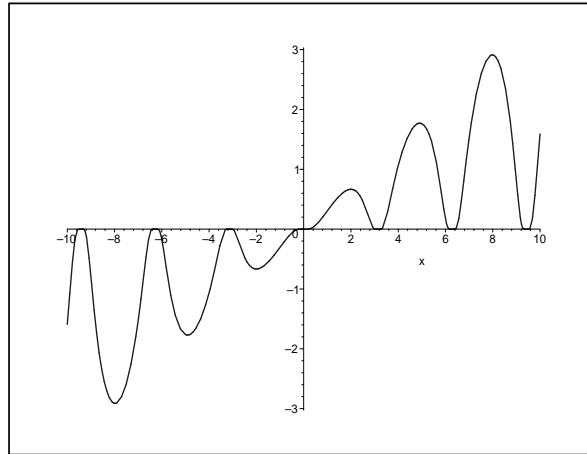
Show that f is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

3. Prove that every continuous function on $[a, b]$ which is one-to-one, must be strictly monotone.

(A *one-to-one function* is a function with the property that $f(u) = f(v)$ can happen only if $u = v$ and a strictly monotone function is either strictly increasing or strictly decreasing. A *strictly increasing function* is a function with the property that for every u and v in its domain such that $u < v$, then $f(u) < f(v)$.)

1.3.2 Solutions to 1.3.1 Problems

1. We consider the function $g(x) = f(x) - x$ and observe that g is continuous on $[a, b]$, $g(a) = f(a) - a \geq 0$ and $g(b) = f(b) - b \leq 0$. If either $g(a) = 0$ or $g(b) = 0$,

Figure 1.2: Graph of f in Problem 2.

then we found a fixed point: a or b . If $g(a) > 0$ and $g(b) < 0$ then we can use IVT for $c = 0$ and obtain a point $x_0 \in (a, b)$ such that $g(x_0) = 0$. Hence, x_0 is a fixed point for f .

[2.] First let us observe show that we don't have a problem with the continuity except for points of the form $a = k\pi$. In order to prove the continuity at a we need to show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$. Since $|\sin x| \rightarrow 0$ when $x \rightarrow a$, we conclude that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = a \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 1/e^t = 0$.

Chapter 2

Derivatives and the rules of differentiation

2.1 Derivatives of the basic elementary functions

Quotation: *A great discovery solves a great problem but there is a grain of discovery in the solution of any problem. Your problem may be modest; but if it challenges your curiosity and brings into play inventive faculties, and if you solve it by your own means, you may experience the tension and enjoy the triumph of discovery. –George Polya*

The concept of differentiation is nevertheless the most important in calculus. We are going to start with the geometric question that leads to this notion. Consider one of the important curves that one plays with in geometry: the circle. Taking a point on this circle one can draw several lines passing through this point but only one will intersect the circle at only that particular point. We usually call this line the tangent line to the circle at the given point. We know that such a line can be obtained by just taking the perpendicular to the corresponding radius of the point where the tangent is to be drawn.

What if we have some other types of curves? First, how do we even define the concept of tangent line and how do we compute it's equation?

Let us start with the curve of equation $y = f(x)$ and suppose we take $P = (a, f(a))$ a point on this curve. For another point close to P , say $Q = (x, f(x))$ we can calculate the slope of the secant line PQ :

$$\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}.$$

Intuitively, when $x \rightarrow a$, this slope tends to have the limiting value of the slope of the “tangent” line to the curve at this point. This is actually what we will take by definition to be the tangent line at $(a, f(a))$ to $y = f(x)$:

$$\boxed{y - f(a) = f'(a)(x - a)}$$

where $f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$ if this last limit exists. We call this limit the derivative of f at a . Other notations used for this limit are: $\frac{df}{dx}(a)$ or $\frac{df}{dx}|_{x=a}$. We may also look at this calculation as a function if we define f' (the derivative of f) as being

$$(2.1) \quad \boxed{f'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x}}$$

for all $x \in \text{Domain}(f') := \{x \mid \text{all real } x \text{ where the limit (2.1) exists}\}$.

We can say that calculus is the study of the operation $f \rightarrow f'$ as applied mainly to elementary functions. *There are quite a few surprises and interesting stories about this “simple” transformation.*

One of the beginning stories is that each of the fundamental limits, that we have identified in Chapter I, represents the derivative of one of the basic elementary functions at a certain point. Not only that but each such limit is basically reflected into the derivative at other point in one way or another. Let us be more specific.

We start with the derivative of a power function:

$$\alpha = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t)^\alpha - 1}{t} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^\alpha - 1}{x - 1} = f'(1)$$

where $f(x) = x^\alpha$, $x > 0$.

Let us calculate the derivative at any other point $a > 0$:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^\alpha - a^\alpha}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a^\alpha \left(\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^\alpha - 1 \right)}{a \left(\frac{x}{a} - 1 \right)} = a^{\alpha-1} \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t^\alpha - 1}{t - 1} = \alpha a^{\alpha-1}.$$

Hence, we have the derivative of a power function, also known as the power rule:

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx}(x^\alpha) = \alpha x^{\alpha-1}, \quad x > 0.}$$

Next, let us find out the derivative of the exponential function.

Consider $g(x) = e^x$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$ arbitrary. Then

$$g'(a) = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{g(t) - g(a)}{t - a} = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{e^t - e^a}{t - a} = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{e^a(e^{t-a} - 1)}{t - a}$$

and after the substitution $t - a = x$, since $x \rightarrow 0$ we obtain, using the second fundamental limit (1.5):

$$g'(a) = e^a \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = e^a.$$

Therefore we have $\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x, x \in \mathbb{R}.}$

But what if we have a simple change in the base of the exponential function? Say, $g(x) = b^x$ with $b > 0$ and $b \neq 1$.

Then, using again (1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} g'(a) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{g(t) - g(a)}{t - a} = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{b^t - b^a}{t - a} = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{b^a(b^{t-a} - 1)}{t - a} = \\ &= b^a \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^x - 1}{x} = b^a \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x \ln b} - 1}{x \ln b} \ln b = b^a \ln b. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} b^x = b^x \ln b, x \in \mathbb{R}.}$

We will find next the derivative of the most common trigonometric function: $h(x) = \sin x$ defined for all radian angles $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

For fixed $a \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$h'(a) = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{\sin t - \sin a}{t - a} = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{2 \sin \frac{t-a}{2} \cos \frac{t+a}{2}}{t - a}$$

using the formula from trigonometry $\sin \alpha - \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}$. Then we change the variable $\frac{t-a}{2} = x$ and notice that $x \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow a$. That gives

$$h'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cos(x + a) = \cos a,$$

and so $\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x, x \in \mathbb{R}.}$

For the cosine we can do a similar calculation. Let $i(x) = \cos x$ with $x \in \mathbb{R}$. The formula from trigonometry we need is $\cos \alpha - \cos \beta = -2 \sin \frac{\alpha-\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}$. We have, for fixed $a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$i'(a) = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{\cos t - \cos a}{t - a} = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{-2 \sin \frac{t-a}{2} \sin \frac{t+a}{2}}{t - a}.$$

After changing the variable as before we see that

$$i'(a) = - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \sin(x + a) = - \sin a.$$

2.2 Derivatives under algebraic operations

The basic algebraic operations that we do with numbers as addition, multiplication, subtraction and division can be done with functions. The derivative behaves nicely under these operations. One can observe that straight from the properties of the limit we get

$$(\alpha f + \beta g)' = \alpha f' + \beta g'$$

at every point where f' and g' exist. One rule that is a little unexpected is the so called, the product rule:

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg'$$

again, as long as f' and g' exist. Let us see where this is coming from. Suppose we have a point a at which $f'(a)$ and $g'(a)$ exist. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (fg)'(a) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{f(t)g(t) - f(a)g(a)}{t - a} = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{f(t)g(t) - f(t)g(a) + f(t)g(a) - f(a)g(a)}{t - a} = \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow a} f(t) \frac{g(t) - g(a)}{t - a} + \lim_{t \rightarrow a} g(a) \frac{f(t) - f(a)}{t - a}. \end{aligned}$$

One can observe that since $f'(a)$ exists then $\lim_{t \rightarrow a} f(t) = f(a)$. So, the limit

$$(fg)'(a) = \lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{f(t)g(t) - f(a)g(a)}{t - a} = f(a)g'(a) + f'(a)g(a)$$

which proves the product rule.

We apply the product rule now to find the derivative of functions that are products in different basic elementary functions. As an example let us compute $\frac{d}{dx}[(x^2 - x)e^x]$:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[(x^2 - x)e^x] = (2x - 1)e^x + (x^2 - x)e^x = (x^2 + x - 1)e^x.$$

The *quotient rule* can be stated like this:

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2},$$

of course, whenever the derivatives involved exist. The proof of this is similar to the one we did for the product rule so we let that to the reader as an exercise. This rule allows us to compute now the derivative of the rest of the trigonometric functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan)(x) = \frac{\sin' x \cos x - \sin x \cos' x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x.$$

Similarly, we get $\frac{d}{dx}(\cot)(x) = -\csc^2 x$, whenever the $\sin x \neq 0$. Finally we can show that $\sec' x = \sec x \tan x$ and $\csc' x = -\csc x \cot x$.

Can any function be a derivative? Derivatives have the special property that we talked about at the end of the previous section on continuity.

Theorem 2.2.1. *The derivative f' of a differentiable function f on $[a, b]$ has the, so called, Darboux property, or the intermediate value property, i.e. for y in between $f'(x_1)$ and $f'(x_2)$ ($a \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq b$), there exists $c \in [x_1, x_2]$ such that $f'(c) = y$.*

We will include a proof of this in the next section. Let us make the observation that a function which has jump discontinuities such as

$$\text{signum}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

cannot be the derivative of any function.

