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## Inverse derivative

Thm: Let  $f$  be a one-to-one, differentiable function,  
then  $f^{-1}$  is also differentiable, and

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

pt: we only prove the differentiation part

$$y = f^{-1}(x) \Leftrightarrow f(y) = x$$

↓ implicit differentiation

$$f'(y) \cdot y' = 1$$

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

e.g:  $f(x) = e^x, \quad f^{-1}(x) = \ln x$

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

## Derivatives of logarithmic functions

Because the logarithmic function  $y = \log_b x$  is the inverse of the exponential function  $y = b^x$ , which we know is differentiable from Section 3.1, it follows that the logarithmic function is also differentiable. We now state and prove the formula for the derivative of a logarithmic function.

**1**

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\log_b x) = \frac{1}{x \ln b}$$

pf : Using implicit differentiation

**PROOF** Let  $y = \log_b x$ . Then

$$b^y = x$$

Differentiating this equation implicitly with respect to  $x$ , and using Formula 3.4.5, we get

$$(b^y \ln b) \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

and so

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{b^y \ln b} = \frac{1}{x \ln b}$$



If we put  $b = e$  in Formula 1, then the factor  $\ln b$  on the right side becomes  $\ln e = 1$  and we get the formula for the derivative of the natural logarithmic function  $\log_e x = \ln x$ :

**2**

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

By comparing Formulas 1 and 2, we see one of the main reasons that natural logarithms (logarithms with base  $e$ ) are used in calculus: the differentiation formula is simplest when  $b = e$  because  $\ln e = 1$ .

e.g.

**EXAMPLE 1** Differentiate  $y = \ln(x^3 + 1)$ .

**SOLUTION** To use the Chain Rule, we let  $u = x^3 + 1$ . Then  $y = \ln u$ , so

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

Rational functions  $\xrightarrow{\text{taking derivatives}}$  Rational functions

*false!*

e.g.  $\frac{3x^2}{x^3 + 1} \leftarrow \ln(x^3 + 1)$

**EXAMPLE 2** Find  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(\sin x)$ .

**SOLUTION** Using (3), we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(\sin x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} \cos x = \cot x$$

**EXAMPLE 6** Find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = \ln|x|$ .

**SOLUTION** Since

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

it follows that

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

Thus  $f'(x) = 1/x$  for all  $x \neq 0$ .

The result of Example 6 is worth remembering:

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln|x| = \frac{1}{x}$$

• logarithmic differentiation method: find derivative quickly

**EXAMPLE 7** Differentiate  $y = \frac{x^{3/4} \sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{(3x + 2)^5}$ .

**SOLUTION** We take logarithms of both sides of the equation and use the Laws of Logarithms to simplify:

$$\ln y = \frac{3}{4} \ln x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) - 5 \ln(3x + 2)$$

Differentiating implicitly with respect to  $x$  gives

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} - 5 \cdot \frac{3}{3x + 2}$$

Solving for  $dy/dx$ , we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \left( \frac{3}{4x} + \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{15}{3x + 2} \right)$$

Because we have an explicit expression for  $y$ , we can substitute and write

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^{3/4} \sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{(3x + 2)^5} \left( \frac{3}{4x} + \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{15}{3x + 2} \right)$$

### Steps in Logarithmic Differentiation

1. Take natural logarithms of both sides of an equation  $y = f(x)$  and use the Laws of Logarithms to expand the expression.
2. Differentiate implicitly with respect to  $x$ .
3. Solve the resulting equation for  $y'$  and replace  $y$  by  $f(x)$ .

