

FIRST DERIVATIVE

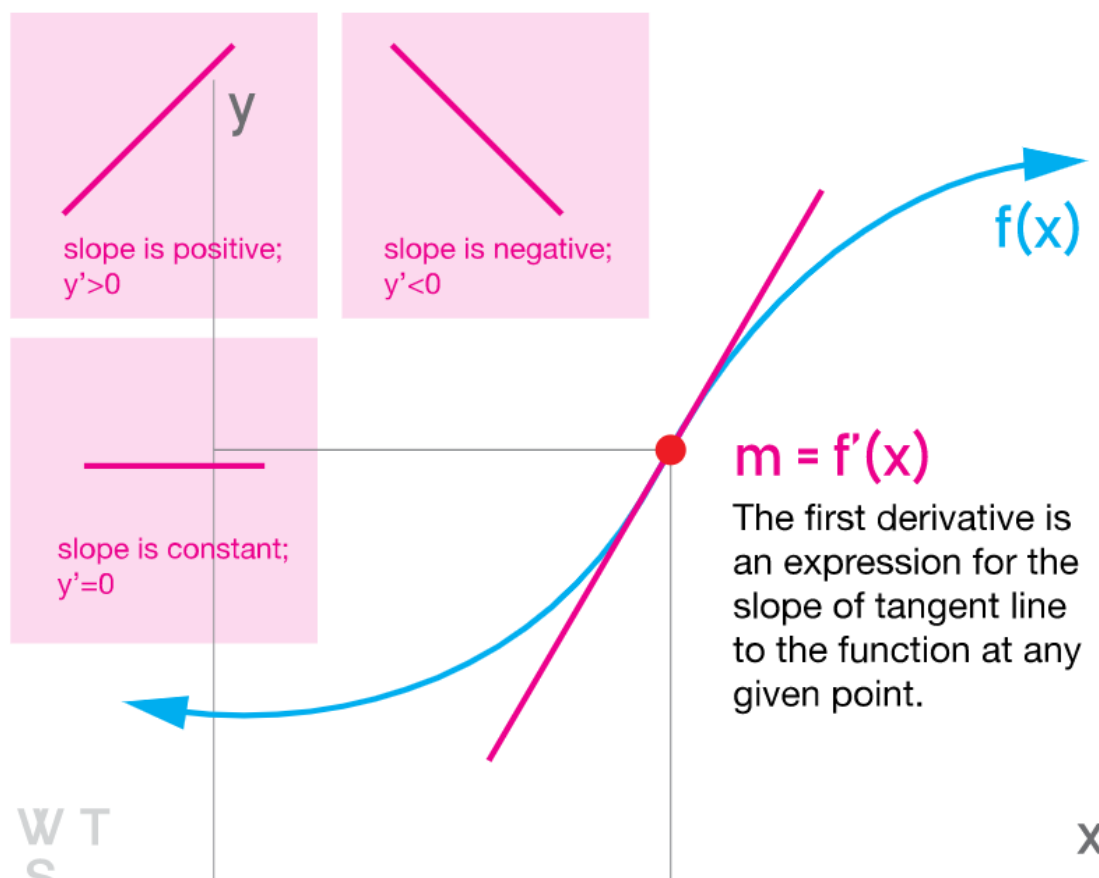
Measures the steepness of the graph of a function or rate of change.

NOTATIONS

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$f'(x)$$

$$y'$$



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The derivative

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⇒ **Beginning:** Explain the geometric meaning of differentiation.

Definition

A function $f: A \rightarrow R, A \subseteq R$ is called differentiable at c if and only if

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$ exists. The value of this limit is called the derivative of f at c and denoted by $f'(c)$

Theorem (1)

If f is differentiable at the point c , then f is cont. at c .

Proof: Let $\varepsilon > 0$, to prove that $|f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon$?

Since f is diff. $\Rightarrow f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$ exists

Now

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - f(c)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(f(x) - f(c) \cdot \frac{x - c}{x - c} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x - c) = f'(c) \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - f(c)) = 0 \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon \text{ (by def. of lim)}$$

$\Rightarrow f$ conts. at c .

Remark: The converse of Theorem (1) is not true, see the example below:

Examples

1. $f: R \rightarrow R, f(x) = |x|$ conts. but not diff. at $c = 0$.

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x| - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x} = \pm \frac{x}{x} = \pm 1 \text{ not exists}$$

$\Rightarrow f'(0)$ is not exists $\Rightarrow f$ is not diff. at $c = 0$

$$2. f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + \sqrt[3]{x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \sqrt[3]{x} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} \text{ cont. but not diff. at } c = 0.$$

$$3. f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{-x} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases} \text{ cont. but not diff. at } c = 0.$$

Exercise. Give an example for conts. function but not diff. at each point.