Finally, we have one more but the most trickier rule which deals with the composition of two functions: *the chain rule*. Suppose that $f : D(f) \rightarrow A \subset D(g) \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{R}$, are two

differentiable functions on their domain. Then $(g \circ f)' = (g' \circ f)f'$ or written at a certain x in the domain of f :

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

One example, let us say, $g(x) = x^{10}$ and $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$. We observe that $(g \circ f)(x) = (x^2 + 2x + 1)^{10}$ so $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 2x + 1)^{10} = 10((x^2 + 2x + 1)^9(2x + 2)) = 20(x^2 + 2x + 1)^9(x + 1)$. Let us observe that $(g \circ f)(x) = (x + 1)^{20}$ so we can apply the chain rule into different functions and get $(g \circ f)'(x) = 20(x + 1)^{19}(x + 1)' = 20(x + 1)^{19}$, which is the same answer as we have gotten before.

One important application of the chain rule is the formula for computing the derivative of the inverse of a function. Let us assume that $f : I \rightarrow J$ and $g : J \rightarrow I$ is the inverse of f , which is assumed to be differentiable with the derivative not zero at every point in the interval I . It is possible to show that g is differentiable and so $g(f(x)) = x$ implies $g'(f(x))f'(x) = 1$. Hence,

$$g'(y) = \frac{1}{f'(g(y))}, y \in J.$$

As an example, if we take $f(x) = \sin x$, $x \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ with the inverse $g(x) = \arcsin x$, $x \in (-1, 1)$. The formula above gives:

$$g'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin)(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(\arcsin x)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\arcsin x)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}},$$

so we have the formula

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}, x \in (-1, 1).$$

One can similarly find the following two similar formulae:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arccos)(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}, x \in (-1, 1), \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arctan)(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Finally, let us show another important formula that can be derived from the chain rule, which is helpful when we differentiate functions of the form $u(x)^{v(x)}$. So,

let us assume that u and v are two differentiable functions defined on I and $u(x) > 0$ for all $x \in I$ (some interval). Then

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(u^v) = vu^{v-1}u' + u^v \ln(u)v' .$$

We can derive this by the so called logarithmic differentiation method: we set $w = u^v$ and apply \ln both sides to get $\ln w = v \ln u$. Differentiating we obtain $\frac{w'}{w} = v' \ln u + v \frac{u'}{u}$. Solving for w' we obtain formula (2.3).

Let us see how this formula works for $f(x) = x^x$ defined for $x \in (0, \infty)$. We see that $f'(x) = x(x^{x-1}) + x^x \ln x$ or $f'(x) = x^x(1 + \ln x)$. We will see later that this implies the following interesting inequality

$$(2.3) \quad x^x \geq e^{-\frac{1}{e}} \approx 0.6922006276, \quad x > 0.$$

2.2.1 Problems

1. Find the derivative of the following functions at every (interior) point in their natural domain using the definition of the derivative:

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad (b) g(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

2. Calculate the derivatives of the following functions with the appropriate rules:

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{2+x^2}{x^5}, \quad x \neq 0,$$

$$(b) g(x) = e^x \sin x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(c) h(x) = x^2 \tan x, \quad x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$(d) k(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x^2+1}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(e) l(x) = (3x^2 - 2x) \ln(x), \quad x > 0$$

$$(f) m(x) = 3 \sec x - 2 \cot x, \quad x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$(g) n(x) = (\sinh x)(\cosh x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(h) o(x) = e^{x^2+2x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(i) p(x) = \ln(x^2 + 3), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(j) q(x) = \sin(x + \cos x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(k) r(x) = \arcsin(2x - 1), \quad x \in (0, 1).$$

$$(l) s(x) = \arccos\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right), \quad x \in (-1, 1).$$

$$(m) t(x) = \arctan(\tanh x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

3. Determine if the following function is differentiable or not. If it is, calculate its derivative.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x^2 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}.$$

Is this function twice differentiable?

4. Find all values of a such that the following function is differentiable:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} (x+a)^2 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ 2a + a^2 + x & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}.$$

5. If $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^2 + 1}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then find the equation of a line which is tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at the point $(0, 2)$. Draw the graphs of both the function and its tangent line.

6. Let $g(x) = u(x)v(x)$, with x in some interval domain which is a common domain for the two “highly” differentiable functions u and v . Calculate $g''(x)$ in terms of

the derivatives of u and v . What about $g'''(x)$, can you guess what is that going to be with calculating it?

7. Let n be a non-negative integer. Prove that if P is a polynomial of degree n , and $a \neq 0$, then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\left(\frac{P(x)}{a} - \frac{P'(x)}{a^2} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{P^{(n)}(x)}{a^{n+1}} \right) e^{ax} \right] = P(x)e^{ax}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

8. Prove the quotient rule.

9. Prove the rule for the triple product $(fgh)' = f'gh + fg'h + fgh'$ and a similar one for the quotient:

$$\left(\frac{1}{fgh} \right)' = -\frac{1}{fgh} \left(\frac{f'}{f} + \frac{g'}{g} + \frac{h'}{h} \right).$$

10. Prove the formula of differentiating the product of two functions: for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(fg)^{(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^k g^{n-k}.$$

11. Find the derivative of the function $g(x) = (\sin^2 x)^x$.

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Problem 1

(a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ (this needs to be done by using the definition)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{x} & \qquad \text{use the quotient rule} \\ &= \frac{x \cdot 1' - x' \cdot 1}{x^2} \qquad (g \cdot f' - f \cdot g') / (g^2) \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 1}{x^2} \qquad \text{evaluate the derivatives of } f \\ & \qquad \text{and } g \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{x} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \qquad \text{the reciprocal rule} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ (this needs to be done by using the definition)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} & \qquad \text{resolve the square root} \\ &= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{take the derivative, power} \\ & \qquad \text{rule} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{simplify} \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \qquad \text{the square root rule} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

(a) $f(x) = \frac{2+x^2}{x^5}, x \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{2+x^2}{x^5} &= \frac{d}{dx} (2x^{-5} + x^{-3}) \qquad \text{use power rule} \\ &= -10x^{-6} - 3x^{-4} \qquad \text{write as a fraction} \\ &= -\frac{10 + 4x^2}{x^6} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $g(x) = e^x \sin x, x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(e^x \sin x) &= && \text{use product rule} \\ &= e^x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \sin x + \left(\frac{d}{dx} e^x\right) \sin x && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= e^x \cos x + e^x \sin x && \text{simplify} \\ &= e^x(\cos x + \sin x) \end{aligned}$$

(c) $h(x) = x^2 \tan x, x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} x^2 \tan x &= && \text{use product rule} \\ &= x^2 \frac{d}{dx} \tan x + \left(\frac{d}{dx} x^2\right) \tan x && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= x^2 \cdot \sec^2 x + 2x \cdot \tan x \end{aligned}$$

(d) $k(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x^2+1}, x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{2x-1}{x^2+1} & && \text{use quotient rule} \\ &= \frac{[(x^2+1) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(2x-1)] - (2x-1) \frac{d}{dx}(x^2+1)}{(x^2+1)^2} && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= \frac{(x^2+1)2 - 2x(2x-1)}{(x^2+1)^2} && \text{simplify} \\ &= \frac{2x^2+2-4x^2+2x}{(x^2+1)^2} && \text{simplify some more} \\ &= \frac{2+2x-2x^2}{(x^2+1)^2} = 2 \frac{1+x-x^2}{(x^2+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

(e) $l(x) = (3x^2 - 2x) \ln x, x > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(3x^2 - 2x) \ln x & && \text{use product rule} \\ &= (3x^2 - 2x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \ln x + (\ln x) \frac{d}{dx}(3x^2 - 2x) && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= (3x^2 - 2x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} + (6x - 2) \ln x && \text{simplify} \\ &= (3x - 2) + (6x - 2) \ln x \end{aligned}$$

(f) $m(x) = 3 \sec x - 2 \cot x, x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(3 \sec x - 2 \cot x) &= && \text{move constants} \\ &= 3 \frac{d}{dx} \sec x - 2 \frac{d}{dx} \cot x && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= 3 \sec x \tan x - 2(-\csc^2 x) && \text{simplify} \\ &= 3 \sec x \tan x + 2 \csc^2 x \end{aligned}$$

(g) $n(x) = (\sinh x)(\cosh x), x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(\sinh x \cdot \cosh x) &= && \text{use product rule} \\ &= \sinh x \frac{d}{dx} \cosh x + \cosh x \frac{d}{dx} \sinh x && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= \sinh x \sinh x + \cosh x \cosh x && \text{simplify} \\ &= \sinh^2 x + \cosh^2 x \end{aligned}$$

(h) $o(x) = e^{x^2+2x}, x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}e^{x^2+2x} &= && \text{apply chain rule for } exp \text{ and} \\ & && u = x^2 + 2x: (e^u)' = e^u u' \\ &= e^{x^2+2x} \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 2x) && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= (2x + 2)e^{x^2+2x} && \text{simplify} \end{aligned}$$

(i) $p(x) = \ln(x^2 + 3), x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \ln(x^2 + 3) &= && \text{use chain rule for } ln \text{ and} \\ & && u = x^2 + 3: (\ln u)' = \frac{u'}{u} \\ &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 3)}{x^2 + 3} = && \text{evaluate derivative of } u \\ &= \frac{2x}{x^2 + 3} \end{aligned}$$