**PROOF OF THE POWER RULE (GENERAL VERSION)** Let  $y = x^n$  and use logarithmic differentiation:

$$\ln |y| = \ln |x|^n = n \ln |x| \quad x \neq 0$$

Therefore

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{n}{x}$$

Hence

$$y' = n \frac{y}{x} = n \frac{x^n}{x} = nx^{n-1}$$

**EXAMPLE 8** Differentiate  $y = x^{\sqrt{x}}$ .

**SOLUTION 1** Since both the base and the exponent are variable, we use logarithmic differentiation:

$$\ln y = \ln x^{\sqrt{x}} = \sqrt{x} \ln x$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \sqrt{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + (\ln x) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$y' = y \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{\ln x}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) = x^{\sqrt{x}} \left( \frac{2 + \ln x}{2\sqrt{x}} \right)$$

**SOLUTION 2** Another method is to use Equation 1.5.10 to write  $x^{\sqrt{x}} = e^{\sqrt{x} \ln x}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (x^{\sqrt{x}}) &= \frac{d}{dx} (e^{\sqrt{x} \ln x}) = e^{\sqrt{x} \ln x} \frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{x} \ln x) \\ &= x^{\sqrt{x}} \left( \frac{2 + \ln x}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) \quad (\text{as in Solution 1}) \end{aligned}$$

### ■ The Number $e$ as a Limit

We have shown that if  $f(x) = \ln x$ , then  $f'(x) = 1/x$ . Thus  $f'(1) = 1$ . We now use this fact to express the number  $e$  as a limit.

From the definition of a derivative as a limit, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f'(1) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+x) - f(1)}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+x) - \ln 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln(1+x) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(1+x)^{1/x} \end{aligned}$$

Because  $f'(1) = 1$ , we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(1+x)^{1/x} = 1$$

Then, by Theorem 2.5.8 and the continuity of the exponential function, we have

$$e = e^1 = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(1+x)^{1/x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\ln(1+x)^{1/x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{1/x}$$

**5**

$$e = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{1/x}$$

Formula 5 is illustrated by the graph of the function  $y = (1+x)^{1/x}$  in Figure 4 and a table of values for small values of  $x$ . This illustrates the fact that, correct to seven decimal places,

$$e \approx 2.7182818$$

If we put  $n = 1/x$  in Formula 5, then  $n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$  and so an alternative expression for  $e$  is

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$$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

## Derivatives of Inverse trigonometric functions

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

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sin^{-1}x: [-1, 1] \longrightarrow \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

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

Notice that:  $\left(\sin(\theta)\right)^2 + \left(\cos(\theta)\right)^2 = 1$

$$\downarrow \theta = \sin^{-1}x$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\sin^{-1}x) = \sqrt{1-x^2} > 0 \quad \text{when } x \in [-1, 1] \\ \theta \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin^{-1}x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Recall the definition of the arcsine function:

$$y = \sin^{-1}x \quad \text{means} \quad \sin y = x \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Differentiating  $\sin y = x$  implicitly with respect to  $x$ , we obtain

$$\cos y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y}$$

Now  $\cos y \geq 0$  because  $-\pi/2 \leq y \leq \pi/2$ , so

$$\cos y = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y} = \sqrt{1 - x^2} \quad (\cos^2 y + \sin^2 y = 1)$$

Therefore

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

## Derivatives of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1}x) = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1}x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1}x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

algebraic functions  $\xrightarrow{\text{derivative}}$  algebraic functions  
 $\nwarrow$   
 false!  
 e.g.  $\sin^{-1}x$

**EXAMPLE 9** Differentiate (a)  $y = \frac{1}{\sin^{-1}x}$  and (b)  $f(x) = x \arctan \sqrt{x}$ .

### SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}x)^{-1} = -(\sin^{-1}x)^{-2} \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}x) \\ &= -\frac{1}{(\sin^{-1}x)^2 \sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad f'(x) &= x \frac{1}{1 + (\sqrt{x})^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \right) + \arctan \sqrt{x} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2(1+x)} + \arctan \sqrt{x} \end{aligned}$$



# Linear approximation

The idea of derivative: instantaneous rate of change

Using lines to approximate complicated functions

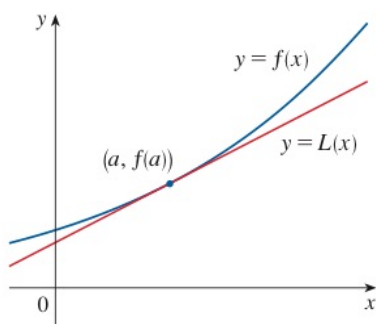


FIGURE 1

It might be easy to calculate a value  $f(a)$  of a function, but difficult (or even impossible) to compute nearby values of  $f$ . So we settle for the easily computed values of the linear function  $L$  whose graph is the tangent line of  $f$  at  $(a, f(a))$ . (See Figure 1.)