Theorem (2) Rules of derivatives: (without proof)

Let f, g be two diff. functions at c

1. $(f + g)$ is diff. at c and $(f + g)'(c) = f'(c) + g'(c)$

2. $(f \cdot g)$ is diff. at c and $(f \cdot g)'(c) = f'(c) \cdot g(c) + g'(c) \cdot f(c)$

3. if $f(c) \neq 0$, then $\frac{1}{f(c)}$ is diff. at c and $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)'(c) = \frac{-f'(c)}{(f(c))^2}$

4. if $g(c) \neq 0$, then $\frac{f}{g}$ is diff. at c and $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(c) = \frac{f'(c)g(c) - g'(c)f(c)}{(g(c))^2}$

5. if $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, f(x) = x^n$, then $f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$

Theorem (3) (Chain Rule)

Let f be diff. function at c and g diff. at $b = f(c)$, then $g \circ f$ is diff. at c and

$$(g \circ f)'(c) = g'(f(c))f'(c)$$

Proof

$$\text{Define } F_c(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(x)-f(c)}{x-c} & x \neq c \\ f'(c) & x = c \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow F_c$ is conts. function at c since:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (F_c(x) - F_c(c)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} - \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f'(c) = f'(c) - f'(c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |F_c(x) - F_c(c)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

Now,

$$\text{Define } G_b(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{g(y) - g(b)}{y - b} & y \neq b \\ g'(b) & y = b \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow G_b$ is conts. function at b

$$\forall x, F_c(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \Rightarrow f(x) - f(c) = (x - c)F_c(x) \dots \dots (*)$$

$$\forall y, G_b(y) = \frac{g(y) - g(b)}{y - b} \Rightarrow g(y) = g(b) + (y - b)G_b(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(y) = g(b) + (y - b)G_b(y)$$

$$= g(f(c)) + (f(x) - f(c))G_b(y)$$

$$\therefore (g \circ f)(x) = (g \circ f)(c) + (x - c)F_c(x)G_b(f(x)) \quad (\text{by } (*))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(g \circ f)(x) - (g \circ f)(c)}{x - c} = F_c(x)G_b(f(x))$$

Since $F_c(x)$ is cont. at c and $f(x)$ is diff. at c

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ cont. at } c \text{ and } G_b \text{ cont. at } b = f(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow G_b \circ f(x) \text{ conts. at } c$$

$$\Rightarrow F_c(G_b \circ f(x)) \text{ conts. at } c \Rightarrow \frac{(g \circ f)(x) - (g \circ f)(c)}{x - c} \text{ exists and then}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{(g \circ f)(x) - (g \circ f)(c)}{x - c} = F_c(c) \cdot G_b(f(c)) = f'(c) \cdot G_b(b) = f'(c)g'(b)$$

$$= f'(c)g'(f(c))$$

$$\therefore g \circ f \text{ diff. at } c$$

Theorem (4) (Inverse Function Theorem)

Suppose that $f: A \rightarrow B$ is bijective function, where A and B are intervals. If f is diff. at $a \in A$ and $f'(a) \neq 0$ then f^{-1} is diff. at $f(a) = b$

and $(f^{-1})' = \frac{1}{f'(a)}$ (Proof: exercise)

Examples

Explain Th. (4) by the following example

1. $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty) \ni f(x) = x^2$?

Solution: since f is (1-1) and onto, then f^{-1} exists and

$$y = x^2 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{y} \Rightarrow f^{-1}: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty) \ni f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y}$$

$$\forall y, (f^{-1}(y))' = \frac{1}{f'(x)} = \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$$

2. $f: \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow (-1, 1) \ni f(x) = \sin(x)$?

3. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty) \ni f(x) = e^x$?

Definition:

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$ is called the left-hand derivative of f at c and denoted by $f'_-(c)$.

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$ is called the right-hand derivative of f at c and denoted by $f'_+(c)$.

If $f'_+(c) = f'_-(c)$ exists, then f is diff. at c .

Exercises: Check $f'_-(c)$ and $f'_+(c)$ at $x = 0$, if $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$1. f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \leq 0 \\ 2x + 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

2. $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{-x}, & x \leq 0 \\ x, & x > 0 \end{cases}$
3. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin(\frac{1}{x}), & x \leq 0 \\ x, & x > 0 \end{cases}$

Definition:

1. A function f has a local maximum value at c , if $\exists J$ (J is an open interval) $c \in J$ such that $f(x) \leq f(c) \forall x \in J$

2. A function f has a local minimum value at c , if $\exists J$ (J is an open interval) $c \in J$ such that $f(c) \leq f(x) \forall x \in J$.