(j) $q(x) = \sin(x + \cos x), x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sin(x + \cos x) &= && \text{use chain rule for sin and} \\ & && u = x + \cos x: (\sin u)' = \\ & && u' \cos u \\ &= \cos(x + \cos x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x + \cos x) && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= \cos(x + \cos x) \left(\frac{d}{dx}x + \frac{d}{dx} \cos x \right) && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= \cos(x + \cos x)(1 - \sin x) && \text{simplify} \\ &= (1 - \sin x) \cos(x + \cos x) \end{aligned}$$

(k) $r(x) = \arcsin(2x - 1), x \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \arcsin(2x - 1) &= && \text{apply chain rule for} \\ & && \arcsin \text{ and } u = 2x - 1: \\ & && (\arcsin u)' = \frac{u'}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(2x - 1)}{\sqrt{1 - (2x - 1)^2}} && \text{evaluate derivatives} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - (2x - 1)^2}} && \text{simplify} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{4x - 4x^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x - x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

(l) $s(x) = \arccos\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right), x \in (-1, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \arccos\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right) &= && \text{apply chain rule for arccos} \\ & && \text{and } u = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}: (\arccos u)' = \\ & && -\frac{u'}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)^2}} \cdot \frac{(1+x^2)\frac{d}{dx}2x - 2x\frac{d}{dx}(1+x^2)}{(1+x^2)^2} && \text{apply quotient rule to sec-} \\ & && \text{ond term} \\ &= -\frac{1+x^2}{\sqrt{(1+x^2)^2 - 4x^2}} \cdot \frac{2(1+x^2) - 2x \cdot 2x}{(1+x^2)^2} && \text{simplify} \\ &= -\frac{2+2x^2-4x^2}{(1+x^2)\sqrt{(1-2x^2+x^4)}} && \text{expand the binomial under} \\ & && \text{the square root} \\ &= -\frac{2(1-x^2)}{(1+x^2)(1-x^2)} = -\frac{2}{1+x^2}, && \text{since } x \in (-1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

(m) $t(x) = \arctan(\tanh x), x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \arctan(\tanh x) &= && \text{apply chain rule for} \\ &&& \text{arctan and } u = \tanh x: \\ &&& (\arctan u)' = \frac{u'}{1+u^2} \\ &= \frac{\operatorname{sech}^2 x}{1 + (\tanh x)^2} \end{aligned}$$

2.3 Implicit Differentiation

We are going to do four examples here. Let us start with a curve that looks implicit but it can be treated as explicit, as we will see later: $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, the unit circle. Clearly the point $P := (3/5, 4/5)$ is a point on this circle. We are going to find the equation of the tangent line of this circle at the point P . For this purpose we employ a procedure which is going to be used in the examples of this type. The equation which we have for the circle, we think of it as a functional equation, i.e. $x^2 + y(x)^2 = 1$ and differentiate, we say implicitly, but it is really the chain rule that is used: $2x + 2yy' = 0$. At this time we substitute the coordinates of the point P : $2(\frac{3}{5}) + 2(\frac{4}{5})y' = 0$. The equation we get must be a solvable linear equation in y' . So, solving for y' gives $y' = -\frac{3}{4}$. Hence, the equation of the tangent line is $y - \frac{4}{5} = -\frac{3}{4}(x - \frac{3}{5})$ or

$$y = \frac{4}{5} + \frac{9}{20} - \frac{3x}{4} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{5}{4} - \frac{3x}{4}}.$$

The graph of the unit circle and the tangent line at P is included in Figure 2.1. The reason we said this is not really an implicit situation is because we can solve for y ($y > 0$) in terms of x and obtain an explicit expression $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$. Then $y'(x) = -\frac{2x}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}$. So, $y' = -\frac{3}{4}$ as before.

If we want to take an example that would be really difficult to do it in explicit form (but possible, since in general algebraic equations cannot be solved in explicit form, i.e. in terms of the elementary functions we have, if their degree is more or equal to 5), we may take the following curve: $x^3 + y^3 = 9y + x - 2$ and the point of tangency is $P := (2, 1)$. Differentiating implicitly gives $3x^2 + 3y^2y' = 9y' + 1$. Next, we substitute with the coordinates of P : $12 + 3y' = 9y' + 1$ which gives $y' = \frac{11}{6}$. Hence the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - 1 = \frac{11}{6}(x - 2) \Leftrightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{11x - 16}{6}}.$$

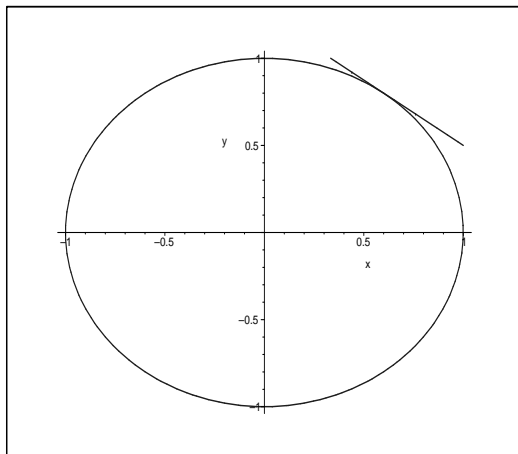


Figure 2.1: Unit circle and a tangent line

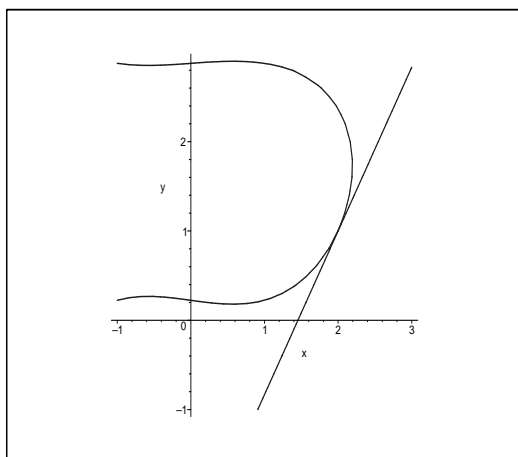


Figure 2.2: Cubic curve

The graph of this cubic and the tangent line at P is included in Figure 2.2.

Let us take a look at a situation in which both x and y are related by an implicit equation and the third variable, the time t , is the independent variable. It is known that the planets revolve around the Sun in elliptical orbits and they move according to Kepler's law: the radius connecting the planet to the Sun wipes out an area that varies proportionally with time. Let us suppose that the equation of the trajectory of a planet is given in polar form by the equation

$$r = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos \theta}, 0 \leq e < 1,$$

where e is usually called eccentricity (and is pretty small for the planets closer to the Sun), a is the semi-major axis.

It is easy to see that the formula of the area of a triangle ABC is given by $A = \frac{bc \sin A}{2}$ and so if we assume that the triangle has the vertex A at the origin (the Sun) and vertices B and C on the trajectory at time t and $t + \epsilon$, with $\epsilon > 0$ very small, we see that

$$\frac{d}{dt} A(t) = \frac{r^2 d\theta}{2 dt}.$$

Let us suppose that it takes T days (Earth days) to complete a full revolution. Then $\theta(T) = 2\pi$ and $A(t) = \text{area}(Ellipse) \frac{t}{T}$ so

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{\text{area}(Ellipse) 2}{T r^2}$$

.

The area of the ellipse, is in this case, equal to $\pi a^2 \sqrt{1 - e^2}$. We will learn in Calculus II and Calculus III that the equation of the arc-length is given by $L = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sqrt{r^2 + \frac{dr^2}{d\theta}} d\theta$. So, the linear speed of the a planet is given by

$$v = \frac{dL}{dt} = \sqrt{r^2 + \frac{dr^2}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt}} = \sqrt{r^2 + \frac{dr^2}{d\theta} \frac{2\pi a^2 \sqrt{1 - e^2}}{T r^2}}.$$

Let us compute the speed at $t = 0$, in other words, when the planet is at the closest distance to the Sun. Differentiating with respect to θ , we get

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = \frac{a(1 - e^2)e \sin \theta}{(1 + e \cos \theta)^2} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dr}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=0} = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$v(0) = \frac{2\pi a^2 \sqrt{1 - e^2}}{T a(1 - e)} = \frac{2\pi a}{T} \sqrt{\frac{1 + e}{1 - e}}.$$

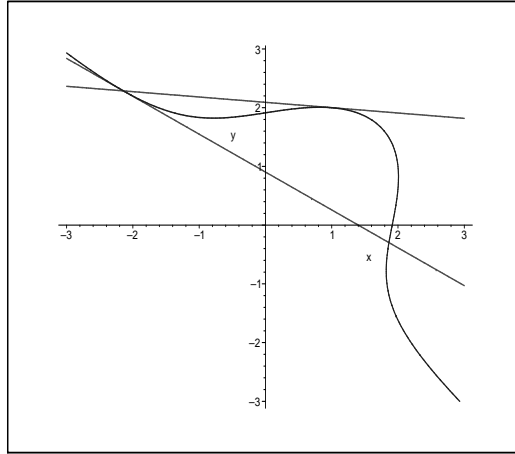


Figure 2.3: Another Cubic curve

We can think of the quantity $\frac{2\pi a}{T}$ as the average speed and call it v_{av} . We get the following formulae for the speed of a planet at the Aphelion and Perihelion

$$v_{ap} = v_{av} \sqrt{\frac{1-e}{1+e}}, \quad v_{peri} = v_{av} \sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}}.$$

