

Derivative & applications

$$f(z) - f(x) = [f'(x) + u_x(z)](z-x)$$

recall $f'(x)$ = der. of f at x

"rules": sum, product, quotient

chain rule $(g \circ f)'(x) = g'(f(x)) f'(x)$, $\left(\frac{d g \circ f}{d x} = \frac{d g}{d f} \frac{d f}{d x}\right)$

Lemma (Inverse function rule) Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \in \text{Int Dom}(f)$ s.t.

$f(x) \in \text{Int Ran}(f)$. Assume f injective s.t. f^{-1} is continuous at $f(x)$.

Assume also $f'(x)$ exists and obeys $f'(x) \neq 0$. Then

$(f^{-1})'(f(x))$ exists and obeys $(f^{-1})'(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$.

Ex $f(x) = x^2 \dots$ inverse $f^{-1}(x) = x^{1/2}$

$$(f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(f^{-1}(x))^{2-1}} = \frac{1}{2(x^{1/2})^{2-1}} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}$$

Ex $f(x) = x^{p/q} = (x^{1/q})^p$

$$f'(x) \stackrel{\text{chain}}{=} p (x^{1/q})^{p-1} \cdot \frac{1}{q} x^{1/q-1} \stackrel{\text{inverse}}{=} \frac{p}{q} x^{p/q-1}$$

Def Let $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \in \text{Dom}(f)$.

We say

• f has local maximum at x

$\downarrow \exists \delta > 0 \forall y \in B(x, \delta) \cap \text{Dom}(f)$:

$$f(y) \leq f(x).$$

• f has local minimum at x

$\uparrow \exists \delta > 0 \forall y \in B(x, \delta) \cap \text{Dom}(f)$:

$$f(x) \leq f(y)$$

local extremum = local min or local max.

Thm (1st deriv)

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Then f has local

Assume f has

Pf: Let $\delta > 0$

Then $\forall z \in$

$z > x \Rightarrow$

S_0 $f'(x)$

$z < x \Rightarrow$

Now $f'(x)$

$$\text{max } f^{-1}(x) = x^{1/2}$$

(a)

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^{1/2})^2 = \frac{d}{dx} x = 1 = \frac{d}{dx} x^{1/2} \cdot 2x^{1/2}$$

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Thm (1st derivative test)

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \in \text{int Dom}(f)$. Assume $f'(x)$ exists.

Then f has local extremum at $x \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$

Assume f has local max at x .

Pf: Let $\delta > 0$ s.t. $(x - \delta, x + \delta) \subseteq \text{Dom}(f)$.

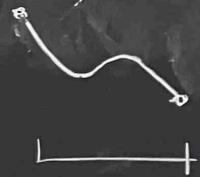
Then $\forall z \in (x - \delta, x + \delta)$:

$$z > x \Rightarrow \frac{f(z) - f(x)}{z - x} \leq 0$$

So $f'_{+}(x) \leq 0$. Similarly

$$z < x \Rightarrow \frac{f(z) - f(x)}{z - x} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f'_{-}(x) \geq 0$$

Now $f'(x)$ exists $\Rightarrow f'_{+}(x) = f'_{-}(x)$ so $f'(x) = 0$ \square



Mean value theorems

Thm (MVT) Let $a < b$, $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($\text{Dom}(f) = [a, b]$)
s.t. f cont. on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) .

Then

(1) (Rolle's Thm) $f(b) = f(a) \Rightarrow \exists x \in (a, b): f'(x) = 0$

(2) (Lagrange's Thm)

$$\exists x \in (a, b): f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

(3) (Cauchy's Thm) Let $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be cont. on $[a, b]$
and diff. on (a, b) . Assume $\forall x \in (a, b): g'(x) \neq 0$.
Then $g(a) \neq g(b)$ and

$$\exists x \in (a, b): \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)}$$

Pf (1) $f(a) = f(b) \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} f \text{ constant} \\ f \text{ NOT constant} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \exists x \in (a, b): \\ f \text{ has loc. extremum at } x \\ \text{So } \exists x \in (a, b): f'(x) = 0 \end{array}$
 Since f achieves its min & max

(2) $h(x) = f(x) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} (x - a)$

Then $h(a) = f(a)$, $h(b) = f(b)$

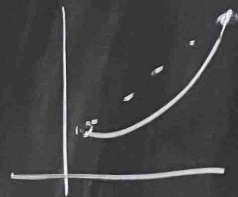
Rolle's Thm: $\exists x \in (a, b): h'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = 0$

(3) Lagrange's Thm: $\forall x \in (a, b): g'(x) \neq 0 \Rightarrow g(b) \neq g(a)$.

So define: $h(x) = f(x) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} (g(x) - g(a))$

Then $h(a) = h(b)$ so Rolle's Thm: $\exists x \in (a, b): h'(x) = 0$.

Now do the algebra. \square



Applications of MVT

Lemma Let $a < b$, $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
cont. on $[a, b]$, differentiable on (a, b) . Then

f non-decreasing on $[a, b]$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in (a, b): f'(x) \geq 0$$

Pf \Rightarrow triv. (def. of derivative)

$\Leftarrow \forall x, y \in [a, b]:$

$$x < y \xRightarrow{\text{MVT}} \exists z \in (x, y): f(y) - f(x) = f'(z)(y-x)$$

$\geq 0 \quad \geq 0 \quad \square$

Corollary Let $f, g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
be cont. on $[a, b]$, diff. on (a, b) .

Then

$$f(a) \leq g(a) \wedge \forall x \in (a, b): f'(x) \leq g'(x)$$

implies

$$\forall x \in [a, b]: f(x) \leq g(x)$$

Pf: Apply MVT to $h = g - f$
 $0 = h(a) \Rightarrow \exists z \in (a, z): h'(z) = \frac{h(z) - h(a)}{z - a} < 0$

Ex Solve ODE:

Suppose $z(b) < y$
implies $\forall z > 0$

More abstract application

Def $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
value property

$\forall x, y \in [a, b]:$

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Ex Solve ODE: $\frac{dy}{dt} = y + \sqrt{y}$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = z \dots z = Ae^t$$

Suppose $z(0) < y(0)$. Then Corollary

implies: $\forall t \geq 0: z(t) \leq y(t)$. (differential inequality)

More abstract application/explanation of MVT:

Def $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has intermediate value property (IVP) if

$\forall x, y \in [a, b]; x < y \Rightarrow f([x, y])$ is an interval

Thm (Darboux's Thm) Let $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
be cont on $[a,b]$, diff. on (a,b) . Then
 f' has IVP on (a,b) .

Pf: Let $x, y \in (a,b)$, wlog: $f'(x) < f'(y)$.
Pick $t \in (f'(x), f'(y))$. Define
 $h(z) = f(z) - tz$. Then $h'(x) = f'(x) - t < 0$
and $h'(y) = f'(y) - t > 0$. So h achieves
its minimum inside (x,y) , say at $z \in (x,y)$.
Then $h'(z) = 0 \Rightarrow f'(z) = t$. \square