

Lecture 8

More Rules.

Product Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x)g(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

Proof: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} =$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x+h)g(x) + f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{h} =$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(f(x+h) \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} + g(x) \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right) =$$

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

Example $\frac{d}{dx} \underbrace{(x^2+4x)}_{f(x)} \underbrace{\sqrt{x}}_{g(x)} =$

$$\underbrace{(x^2+4x)}_{f(x)} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}_{g'(x)} + \underbrace{(2x+4)}_{f'(x)} \cdot \underbrace{\sqrt{x}}_{g(x)}$$

(Note: could also use $(x^2+4x)\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{x}x^2 + 4x\sqrt{x}$
 $= x^{2\frac{1}{2}} + 4x^{\frac{1}{2}}$.)

Quotient Rule: $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$

(Exercise: prove this!)

Ex Find $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{x}$.

Solⁿ 1: Power Rule:

$$\frac{1}{x} = x^{-1} \quad \text{so}$$

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

Solⁿ 2: Quotient Rule

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{array}{l} f(x) = 1, \quad g(x) = x \\ f'(x) = 0, \quad g'(x) = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{x} = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 1}{x^2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{x^2}.$$

Derivative of $\sin(x)$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h} =$$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(x)\cos(h) - \sin(x)}{h} + \frac{\cos(x)\sin(h)}{h} \right) =$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\sin(x) \cdot \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} + \cos(x) \cdot \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) \quad (*)$$

So we need to know $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h}$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h}$.

Fact (show in class, don't need to memorize this for now): $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} = 1$,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } (*) &= \cancel{\sin(x)} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} + \cos(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \\ &= \sin(x) \cdot 0 + \cos(x) \cdot 1 = \cos(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = \cos(x).$$

Similarly we can show (exercise!)
that $\frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) = -\sin(x)$

(Note the - sign!)

Q. What is $\frac{d}{dx} \tan(x)$?

A. Use the quotient rule:

$$\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \quad \text{So}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) = \frac{\cos(x) \cdot \cos(x) - \sin(x) \cdot (-\sin(x))}{\cos^2(x)}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)}$$

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

Can find derivatives of the three other trig functions in the same way.