A nice applet that let you check the movement for an arbitrary planet around the Sun can be found at

http://galileo.phys.virginia.edu/classes/109N/more_stuff/flashlets/kepler6.htm

Finally let us take a look at a problem which provides a great deal of ideas in mathematics. We consider the curve $x^3 + y^3 = xy + 7$. A point on this curve of integer coordinates is $P(1, 2)$. The usual technique to determine the equation the tangent line to this curve at P gives: $3x^2 + 3y^2y' = y + xy'$ or $3 + 12y' = 2 + y'$. Solving for y' we get $y' = -\frac{1}{11}$. Hence the tangent line has equation $y = 2 - (x - 1)/11 = \frac{23-x}{11}$. We include a picture of this curve and the tangent line at P in Figure 2.3. Let us observe that the tangent line intersects the curve at another point. What is interesting is that this point has rational coordinates too. In other words the equation $x^3 + (23 - x)^3/11^3 = x(23 - x)/11 + 7$ has a double zero at $x = 1$ and the third zero at $x = -\frac{15}{7}$. This gives the point of intersection of the tangent line with the curve at $Q(-\frac{15}{7}, \frac{16}{7})$. Now we can repeat the procedure with the tangent line at Q . We see that this shows that the equation $x^3 + y^3 = xy + 7$ has possibly infinitely

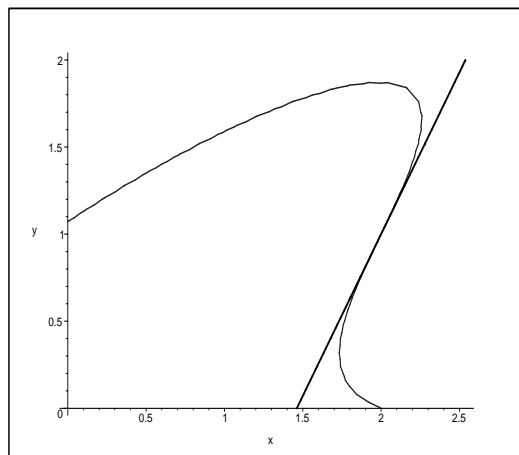


Figure 2.4: Problem 1

many points on it of rational coordinates (unless we get back to P or other such point already constructed). It turns out that one can define some algebraic structure (similar to the addition of numbers) on such points and the part of mathematics which studies these structures is usually referred to as *Elliptic Curves*. These days there are applications of this theory in Cryptography (see [1]).

2.3.1 Problems

1. Find the equation of the tangent line at the point $P := (2, 1)$ to the curve $(x - 2y)^3 - (2x - y)^2 - x + y + 10 = 0$ (see Figure 2.4). Answer: $7y + 19 - 13x = 0$.

1. Find the point of intersection of the tangent line to

$$\mathcal{C} : x^3 + y^3 - xy = 7$$

at $Q(-\frac{15}{7}, \frac{16}{7})$ with \mathcal{C} . Answer: $R = (\frac{97455}{52297}, -\frac{15584}{52297})$ (Maple problem)

2.4 Derivatives of higher order

In this section we will take a look at some of the functions whose derivatives can be computed for all orders. The simplest case is $f(x) = e^x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. It is clear that $f^{(n)}(x) = e^x$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

The next situation when we can find basically all the derivatives is a polynomial function p . If the degree of this polynomial has degree d , $d \in \mathbb{N}$, then $p^{(n)}(x) = 0$ for all $n \geq d + 1$. The first d derivatives can be calculated with the Power Rule. This has a certain consequence later on then we are going to talk about the Taylor polynomial and Taylor series for real analytical functions.

One other case which is really simple is $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ for, say, $x > 0$. One can check that $g'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$, $g''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$, $g'''(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4}$, and so the pattern we have here is

$$g^{(n)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{x^{n+1}}, \quad x > 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

One example which is a little more difficult: $f(x) = xe^x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Using the Product Rule, one can find the first few derivatives and obtain $f'(x) = (x+1)e^x$, $f''(x) = (x+2)e^x, \dots$. Hence, we guess that the general formula is $f^{(n)}(x) = (x+n)e^x$.

In general, to establish a formula like these, we use in formal mathematics, a proof, most of the time in these kind of examples, called (mathematical) induction proof or proof by induction. The name comes from the fact that the proof is based on the Mathematical Induction Principle (PMI).

Let us do an example like that. Suppose we take the function $f(x) = (1+x)^{1/2}$, $x \geq 0$. If we calculate the first derivative we get $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-1/2}$, $x \geq 0$. Then, the second derivative is $f''(x) = \frac{-1}{4}(1+x)^{-3/2}$, $x \geq 0$. Another step will give us the idea of how the derivative is going to look in general: $f'''(x) = \frac{3}{8}(1+x)^{-5/2}$, $x \geq 0$. We want to show by induction on $n \geq 2$ that

$$(2.4) \quad f^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(2n-3)!!}{2^n} (1+x)^{-\frac{2n-1}{2}}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

(We used the notation $(2k-1)!! = 1(3)(5) \cdots (2k-1)$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.)

We see that (2.4) is true for $n = 2$. Assume (2.4) is true for some $n \geq 2$. Then

$$f^{(n+1)}(x) = (-1)^{n+2} \frac{(2n-3)!!(2n-1)}{2^{n+1}} (1+x)^{-\frac{2n+1}{2}}, \quad x \geq 0$$

which is (2.4) for $n+1$ instead of n . The PMI applies and we conclude the (2.4) is true for all $n \geq 2$.

The possibility of computing all the derivatives of a function is related to the Taylor expansion which we will see later in Calculus II. We include here a few such expansions:

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \cdots, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\arctan(x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \cdots, \quad |x| < 1.$$

2.4.1 Problems

1. Find the n th-derivative of $g(x) = \frac{1}{1+\frac{x}{2}}$, $x > 0$. Use the pattern you discovered to give a reasonable calculational formula for $g^{(2011)}(736)$.
2. Find the n th-derivative of $h(x) = xe^{-x}$, x real number.
3. Let f be the function defined for all x : $f(x) = x \sin x$. What is the 100th derivative of f ?

2.5 Related rates problems

In this section we are going to show how the derivative concepts can be used to arrive at some answers for reasonable questions involving movement. First, let us start with a geometry question similar to the movement of the planets around the Sun. Suppose a point P of coordinates (x, y) rotates on the ellipse (Figure 2.5)

$$\frac{x^2}{20^2} + \frac{y^2}{15^2} = 1$$

in counterclockwise direction in such a way the distance to the origin changes in a constant way ($|\frac{d}{dt}OP| = 1$). The question is, what are the values of $\frac{dx}{dt}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt}$ at the point $(16, 9)$? We know that $PO = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and so $-1 = \frac{d}{dt}OP = \frac{2x\frac{dx}{dt} + 2y\frac{dy}{dt}}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$. Also, if we differentiate the the equation of the ellipse, implicitly with respect to t , we get $\frac{2x}{20^2}\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{2y}{15^2}\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$, or $\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{20^2(9)}{15^2(16)}\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{dy}{dt}$. Hence, $\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{\sqrt{337}}{7} \approx -2.622508537$.

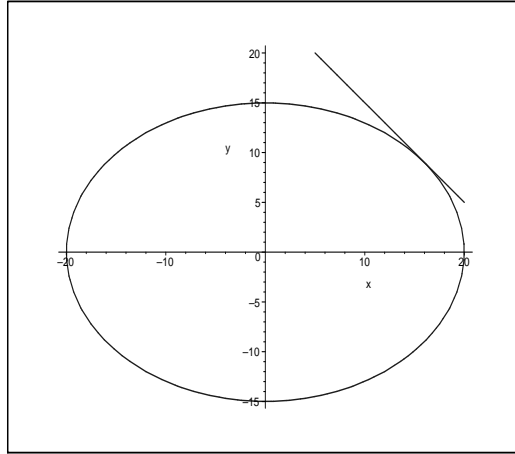


Figure 2.5: Ellipse $\frac{x^2}{400} + \frac{y^2}{225} = 1$

2.5.1 Problems

1. Let a and b be positive real numbers such that $a > b$. The point $P(x, y)$ moves on the ellipse of equation

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

in such a way the distance to the origin has equation $PO = \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{a-b}{2} \cos 2t$ where t is the time measured from initial position $(a, 0)$ at $t = 0$. How fast is the point P moving at time $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$? In other words, what is $v = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$ when $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$?

2. This problem appears in [6] (Problem 39, page 170). A conical watering pail has a grid of holes uniformly distributed over all of its surface. The water flows out through the holes at a rate of $kA \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$, where k is a constant and A is the surface area in contact with the water. Calculate the rate at which the water level changes $\left(\frac{dh}{dt}\right)$ at a level of the water of h meters.

2.6 Newton's Approximation Scheme

In general equations of the form $f(x) = 0$, with f an elementary function, are not solvable in terms of our elementary functions (in other words, f^{-1} may exist locally but it is not elementary), and so we usually have to approximate the solutions when we know they exist. One of the methods of approximating such solutions is given by the Newton's Method which consists of taking a first guess, say x_0 , and then constructing the tangent line at $(x_0, f(x_0))$ to the the graph of $y = f(x)$, $y = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$, and then taking the intersection of this line with $y = 0$, i.e. solving the equation $0 = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$ for x and considering this intersection the next iteration:

$$x_1 := x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}.$$

Of course, we need to assume that $f'(x_0) \neq 0$ and that is usually happening if we are in an interval I (containing the solution of $f(x) = 0$) where the sequence of iterations defined recursively by

$$(2.5) \quad x_{n+1} := x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}, n \geq 0,$$

is well defined and the derivative of f is bounded away from zero ($|f'(x)| \geq \delta > 0$ for all $x \in I$), and one can study the convergence of the sequence $\{x_n\}$ to the solution of $f(x) = 0$, say α .