In other words, we use the tangent line at  $(a, f(a))$  as an approximation to the curve  $y = f(x)$  when  $x$  is near  $a$ . An equation of this tangent line is

$$y = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$

The linear function whose graph is this tangent line, that is,

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$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$

is called the **linearization** of  $f$  at  $a$ . The approximation  $f(x) \approx L(x)$  or

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$$f(x) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$

is called the **linear approximation** or **tangent line approximation** of  $f$  at  $a$ .

**EXAMPLE 1** Find the linearization of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x + 3}$  at  $a = 1$  and use it to approximate the numbers  $\sqrt{3.98}$  and  $\sqrt{4.05}$ . Are these approximations overestimates or underestimates?

**SOLUTION** The derivative of  $f(x) = (x + 3)^{1/2}$  is

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x + 3)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x + 3}}$$

and so we have  $f(1) = 2$  and  $f'(1) = \frac{1}{4}$ . Putting these values into Equation 1, we see

that the linearization is

$$L(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x - 1) = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x - 1) = \frac{7}{4} + \frac{x}{4}$$

The corresponding linear approximation (2) is

$$\sqrt{x + 3} \approx \frac{7}{4} + \frac{x}{4} \quad (\text{when } x \text{ is near } 1)$$

In particular, we have

$$\sqrt{3.98} \approx \frac{7}{4} + \frac{0.98}{4} = 1.995 \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{4.05} \approx \frac{7}{4} + \frac{1.05}{4} = 2.0125$$

The linear approximation is illustrated in Figure 2. We see that, indeed, the tangent line approximation is a good approximation to the given function when  $x$  is near 1. We also see that our approximations are overestimates because the tangent line lies above the curve.

Of course, a calculator could give us approximations for  $\sqrt{3.98}$  and  $\sqrt{4.05}$ , but the linear approximation gives an approximation *over an entire interval*. ■



## Review:

limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$

$a = +\infty / -\infty \Rightarrow$  horizontal asymptote

$L = +\infty / -\infty \Rightarrow$  vertical asymptote

Rules: Constant multiple:  $C \cdot f(x)$

Sum / difference  $f \pm g$

product  $f \cdot g$

quotient  $\frac{f}{g}$

Squeeze thm:  $h(x) \leq f(x) \leq g(x)$   
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continuous functions: Def:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$

Basic examples:

- Polynomials

- Rational function

- Algebraic functions

- Trigonometric / Inverse trigonometric

- Exponential / logarithmic

Basic properties:

•  $c \cdot f$

•  $f \pm g$

•  $f \cdot g$

•  $\frac{f}{g}$

•  $\boxed{f \circ g}$  :

$g \dots \text{at } a$

$f \dots \text{at } g(a)$

$f \circ g \dots \text{at } a$

## Practice test

1. (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = +\infty$

the values of  $f(x)$  can be as large as you want if you restrict  $x$  to a sufficiently small interval containing  $a$

(2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = L$

the values of  $f(x)$  can be as close to  $L$  as you want if the variable is sufficiently large

(3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \cdot g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$

(4)  $(f \cdot g)' = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$

2. (1) continuous functions

$$(2) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(t)^2}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sin t \cdot \frac{\sin t}{t} = 0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

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

$$(4) g'(x) = e^{\sin x} \cdot \cos x - \sin(e^x) \cdot e^x$$

3. (1) X

(2) X

(3) ✓

(4) ✓

$$4. y = \sqrt{x \ln(x^4)} \Rightarrow \ln y = \frac{1}{2} \ln x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(4 \ln x)$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4 \ln x} \cdot \frac{4}{x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{2x \ln x}$$