Theorem (5) (Local Extreme Value)

If f is diff. at c and f has a local max.(or min.) value at c , then $f'(c) = 0$

Proof

Suppose that f has min. value at $c \Rightarrow$ by def. $\exists J$ (J is open interval) $c \in J$ such that $f(c) \leq f(x) \forall x \in J \Rightarrow f(x) - f(c) \geq 0$

There are two cases:

1. If $x > c \Rightarrow x - c > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f_+'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \geq 0$
2. If $x < c \Rightarrow x - c < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \leq 0 \Rightarrow f_-'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \leq 0$

Since f is diff. at c , then $0 \leq f_+'(c) = f'(c) = f_-'(c) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f'(c) = 0$

Remark

The converse of Th. (5) is not necessarily true. As example

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \ni f(x) = x^3 \text{ diff. on } \mathbb{R}, f'(x) = 3x^2 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

Exercise

Determine the max. and min. value of $f(x) = x(x - 1)(x - 2)$ on $[0, 3]$.

Theorem (6) (Roll's Theorem)

If f is diff. on (a, b) and conts. on $[a, b]$ and $f(a) = f(b)$, then there exists c
 $a < c < b \ni f'(c) = 0$.

Proof: Since $[a, b]$ is compact and f conts. on $[a, b]$, then:

f has max. and min. $\Rightarrow \exists c_1, c_2 \in [a, b] \ni f(c_1)$ max. value, $f(c_2)$ min. value.

* If $f(c_1) = f(c_2) \Rightarrow f$ is constant $\forall x \in [a, b] \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$

* If $f(c_1) \neq f(c_2) \Rightarrow$ at least one of c_1 and c_2 is not equal to a or b

$\Rightarrow f$ has a local max. or min. (or both) in (a, b) .

By Th. (5) $f'(c_1) = 0$ or $f'(c_2) = 0$ (or both = 0).

Example

Find the value of c , which satisfy Roll's Th., $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow R \ni f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$

Solution: $1 - x^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow -x^2 \geq -1 \Rightarrow x^2 \leq 1 \Rightarrow -1 \leq x \leq 1$

$\Rightarrow f$ is diff. on $(-1, 1)$ and conts. on $[-1, 1]$

$a = -1, b = 1 \Rightarrow f(-1) = f(1) = 0$

by Roll's Th. $\Rightarrow \exists c. -1 < c < 1 \ni f'(c) = 0$

Since $f'(x) = \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ and $f'(c) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$

Theorem (7) (Mean Value Theorem) [M.V.T]

If f is diff. on (a, b) and conts. on $[a, b]$, then there exists $c, a < c < b$ such that

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

Proof: Define $g(x) = f(x) - \lambda x$, where $\lambda = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

Since f conts. on $[a, b]$ and λx conts. on $[a, b] \Rightarrow g$ is conts. on $[a, b]$

$\because f$ diff. on (a, b) and λx diff. on $(a, b) \Rightarrow g$ is diff. on (a, b) .

To prove $g(a) = g(b)$.

$$\begin{aligned} g(a) &= f(a) - \lambda a \\ &= f(a) - \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} a \\ &= \frac{f(a)b - f(a)a - f(b)a + f(a)a}{b-a} \\ &= \frac{f(a)b - f(b)a}{b-a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(b) &= f(b) - \lambda b \\ &= f(b) - \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} b \\ &= \frac{f(b)b - f(b)a - f(b)b + f(a)b}{b-a} \\ &= \frac{f(a)b - f(b)a}{b-a} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore g is diff. on (a, b) and $g(a) = g(b) \Rightarrow \exists c \in (a, b) \ni g'(c) = 0$.

Example

$f: [0,1] \rightarrow R, f(x) = \sqrt{x}$. find the value of c , which satisfy M.V.T.

Solution: f is conts. on $[0,1]$ and diff. on $(0,1)$, $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = \frac{1 - 0}{1 - 0} = 1 \Rightarrow f'(c) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\sqrt{c}} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} = 2 \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{4}$$

Collorary (1)

If f is conts. on $[a, b]$ and diff. on (a, b) and $f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$, then f is constant

Proof

Let $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$ and $x_1 < x_2$, Since f is conts. on $[a, b] \Rightarrow f$ conts. on $[x_1, x_2]$

and f diff. on (a, b)

$\Rightarrow f$ diff. on (x_1, x_2) .

$$\text{By M.V.T.} \Rightarrow \exists c; c \in (x_1, x_2) \ni f'(c) = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$\Rightarrow f(x_2) = f(x_1)$, for any x_1, x_2 in $[a, b] \Rightarrow f$ is constant.

Definition: Let $f: S \subseteq R \rightarrow R$ be a function, f is called

1. increasing if $(x_1 \leq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \leq f(x_2))$.
2. decreasing if $(x_1 \leq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_2) \leq f(x_1))$.

Examples:

Collorary (2) *If f is conts. on $[a, b]$, diff. on (a, b) and $f'(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$, then f is an*

increasing

Collorary (3) *If f is conts. on $[a, b]$, diff. on (a, b) and $f'(x) \leq 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$, then f is*

decreasing