Usually the convergence is quadratic, in the sense that the error sequence $\epsilon_n = |x_n - \alpha|$, satisfies some inequality of the form $\epsilon_{n+1} \leq C\epsilon_n^2$ for some constant C .

One classical result here is the following theorem

Theorem 2.6.1. (*Newton-Raphson Theorem*). *Assume that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a twice differentiable function, and $f(\alpha) = 0$ for some $\alpha \in [a, b]$. If $f'(\alpha) \neq 0$, then there exists an $\epsilon > 0$ such that the sequence defined by the iteration (2.5) converges to α for any initial approximation $x_0 \in (\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha + \epsilon)$.*

Let us look at an example which goes back to Babylonians: approximating the square root of a number. Suppose that $a > 0$ and $f(x) = x^2 - a$. Then the iteration (2.5) can be written in the form

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - a}{2x_n} = \frac{1}{2}\left(x_n + \frac{a}{x_n}\right).$$

Chapter 3

Applications

Quotation: *Euclid taught me that without assumptions there is no proof. Therefore, in any argument, examine the assumptions. —Eric Temple Bell (1883-1960)*

“The word theorem in English derives from the Greek word theoreo which is a verb that has to do with “the quality of attention that has the intention of mind which contemplates an object studiously and attentively.” From Bullinger, E. W. “A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament”, Kregel Publications Grand Rapids, Michigan 1908.

“Like fire in a piece of flint, knowledge exists in the mind. Suggestion is the friction which brings it out.” Vivekananda

3.1 Fermat’s Theorem, Rolle’s Theorem, Mean Value Theorem, Cauchy Theorem

Let us start with a theorem that is essential in showing all the important theorems in this section. In what follows we assume that a, b are two real numbers such that $a < b$.

Theorem 3.1.1. (Extreme Value Theorem) *Every continuous function f on a closed interval $[a, b]$ is bounded. Moreover, the bounds of f are attained, e.i. there exist two points α and β in $[a, b]$ such that $f(\alpha) \leq f(x) \leq f(\beta)$ for all $c \in [a, b]$.*

Sketch of proof. If the function is not bounded then there exists a sequence x_n such that $|f(x_n)| \rightarrow \infty$. There must be a point in $[a, b]$ to which the sequence x_n

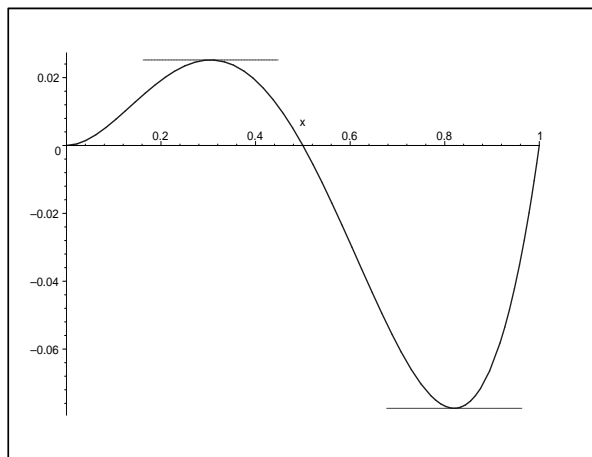


Figure 3.1: Example for Rolle's Theorem

accumulates, or in other words, there must be a subsequence x_{n_k} convergent to a point $c \in [a, b]$. Since f is assumed to be continuous $|f(c)| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |f(x_{n_k})| = \infty$. This is not possible. Hence the range of f must be a bounded interval because of the Intermediate Value Theorem (which we have seen before). This interval cannot be of the form $[c, d)$ because of the continuity argument used above. ■

The assumption that we have a closed interval is critical. If we only take an open interval, like $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(1-x)}$ defined on $(0, 1)$, we see that this function is continuous and unbounded.

Theorem 3.1.2. (Fermat's Theorem) *Let f be a differentiable function on (a, b) and continuous on $[a, b]$. If $c \in (a, b)$ is a point of local maximum or local minimum, then $f'(c) = 0$.*

Proof. Without loss of generality we may assume that $f(c) \leq f(x)$ for all $x \in (c - \epsilon, c + \epsilon)$ for some small $\epsilon > 0$. By definition of the derivative we must have

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

If we let $x < c$, we have $x - c < 0$ and so $\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \leq 0$ which implies $f'(c) \leq 0$. If we let $x > c$, then $x - c > 0$ and $\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \geq 0$ which implies so $f'(c) \geq 0$. This is possible only if $f'(c) = 0$. ■

3.1. FERMAT'S THEOREM, ROLLE'S THEOREM, MEAN VALUE THEOREM, CAUCHY THEOREM

Theorem 3.1.3. (Rolle's Theorem) *Let f be a differentiable function on (a, b) and continuous on $[a, b]$. If $f(a) = f(b)$, then, there exists a $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$.*

Proof. The function f is either a constant function, in which case the conclusion is clearly true, or a non constant function. Hence, we have a point x_0 where either $f(x_0) < f(a) = f(b)$ or $f(x_0) > f(a) = f(b)$. Without loss of generality we may assume that $f(x_0) < f(a) = f(b)$. Then let c be the point given by Theorem 3.1.1 such that $f(c) \leq f(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Since $f(c) \leq f(x_0) < f(a) = f(b)$ we must have $c \in (a, b)$. By Fermat's Theorem, we must have $f'(c) = 0$. ■

Theorem 3.1.4. (Mean Value Theorem) *Let f be a differentiable function on (a, b) and continuous on $[a, b]$. Then, there exists a $c \in (a, b)$ such that*

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$

Sketch of Proof. Let us consider the function $g(x) = f(x) - mx$ where $m = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$. One can see that this function satisfies the hypothesis of Rolle's theorem. Hence, there must be a $c \in (a, b)$ such that $g'(c) = 0$. This implies the desired conclusion. ■

The next corollary is very close to the First Law of Classical Mechanics: "The velocity of a body remains constant unless the body is acted upon by an external force."

Corollary 3.1.5. ("First Principle of Classical Mechanics") *Let f be a differentiable function on (a, b) and continuous on $[a, b]$. If $f'(x) = 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, then there exists a constant C such that $f(x) = C$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.*

Proof. Suppose by way of contradiction that f is not a constant. Then we can find $x_1 < x_2$, $a \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq b$, such that $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$. Then by Mean Value Theorem applied to f on $[x_1, x_2]$ we find a $c \in (x_1, x_2)$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(x_2)-f(x_1)}{x_2-x_1} \neq 0$. This contradiction gives the result. ■

Radioactive Decay: Here is an application of this result. Let us assume $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $a > 0$ (decay constant). Suppose that we have a function f which satisfy the differential equation:

$$f'(x) = -af(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

which is saying that the amount of radioactive substance rate of change (decreasing) is proportional to the amount of radioactive substance left. Let us show that the only functions which satisfy this equation are $f(x) = Ce^{-ax}$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Indeed, we look at the newly defined function $g(x) = f(x)e^{ax}$ and compute its derivative:

$g'(x) = f'(x)e^{ax} + af(x)e^{ax} = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. By Corollary 3.1.5, we must have $g(x) = C$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence $f(x) = Ce^{-ax}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

“Propagation of light”: Let us show that the differential equation $f'' + f = 0$ has only the solution $f(x) = C_1 \sin x + C_2 \cos x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. We consider the new function $g(x) = f'(0) \sin x + f(0) \cos x - f(x)$. Let us observe that $g(0) = g'(0) = 0$ and $g'' + g = 0$. Let us look at another function $h(x) = g(x)^2 + g'(x)^2$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. We observe that $h'(x) = 2g(x)g'(x) + 2g'(x)g''(x) = 0$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence by Corollary 3.1.5, $h(x) = C$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Since $h(0) = 0$ we see that $h(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Therefore $g(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. So, $f(x) = C_1 \sin x + C_2 \cos x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 3.1.6. (Cauchy’s Theorem) *Let f, g be two functions continuous on $[a, b]$ ($a < b$), differentiable on (a, b) such that $g'(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$. Then there exists a $\xi \in (a, b)$ such that*

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} = \frac{f'(\xi)}{g'(\xi)}.$$

Proof. Let us consider the function $h(x) = f(x) - kg(x)$ where $k = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{g(b)-g(a)}$. This number is well defined since $g(b) = g(a)$ would imply by Rolle’s Theorem that $g'(c) = 0$ for some $c \in (a, b)$, which is not possible by our assumption. We apply Rolle’s Theorem to h on $[a, b]$. Clearly h is continuous and differentiable on $[a, b]$ (resp (a, b)). Also, $h(b) = h(a)$ is equivalent to $f(b) - kg(b) = f(a) - kg(a)$ or $k = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{g(b)-g(a)}$ (true by definition of k). Hence we must have a $\xi \in (a, b)$ in such a way, that $h'(\xi) = 0$. This is equivalent to $f'(\xi) - kg'(\xi) = 0$ or $\frac{f'(\xi)}{g'(\xi)} = k$. ■

Here is another application of the sort of differential equation we have seen before.

