
 Homework #7: Sharpening our tools

Note: Your work can only be assessed if it is legible.

1. **Basic derivatives.** Give the derivative of each of the following functions. You need not show your work.

$$f(x) = c, \text{ a constant}$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$f(x) = x^n, \text{ for a } n \text{ a positive integer}$$

$$f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$$

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x$$

$$f(x) = \csc x$$

$$f'(x) = -\csc x \cot x$$

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f(x) = \sec x$$

$$f'(x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$f(x) = \tan x$$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$f(x) = \cot x$$

$$f'(x) = -\csc^2 x$$

$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$f'(x) = e^x$$

$$f(x) = a^x, \text{ for } a > 0$$

$$f'(x) = a^x \cdot \ln a$$

2. **Rules for differentiation.** Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be differentiable functions. State the following rules of differentiation. (I have done the first one for you.)

(a) State the *sum/difference rule*.

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

(b) State the *product rule*.

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

(c) State the *quotient rule*. (Be sure to include the extra assumption for the function in the denominator.)

$$\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2} \quad \text{where } g(x) \neq 0.$$

(d) State the *chain rule*.

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

3. Working with the sum and difference rules. Differentiate each function.

(a) $f(x) = x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x^1 + 1.$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 + 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1$$

(b) $f(x) = \cot x - \csc x.$

$$f'(x) = \csc x \cot x - \csc^2 x$$

(c) $f(x) = \sin x + x^5 - e^5.$

$$f'(x) = \cos x + 5x^4$$

(d) $f(x) = (x^5 - x^{1000}) + (5^x - 1000^x)$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 - 1000x^{999} + 5^x \ln 5 - 1000^x \ln(1000)$$

4. Working with the product and quotient rules. Differentiate the following functions. You need not simplify.

(a) $f(x) = e^x \sin x$

$$f'(x) = e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x$$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{\sin x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{e^x \sin x - e^x \cos x}{\sin^2 x}$$

(c) $f(x) = (x^3 + 2x)e^x$

$$f'(x) = (3x^2 + 2)e^x + (x^3 + 2x)e^x$$

(d) $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x^3 + 2x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{e^x(x^3 + 2x) - e^x(3x^2 + 2)}{(x^3 + 2x)^2}$$

(e) $f(x) = \frac{e^x \sin x}{(x^3 + 2x)e^x}$

Cancel e^x :

use parts (a) and (c)

$$f'(x) = \frac{\cos x (x^3 + 2x) - \sin x (3x^2 + 2)}{(x^3 + 2x)^2} \quad \text{or}$$

$$(e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x)(e^x(x^3 + 2x))$$

(f) $f(x) = \frac{1 - xe^x}{x + e^x}$

$$f'(x) =$$

$$- (e^x \sin x) ((3x^2 + 2)e^x + (x^3 + 2x)e^x)$$

top derivative: $-e^x - xe^x$

bottom derivative: $1 + e^x$

$$\text{so... } f'(x) = \frac{(-e^x - xe^x)(x + e^x) - (1 + e^x)(1 + e^x)}{(x + e^x)^2}$$

5. Working with the chain rule. Differentiate the following functions. If you use a result from a previous question, mention which question and part. You may use the fact that $\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$ without justification.

(a) $f(x) = (x^4 + 3x^2 - 2)^5$

$$f'(x) = 5(x^4 + 3x^2 - 2)^4 \cdot (4x^3 + 6x)$$

(b) $f(x) = \tan(e^3 + x^3)$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2(e^3 + x^3) \cdot 3x^2$$

(c) $f(x) = \cos(e^x) + e^{\cos x}$

$$f'(x) = -\sin e^x \cdot e^x + e^{\cos(x)} (-\sin x)$$

(d) $f(x) = 2^{x^2-1}$

$$f'(x) = \ln(2) \cdot 2^{x^2-1} \cdot (2x)$$

(e) $f(x) = \sqrt{1-2x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2(\sqrt{1-2x})} \cdot (-2)$$

(f) $f(x) = (e^x + \sin x)^{256}$

$$f'(x) = 256(e^x + \sin x)^{255} \cdot (e^x + \cos x)$$

6. Working with multiple rules. Differentiate the following functions. If you use a result from a previous question, mention which question and part. You may use the fact that $\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$ without justification.

(a) $f(x) = \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x$.

$$f(x) = 1 \quad \text{so} \quad f'(x) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

(b) $f(x) = \sqrt{9 \sin^2 x + 9 \cos^2 x}$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{9} = 3 \quad \text{so} \quad f'(x) = 0$$

(c) $f(x) = \left(\frac{x^2+1}{x^2-1}\right)^3$

$$f'(x) = 3 \left(\frac{x^2+1}{x^2-1}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{x^2+1}{x^2-1}\right)' = 3 \left(\frac{x^2+1}{x^2-1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2x(x^2-1) - 2x(x^2+1)}{(x^2-1)^2}\right)$$

(d) $f(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$

(For those that are curious, this function is actually the hyperbolic tangent function.)

$$f'(x) = \frac{(e^x + e^{-x})(e^x + e^{-x}) - (e^x - e^{-x})(e^x - e^{-x})}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2}$$

(e) $f(x) = e^{t \sin 2t}$

$$f'(x) = e^{t \sin 2t} \cdot \left(\sin 2t + 2t \cos 2t \right)$$

(f) $f(x) = \sin(\sin(\sin x))$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \cos(\sin(\sin x)) (\sin(\sin x))' \\ &= \cos(\sin(\sin x)) \cdot \cos(\sin x) \cdot \cos x \end{aligned}$$

7. Given below is a table of values for differentiable functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ as well as their derivatives.

x	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	3	6	6	11
$f'(x)$	1	0	0	1
$g(x)$	1	3	5	4
$g'(x)$	1	2	3	4

(a) If $a(x) = f(x) + 2g(x)$, what is $a'(1)$?

$$a'(x) = f'(x) + 2g'(x) \quad \text{so} \quad a'(1) = f'(1) + 2g'(1) \\ = 1 + 2(1) = 3$$

(b) If $b(x) = f(x)g(x)$, what is $b'(2)$?

$$b'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x) \\ \text{so } b'(2) = f'(2)g(2) + f(2)g'(2) = 0 + 6(2) = 12$$

(c) If $c(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, what is $c'(3)$?

$$c'(x) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2} \quad \text{so} \quad c'(3) = \frac{0 - 6(3)}{(5)^2} \\ = \frac{18}{25}$$

(d) If $d(x) = f(g(x))$, what is $d(4)$?

$$d(4) = f(g(4)) = f(4) = 11$$

(e) What is $d'(4)$?

$$d'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x) \\ \text{so } d'(4) = f'(g(4))g'(4) = f'(4) \cdot 4 \\ = 1 \cdot 4 = 4$$