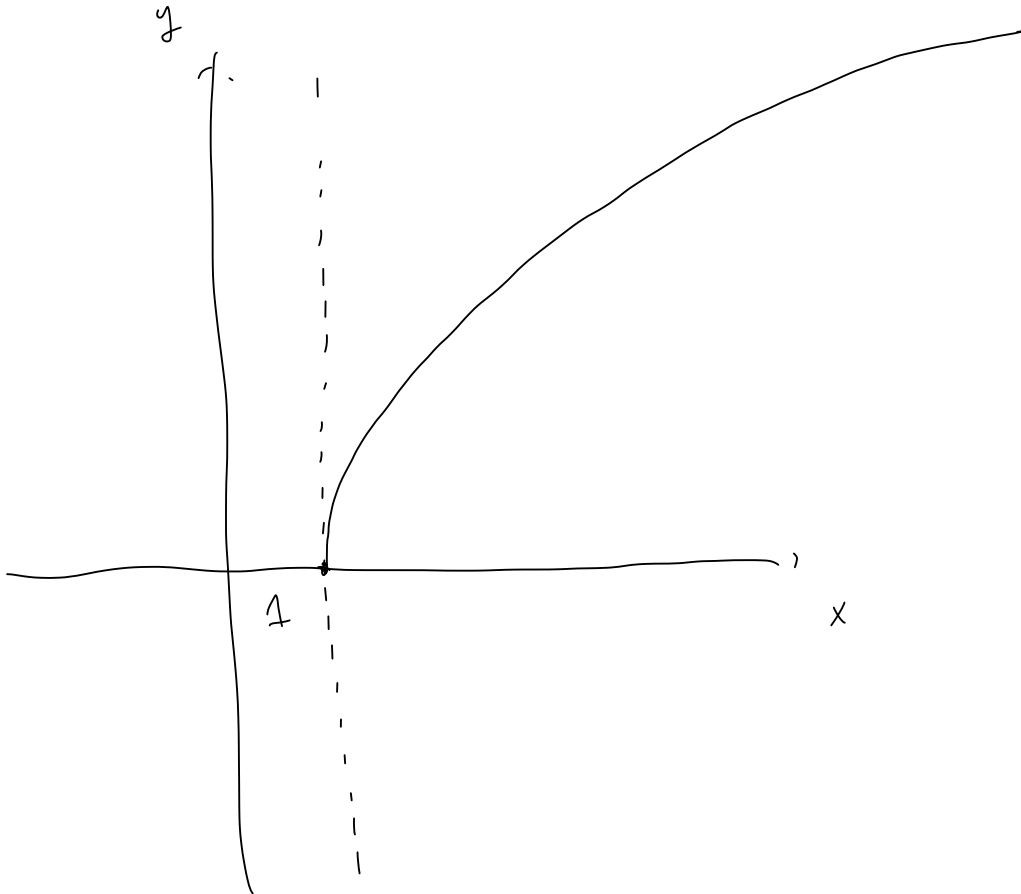
$$y' = \sqrt{x \ln(x^4)} \cdot \frac{\ln x + 1}{2x \ln x}$$

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$$f'(x) = \sqrt{x \ln(x^4)} \cdot \frac{\ln x + 1}{2x \ln x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x \ln(x^4)}} \cdot (4 \cdot (\ln x + 1))$$

$$= \frac{2(\ln x + 1)}{\sqrt{x \ln(x^4)}} = \frac{\ln x + 1}{\sqrt{x \ln x}}$$



$$5. \quad (1) \quad 2x + 4y + 4xy' + 2y \cdot y' = 0$$

$$x + 2y + 2xy' + y \cdot y' = 0$$

$$y' (2x + y) = - (2y + x)$$

$$y' = - \frac{x + 2y}{2x + y}$$