Problem: *Let us assume that f is a differential function on some interval $I = (a, b)$ such that $f'(x) = f(x)^2$ and $f(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in I$. Show that there exists a constant $C \notin I$ such that $f(x) = \frac{1}{C-x}$ for all $x \in I$.*

Proof. We consider $g(x) = \frac{1}{f(x)}$ which is well defined for $x \in I$. Then $g'(x) = \frac{-f'(x)}{f(x)^2} = -1$ and so $(g(x) + x)'(x) = 0$. Hence $g(x) + x = C$ for some constant C . This implies $f(x) = \frac{1}{C-x}$ for $x \in I$. It is clear that $C \notin I$. ■

3.1.1 Problems

1. *Let $a > 0$ and f a function twice differentiable on \mathbb{R} such that $f''(x) + a^2 f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that there exists two constants C_1 and C_2 such that $f(x) = C_1 \sin ax + C_2 \cos ax$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.*

[2.] Consider a differentiable function f is a differential function on some interval $I = (a, b)$ such that $f'(x) = f(x)^3$ and $f(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in I$. Show that there exists a constant C , such that $f(x) = \frac{\pm 1}{\sqrt{C-2x}}$, $x \in I$.

[3.] **[Darboux Property for derivatives]** Consider $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a differentiable function and some real number s such that $f'(a) < s < f'(b)$. Follow the following steps to prove the Darboux Property for derivatives (see Lars Olsen [4]):

$$(i) \text{ show that } u(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a} & \text{if } x > a \\ f'(a) & \text{if } x = a \end{cases} \quad \text{and } v(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(b)-f(x)}{b-x} & \text{if } x < b \\ f'(b) & \text{if } x = b \end{cases}$$

are continuous functions.

(ii) check that $t = u(b) = v(a)$ and if $s = t$ then we can apply MVT to f and conclude that $m = f'(c)$ for some $c \in (a, b)$.

(iii) if $s < t$ we can apply IVT to u and then MVT to f and conclude that $m = f'(c)$ for some $c \in (a, b)$.

(iv) if $t < s$ we can apply IVT to v and then MVT to f and conclude that $m = f'(c)$ for some $c \in (a, b)$.

[4.] Consider a differentiable function f on $[-1, 1]$ such that $f(-1) = -3$, $f(0) = -5$ and $f(1) = 2$. Prove that there is a point $c \in (-1, 1)$ such that $f'(c) = 4$.

[5.] **[Putnam Exam]** Let f be a three times differentiable function on \mathbb{R} having at least five distinct real zeroes. Show that

$$f + 6f' + 12f'' + 8f'''$$

has at least two distinct real zeroes.

3.2 L'Hospital's Rule

L'Hospital Rule is a technique used in the computation of limits in order to reduce them to elementary ones. There are two main cases in which one uses L'Hospital's Rule. Let us start with the case when the limit of the second function is ∞ .

Theorem 3.2.1. Let us assume that f and g are two functions defined on some domain D containing a as a limit point. In addition we know that $g(x) \nearrow \infty$ (it goes increasingly to infinity, i.e. $g'(x) > 0$, as $x \in D$ goes to a) and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L$. Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$.

Proof Sketch: We fix an $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$. Let us assume that if $0 < |x - a| < \delta_1$ we have $|\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{4}$. For u fixed but satisfying the same inequality, i.e. $0 < |u - a| < \delta_1$, we look at

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{g(x) - g(u)} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{f(u)}{g(x)} - \frac{f(x)g(u)}{g(x)g(x)}}{1 - \frac{g(u)}{g(x)}} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{f(u) - Lg(u)}{g(x)} - (\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - L)\frac{g(u)}{g(x)}}{1 - \frac{g(u)}{g(x)}} \right|,$$

we observe that if we let $0 < |x - a| < \delta_2 = \delta_2(u, \epsilon) < \delta_1$, $g(x)$ is big enough to insure that

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{g(x) - g(u)} \right| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4} + \left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - L \right| \frac{\epsilon}{4}.$$

By Cauchy's Theorem we have $\frac{f(x) - f(u)}{g(x) - g(u)} = \frac{f'(c_{x,u})}{g'(c_{x,c})}$ with $c_{x,u}$ between x and u which makes it satisfy $0 < |c_{x,u} - a| < \delta_1$. Hence

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{g(x) - g(u)} - L \right| = \left| \frac{f'(c_{x,u})}{g'(c_{x,c})} - L \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{4}.$$

Therefore, one can use the triangle inequality, and the above inequalities to get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - L \right| &\leq \left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{g(x) - g(u)} \right| + \left| \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{g(x) - g(u)} - L \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - L \right| \frac{\epsilon}{4} \implies \\ (1 - \frac{\epsilon}{4}) \left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - L \right| &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \implies \left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - L \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) < \epsilon. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Let's see some applications of this very powerful rule. We have some limits in Chapter I which we now prove with this rule. For instance,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{e^x} = 0.$$

In a similar way one can show any of the cases in (1.11). Clearly, (1.12) follows from (1.11), but we can use L'Hospital, for example,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/x}{1/(2\sqrt{x})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} = 0.$$

The second version of L'Hospital Rule is when both functions approach 0.

Theorem 3.2.2. *Let us assume that f and g are two functions defined on some domain D containing a as a limit point. In addition we know that $f(x), g(x) \rightarrow 0$ and $g'(x) \neq 0$, as $x \in D$ goes to a . Finally, if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L$. Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$.*

The proof goes the same way as before and we let it as an exercise for the reader.

Let's look at some of the fundamental limits in Chapter I. First, we have for the second fundamental limit (1.4)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1/(1+x)}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1+x} = 1.$$

Notice that we have a vicious circle here since we arrived at the derivatives of the elementary functions by using the fundamental limits. So, when we define these transcendental functions more precisely, we will have to prove those limits independent of the L'Hospital's Rule or any differentiation technique. Let us show one other example of how can we obtain pretty good information about a function with L'Hospital's Rule. Let us prove that $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + O(x^5)$, here we used a classical notation, $f(x) = g(x) + O(h(x))$, which means that $\frac{f(x)-g(x)}{h(x)}$ is bounded as a function of x in a certain domain. Indeed, first

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^3} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{3x^2} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin x}{6x} = -\frac{1}{6}, \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x + \frac{x^3}{6}}{x^5} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}}{5x^4} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin x + x}{20x^3} = \frac{1}{120}.$$

This implies that $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + O(x^5)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. What is interesting is that a more precise statement is true, as the Figure 3.5 suggests, and its proof is left as an exercise:

$$\left| \sin x - x + \frac{x^3}{6} \right| \leq \frac{|x|^5}{120}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

3.2.1 Problems

1. Prove the second version of L'Hospital's Rule.

2. Prove the inequality

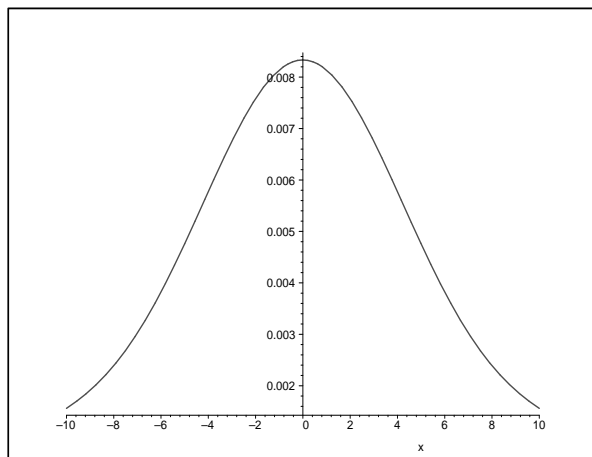


Figure 3.2: Graph of $y = \frac{\sin x - x + \frac{x^3}{6}}{x^5}$, $x \neq 0$, $x \in [-10, 10]$

$$\left| \sin x - x + \frac{x^3}{6} \right| \leq \frac{|x|^5}{120}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

3. Prove the inequality

$$\left| \cos x - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} \right| \leq \frac{x^4}{24}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

4. Use L'Hospital's Rule to show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x - \frac{x^2}{2}}{x^3} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

5. Use L'Hospital's Rule to show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

[6.] Use L'Hospital's Rule to show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\arctan x - x + \frac{x^3}{3}}{x^5} = \frac{1}{5}.$$

[7.] Prove the inequality

$$\left| \arctan x - x + \frac{x^3}{3} \right| \leq \frac{|x|^5}{5}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

[8.] Use L'Hospital's Rule to show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{8}}{x^3} = \frac{1}{16}.$$

[9.] Prove the inequality

$$\left| \sqrt{1+x} - 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{8} \right| \leq \frac{3|x|^3}{8}, \quad x \in [-1, \infty).$$

[10.] Let $a > 0$ and f be differentiable on $(0, \infty)$ such that $f'(x) + af(x) \rightarrow L$. Show that $f(x) \rightarrow \frac{L}{a}$.

3.3 Optimization Problems

Let us take a look at three optimization problems which are classic. First, we want to prove the Arithmetic-Geometric Mean inequality:

$$(3.1) \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, \quad a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \geq 0 \implies \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \geq \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n}.$$

Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + x}{n} - \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} x}$ defined for all $x \geq 0$. We see that $f(0) \geq 0$, and $f'(x) = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n} \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} x^{\frac{1-n}{n}}}$. We may assume that $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1} > 0$ and, in this case, we see that the only critical point of f is $x_0 = \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1}}$. This is clearly a point of minimum for f and if we calculate $f(x_0)$ we see that

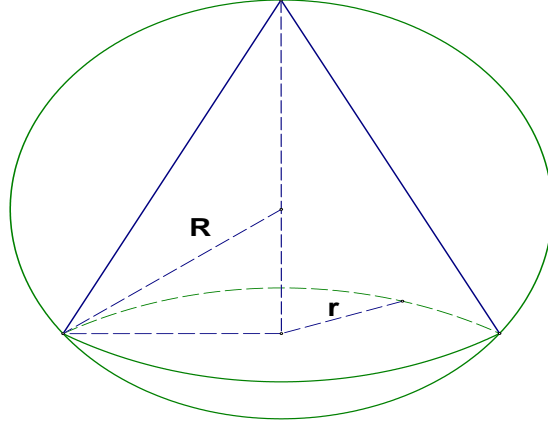


Figure 3.3: Cone inscribed in a sphere

$$f(x_0) = \frac{n-1}{n} \left(\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}}{n-1} \geq \sqrt[n-1]{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1}} \right).$$

We observe that this reduces the problem to $n - 1$ non-negative numbers. This argument can then be repeated until we arrive at only two numbers a_1 and a_2 . It is clear that $(a_1 + a_2)/2 \geq \sqrt{a_1 a_2}$ is true because it is algebraically equivalent to $(\sqrt{a_1} - \sqrt{a_2})^2 \geq 0$.

Let us consider now the problem of finding the maximum volume cone inscribed in a sphere (see Figure 3.3). The radius of the sphere is $R > 0$ and the radius of the cone is $r > 0$. Hence the height of the cone is $h = R + \sqrt{R^2 - r^2}$, and so the volume is $V = \frac{\pi r^2 h}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}(r^2 R + r^2 \sqrt{R^2 - r^2})$. We look at the derivative of V with respect to r

$$V'(r) = \frac{\pi}{3}(2rR + 2r\sqrt{R^2 - r^2} - \frac{r^3}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}), \text{ or}$$

$$V'(r) = \frac{r\pi}{3\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}(2R\sqrt{R^2 - r^2} + 2(R^2 - r^2) - r^2).$$

The equation $V'(r) = 0$ is equivalent to $2R\sqrt{R^2 - r^2} = 3r^2 - 2R^2$ or

$$4R^4 - 4R^2 r^2 = 9r^4 - 12r^2 R^2 + 4R^4 \iff r = r_0 := \frac{2\sqrt{2}R}{3}.$$

We notice that $V(r_0) = \frac{\pi r_0^2 h}{3} = \frac{\pi(8)R^3}{27}(1 + \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{32\pi R^3}{81}$. Since we have $V(0) = 0$ and $V(R) = \frac{\pi R^3}{3} < \frac{32\pi R^3}{81}$ we see that we could assume that the center of the sphere is inside the cone. We have only one critical point so this must be the maximum. If we denote this maximum by V_c and the volume of the sphere by V_s we observe that $\frac{V_c}{V_s} = (\frac{2}{3})^3$.

Finally, let us prove the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality:

$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \implies (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \dots + b_n^2) \geq (a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n)^2.$$

Let us consider the function $g(x) = (a_1 - b_1 x)^2 + (a_2 - b_2 x)^2 + \dots + (a_n - b_n x)^2$ which satisfies clearly $g(x) \geq 0$ for all real numbers x . The function g is a quadratic since $g(x) = (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2) - 2(a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n)x + (b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \dots + b_n^2)x^2 = A - 2Bx + Cx^2$. Its minimum is attained at x_0 which is the solution of $g'(x) = 0$. We can assume that $C > 0$, otherwise the inequality is trivially satisfied. Then $x_0 = \frac{B}{C}$ and so, in particular, $g(x_0) = \frac{AC - B^2}{C} \geq 0$, which is equivalent to our inequality of interest.

3.4 Sketching Graphs of Elementary Functions

For some simple functions, if we use the information about the function, such as the x-intercepts, y-intercept, asymptotes, symmetry, the information about the derivative and its second derivative, we can draw the graph of the function with pretty good accuracy. We are going to exemplify this first with $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x}{x^2 + 1}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. We see that the x-intercepts are $x = 0$, $x = 1$ and $x = -1$. The function is odd because $f(-x) = -f(x)$, so its graph is symmetric with respect to the origin. We have $f'(x) = \frac{x^4 + 4x^2 - 1}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$, which gives the critical points $x_{1,2} = \pm\sqrt{\sqrt{5} - 2} \approx \pm 0.4858682712$. The second derivative is given by $f''(x) = -\frac{4x(x^2 - 3)}{(x^2 + 1)^3}$ which gives inflection points $x_3 = 0$, $x_{4,5} = \pm\sqrt{3} \approx \pm 1.732050808$. We have a slant asymptote since $f(x) = x - \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1}$. This identity shows that $y = x$ is the slant asymptote. All the information leads to the graph of f shown in Figure 3.4.

Let us mention that $y = mx + n$ is a slant asymptote of f at ∞ , if $m = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x}$ and $n = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) - mx$. The same definition goes for $-\infty$.

Next, we are going to look at an example of an elementary function which has a horizontal asymptote at ∞ and a slant asymptote at $-\infty$. Let $g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^6 + 1} - x^3}{x^2 + 1}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. We are going to use Maple to do some computations here, for getting

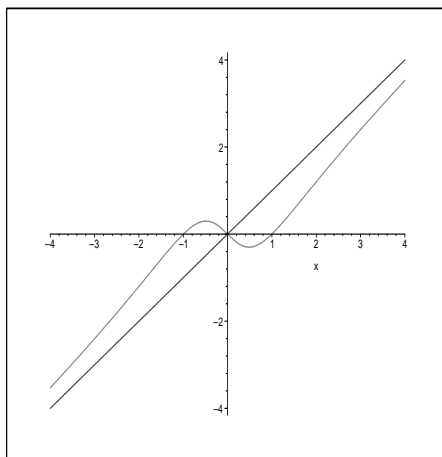


Figure 3.4: Graph of $y = \frac{x^3 - x}{x^2 + 1}$

$$g'(x) = \frac{(x^3 - \sqrt{x^6 + 1})x(3x^3 + 3x + 2\sqrt{x^6 + 1})}{(x^2 + 1)^2\sqrt{x^6 + 1}}.$$

There are only two critical which can be computed exactly $x_1 = 0$ and $x_2 = -\sqrt{10\sqrt{249} - 130}/10 \approx -0.5272318124$. One can check that $y = -2x$ is a slant asymptote at $-\infty$ and $y = 0$ is a horizontal asymptote at ∞ . We are not going to look at the second derivative. The graph of $y = g(x)$ is shown in Figure 3.5.

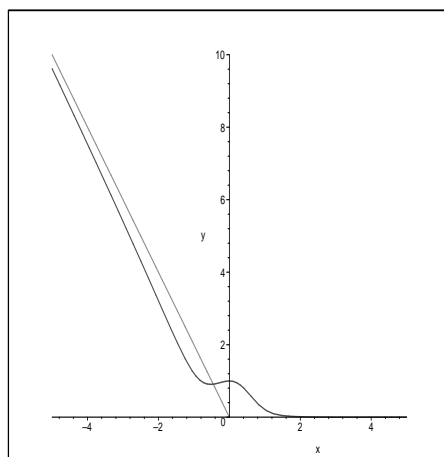


Figure 3.5: Graph of $y = g(x)$, $x \in [-5, 5]$

Chapter 4

Antiderivative and Definite Integral in the sense of Riemann

Quotation: *"Every minute dies a man, Every minute one is born;" I need hardly point out to you that this calculation would tend to keep the sum total of the world's population in a state of perpetual equipoise, whereas it is a well-known fact that the said sum total is constantly on the increase. I would therefore take the liberty of suggesting that in the next edition of your excellent poem the erroneous calculation to which I refer should be corrected as follows: "Every moment dies a man, And one and a sixteenth is born." I may add that the exact figures are 1.067, but something must, of course, be conceded to the laws of metre. Charles Babbage, letter to Alfred, Lord Tennyson, about a couplet in his "The Vision of Sin"*

4.1 Antiderivative and some previous formulae

Let us start with the definition of the *anti-derivative* of a function. We say that F differentiable on D (in general a union of intervals) is the *antiderivative* of f defined on D , if $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in D$. It is clear that if F is an antiderivative of f then $F + c$ is too, for every constant c . The notation used to go from a function f to its antiderivative F , if it exist, is $\int f(x)dx = F(x) + C$. So we can write all the differentiation formulae we have seen so far with this new notation:

$$\int x^\alpha dx = \frac{x^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} + C, \text{ where } \alpha \neq -1, \text{ and } \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C,$$

$$\int a^{\alpha x} dx = \frac{a^{\alpha x}}{\alpha \ln a} + C, \quad a \neq 1, a > 0, \alpha \neq 0,$$

$$\int \ln x dx = x \ln x - x + C, \quad x > 0,$$

$$\int \sin \alpha x dx = -\frac{\cos \alpha x}{\alpha}, \quad \int \cos \alpha x dx = \frac{\sin \alpha x}{\alpha}, \quad \alpha \neq 0,$$

$$\int \tan \alpha x dx = -\frac{\ln |\cos \alpha x|}{\alpha} + C, \quad \int \cot \alpha x dx = \frac{\ln |\sin \alpha x|}{\alpha} + C, \quad \alpha \neq 0,$$

$$\int \sec \alpha x dx = \frac{\ln |\sec \alpha x + \tan \alpha x|}{\alpha} + C, \quad \int \csc \alpha x dx = -\frac{\ln |\csc \alpha x + \cot \alpha x|}{\alpha} + C, \quad \alpha \neq 0,$$

$$\int \sec^2 \alpha x dx = \frac{\tan \alpha x}{\alpha} + C, \quad \int \csc^2 \alpha x dx = -\frac{\cot \alpha x}{\alpha} + C, \quad \alpha \neq 0,$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + \alpha^2} dx = \frac{1}{\alpha} \arctan \frac{x}{\alpha} + C, \quad \alpha \neq 0,$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + x^2}} dx = \ln(x + \sqrt{\alpha^2 + x^2}) + C,$$

$$(4.1) \quad \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - x^2}} dx = \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) + C.$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - \alpha^2} dx = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \ln \left| \frac{x - \alpha}{x + \alpha} \right| + C.$$

Let us point out that these rules are basically just our previous differentiation rules “in reverse”. The whole process of integration becomes all of a sudden a lot trickier when we throw in the chain rule. For instance, let us look at the problem of finding the anti-derivative of $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}}$. We observe that $f(x) = \frac{g'(x)}{1+g(x)^2}$, where $g(x) = e^x$, so $\int f(x) dx = \arctan g(x) + C = \arctan e^x + C$. In Calculus II, we will study a variety of techniques that will make the process of integration more

straightforward. We will see in this chapter just one of them, called, integration by substitution, but we will do it in the context of definite integrals.

Since the derivative is a linear operation we can easily observe that

$$\int [\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)] dx = \alpha \int f(x) dx + \beta \int g(x) dx,$$

the equality is “up to a constant”, i.e. one needs to add appropriate constants to get the equality.

Examples: Compute an antiderivative of each of the following functions:

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x + 3}{x^4},$$

$$(b) g(x) = x \sin(x^2) - \frac{1}{1 + 9x^2},$$

$$(c) h(x) = \frac{x + 2}{x^2 - 1}$$

Solutions: (a) We have $f(x) = x^{-2} - 2x^{-3} + 3x^{-4}$ and therefore $\int f(x) dx = -\frac{1}{x} - 2\frac{x^{-2}}{-2} + 3\frac{x^{-3}}{-3} + C$ or $\int f(x) dx = -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^3} + C$. If we want to put the answer in the same form as the given function then

$$\boxed{\int f(x) dx = \frac{x - x^2 - 1}{x^3} + C.}$$

(b) Here we need to think of the chain rule in reverse. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int g(x) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int 2x \sin(x^2) dx - \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{3}{1 + (3x)^2} dx = \\ &= \boxed{-\frac{\cos(x^2)}{2} - \frac{\arctan(3x)}{3} + C.} \end{aligned}$$

(c) We split it as follows: $h(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-1} + \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1}$ and then

$$\begin{aligned} \int h(x) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{x^2-1} dx + \int \frac{1}{x-1} dx - \int \frac{1}{x+1} dx = \\ &= \frac{\ln|x^2-1|}{2} + \ln|x-1| - \ln|x+1| + C = \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2-1| \frac{|x-1|^2}{|x+1|^2} + C, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\int h(x)dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|x-1|^3}{|x+1|} + C.$$

Homework problems. Compute an antiderivative of each of the following functions:

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 1}{x^4},$$

$$(b) g(x) = x \cos(x^2) - \frac{1}{4 + x^2},$$

$$(c) h(x) = \frac{3x + 5}{(x + 1)(x - 4)}$$

4.1.1 More Homework Problems

1. Find an antiderivative of the following functions:

$$(A) f(x) = x^2 - 2x - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}, \quad x \neq 0,$$

$$(B) g(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^3}, \quad x \neq 0,$$

$$(C) h(x) = 2 \sin x - 3 \cos 2x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$(D) i(x) = \tan^2 x, \quad x \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2),$$

$$(E) j(x) = e^{2x} + 2^{3x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$(F) k(x) = \log_2 x, \quad x > 0,$$

$$(G) l(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-4}, \quad x > 2,$$

$$(H) m(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+1}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

2. Calculate $\int x \sin x dx$ and $\int x \cos x dx$.

3. Calculate $\int x e^x dx$ and $\int x e^{2x} dx$.

4. Find a twice differentiable function f such that $f(1) = f'(1) = 0$ and $f''(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ for all $x > 0$.

5. Find a twice differentiable function f such that $f(-1) = f'(-1) = 0$ and $f''(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ for all $x < 0$.

6. (Chain rule combinations) Find an antiderivative of the following functions:

(a) $f(x) = 2 \sin(2x + 1) - 3 \cos(3x - 1)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

(b) $g(x) = (2x + 1)e^{x^2+x}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

(c) $h(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2+x+1}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

4.2 Definite Integral

This is the third most important concept in Calculus besides the notions of limit and derivative. We are going to introduce it for continuous functions as usual but it can be generalized to a bigger class of functions. At this point, let us assume that f is a bounded function defined on an interval $[a, b]$ with $a < b$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we let $a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 \dots < x_n = b$ be a partition of $[a, b]$ into n -intervals, which are not necessarily equal in length, and some arbitrary points $c_k \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]$, $k = 1, \dots, n$. The number $\delta = \max\{x_i - x_{i-1} : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ is called the norm of the partition.

Definition 4.2.1. We say that f is **Riemann integrable** on the interval $[a, b]$ if the limit

$$\ell := \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i)(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

exists. The limit is understood in the sense that c_i and the partition are arbitrary. The limit ℓ is usually denoted by

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx.$$

It turns out that every continuous function on a closed interval is Riemann integrable. This is a result that is taught in a more advanced course like Real Analysis I or II (for mathematics majors). One of the geometrical interpretations of the number $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ is the area under the graph of $y = f(x)$, x -axis $x = a$ and $x = b$. The next theorem gives a very interesting way of computing the above limits in terms of an antiderivative of f and at the same time gives the existence of an anti-derivative of a continuous function.

Theorem 4.2.2. (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus-FTC.)

(a) Let f be a real-valued function defined on $[a, b]$ which is continuous. If $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Then $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

(b) If f as above is Riemann integrable and F is an anti-derivative of f , then $\int_a^b f(t)dt = F(b) - F(a)$.

Let us look at an application of part (a) of the FTC.

Problem 1. Let $f(x) = \int_{\cos x}^{\sin x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt$ for $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$. Find the derivative of $f(x)$ and then find $f(x)$.

Using the FTC and the chain rule, we get

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{\sin x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt - \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{\cos x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin(x)^2}} \cos x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\cos(x)^2}} (-\sin x) = \frac{\cos x}{\cos x} + \frac{\sin x}{\sin x} = \boxed{2}, \quad x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}].$$

Hence $f(x) = 2x + C$. Since $f(\pi/4) = 0$, we must have $f(x) = 2x - \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Let us observe that one can use FTC part (b) and formula (4.1) and arrive at the same result:

$$f(x) = \arcsin(\sin x) - \arcsin(\cos x) = x - \arcsin(\sin(\pi/2 - x)) = x - (\pi/2 - x) = 2x - \pi/2, \quad x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}].$$

Problem 2. Differentiate the function $F(x) = \int_{-\tan x}^{\tan x} \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt$.

Problem 3. Calculate the definite integral $\int_0^5 \frac{x}{\sqrt{3x+1}} dx$.

Solution: Changing the variable $3x+1 = u^2$ gives $3dx = 2udu$

$$\int_0^5 \frac{x}{\sqrt{3x+1}} dx = \int_1^4 \frac{u^2-1}{3u} \frac{2udu}{3} = \frac{2}{9} \left(\frac{u^3}{3} \Big|_1^4 - u \Big|_1^4 \right) = 4,$$

so

$$\boxed{\int_0^5 \frac{x}{\sqrt{3x+1}} dx = 4}.$$

Another application of the FTC and the fact that continuous functions are Riemann integrable is the next exercise of calculating a special limit.

Problem Find the value of the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{4n^2 + k^2}$.

Solution: We write this limit as the limit of a Riemann sums:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{4n^2 + k^2} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \frac{n}{4n^2} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{k}{2n}\right)^2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{2n} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{k}{2n}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \arctan x \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{4n^2 + k^2} = \frac{\pi}{8}$.

4.2.1 Homework Problems

Problem 1. Calculate the definite integral $\int_0^4 \frac{9 - 5x}{\sqrt{2x + 1}} dx$.

Problem 2. Let $f(x) = \int_{-\tan x}^{\tan x} \sqrt{1 + t^2} dt$ for $x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$. Find the derivative of $f(x)$.

Problem 3. Find the value of the definite integral $\int_0^1 \frac{(x + 2) dx}{\sqrt{4 + 5x}}$.

Problem 4. Let $f(x) = \int_{2x-1}^{3x-2} \frac{1}{t^2 + 2} dt$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Find the derivative of $f(x)$.

Problem 5. Find the value of the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3n + 1} + \frac{1}{3n + 2} + \dots + \frac{1}{4n}.$$

Problem 6. Find the value of the definite integral $\int_0^8 \frac{3x - 2}{\sqrt{9 + 2x}} dx$.

Riemann Sums Exercises

1. Find the value of the following limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(\pi/(4n)) + \sin(2\pi/(4n)) + \dots + \sin(n\pi/(4n))}{n}$$

Answer: $\frac{4-2\sqrt{2}}{\pi}$

2. Find the value of the following limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{5n} \frac{1}{n+k}$$

Answer: $\ln(6)$

3. Find the value of the following limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n^2 + k^2}$$

Answer: $\pi/4$

4. Find the value of the following limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sum_{k=1}^{3n} \frac{1}{n^2 + k^2}$$

Answer: $\arctan(3)$

5. Find the value of the following limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{4n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{9n^2 + k^2}}$$

Answer: $\ln(3)$

6. Find the value of the limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3n+1} + \frac{1}{3n+3} + \frac{1}{3n+5} + \dots + \frac{1}{5n-1}$$

Answer: $\frac{\ln(5/3)}{2}$

7. Find the value of the following limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{4n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{25n^2 - k^2}}$$

Answer: $\arcsin(4/5)$

8. Calculate the following limit

Break for a short shot!

JokeTime!



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