

Hence f is differentiable at 3 and $f'(3) = -5$

So, the derived function f' is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 1, \quad 0 \leq x < 1 \\ &= -2x, \quad 1 < x < 2 \\ &= 1-2x, \quad 2 < x \leq 3 \end{aligned}$$

The domain of f' is $[0, 1) \cup (1, 2) \cup (2, 3]$

Theorem 1.1.4 Let I be an interval and $c \in I$. Let the

functions $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable at c . Then

- (i) $f+g$ is differentiable at c and $(f+g)'(c) = f'(c) + g'(c)$
- (ii) if $k \in \mathbb{R}$, kf is differentiable at c and $(kf)'(c) = k f'(c)$
- (iii) $f \cdot g$ is differentiable at c and $(f \cdot g)'(c) = f'(c)g(c) + f(c)g'(c)$
- (iv) if $g(c) \neq 0$, f/g is differentiable at c and $(f/g)'(c)$ is given by

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(c) = \frac{f'(c)g(c) - f(c)g'(c)}{(g(c))^2}$$

Proof: Proofs of (i) and (ii) are left as exercises

(iii) Let $h = f \cdot g$. Then for $x \in I$, $x \neq c$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h(x) - h(c)}{x - c} &= \frac{f(x)g(x) - f(c)g(c)}{x - c} \\ &= \frac{f(x)g(x) - f(c)g(x) + f(c)g(x) - f(c)g(c)}{x - c} \\ &= \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \cdot g(x) + f(c) \cdot \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} \end{aligned}$$

Since g is differentiable at c and hence g is continuous at c by Theorem 1.1.3. So, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = g(c)$. Since f is differentiable at c ,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = f'(c)$. Since g is differentiable at c , so,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} = g'(c)$. So, we have

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

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

So, $f \cdot g$ is differentiable at c and $(f \cdot g)'(c) = f'(c)g(c) + f(c)g'(c)$.

(iv) let $h = f/g$. Since g is differentiable at c , g is continuous at c .

Since $g(c) \neq 0$, there exists a neighbourhood $N(c)$ of c such that

$g(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in N(c) \cap I$. So, for $x \in N(c) \cap I$, $x \neq c$,

$$\frac{h(x) - h(c)}{x - c} = \frac{\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - \frac{f(c)}{g(c)}}{x - c} = \frac{f(x)g(c) - f(c)g(x)}{g(x)g(c)(x - c)}$$

$$= \frac{f(x)g(c) - f(c)g(c) + f(c)g(c) - f(c)g(x)}{g(x)g(c)(x - c)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{g(x)g(c)} \left[\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \cdot g(c) - f(c) \cdot \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} \right]$$

Since g is continuous at c , $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = g(c)$

Since f and g are differentiable at c ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = f'(c) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} = g'(c)$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{h(x) - h(c)}{x - c} = \frac{1}{g(c) \cdot g(c)} \left[f'(c)g(c) - f(c)g'(c) \right] = \frac{1}{(g(c))^2} \left[f'(c)g(c) - f(c)g'(c) \right]$$

So, ~~f/g is differentiable~~ f/g is differentiable at c

$$\text{and } (f/g)'(c) = \frac{f'(c)g(c) - f(c)g'(c)}{(g(c))^2}$$

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 1.1.4, we have the following theorem:

Theorem 1.1.5 Let I be an interval and let the functions $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be both differentiable on a subset

$D \subset I$. Then

(i) $f + g$ is differentiable on D and $(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$, $x \in D$

(ii) if $k \in \mathbb{R}$, ~~then~~ kf is differentiable ~~at~~ on D and $(kf)'(x) = kf'(x)$, $x \in D$

(iii) $f \cdot g$ is differentiable on D and $(f \cdot g)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$, $x \in D$

(iv) if $g'(x) \neq 0$ on D , f/g is differentiable on D and $(f/g)'$ is given by

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}, \quad x \in D$$

Theorem 1.1.6 Let I and J be intervals. Let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two functions such that $f(I) \subset J$. Let $c \in I$. Let f be differentiable at c and g be differentiable at $f(c)$. Then the composite function $g \circ f$ (defined by $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$) is differentiable at c and $(g \circ f)'(c) = g'(f(c)) \cdot f'(c)$.

Proof: Let $f(c) = d$. Since g is differentiable at d

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow d} \frac{g(y) - g(d)}{y - d} = g'(d), \quad \text{Since } f \text{ is differentiable at } c,$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = f'(c). \quad \text{Let us define a function } G: J \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ by}$$

$$G(y) = \frac{g(y) - g(d)}{y - d}, \quad y \neq d \\ = g'(d), \quad y = d$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{y \rightarrow d} G(y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow d} \frac{g(y) - g(d)}{y - d} = g'(d) \text{ since } g \text{ is differentiable at } d. \\ = G(d), \text{ by definition. This shows that } G \text{ is continuous at } d.$$

Since f is continuous at c and G is continuous at $d (= f(c))$, the composite function $G \circ f$ is continuous at c . Hence $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (G \circ f)(x) = (G \circ f)(c)$

$$\text{But } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (G \circ f)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(f(x)) - g(d)}{f(x) - d}, \text{ by definition of } G. \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(f(x)) - g(f(c))}{f(x) - f(c)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(f(x)) - g(f(c))}{f(x) - f(c)} = g'(d), \text{ since } (G \circ f)(c) = G(f(c)) \\ = G(d) = g'(d)$$

$$\text{We also have } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = f'(c)$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(f(x)) - g(f(c))}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(f(x)) - g(f(c))}{f(x) - f(c)} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = g'(d) \cdot f'(c)$$

So, the function $g \circ f$ is differentiable at c and

$$(g \circ f)'(c) = g'(d) f'(c) = g'(f(c)) f'(c). \text{ This completes the proof.}$$

As an immediate consequence of the theorem 1.1.6, we have the following theorem:

Theorem 1.1.7. Let I and J be intervals and let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g: J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two functions such that $f(I) \subset J$. If f is differentiable on I and g is differentiable on $f(I)$, then the composite function $g \circ f$ (defined by $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$) is differentiable on I and $(g \circ f)'(x) = g'(f(x)) f'(x)$, $x \in I$.

Example (continued)

5. Find the derived function of f where $f(x) = x^\alpha$, $x > 0$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution: Let $g(x) = \alpha \log x$, $x > 0$ and $h(x) = e^x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Then $f(x) = (h \circ g)(x)$, $x > 0$ and $f'(x) = h'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$, $x > 0$

But $h'(x) = e^x$ and hence $h'(g(x)) = e^{\alpha \log x} = x^\alpha$ and $g'(x) = \frac{\alpha}{x}$.

$$\text{So, } f'(x) = x^\alpha \cdot \frac{\alpha}{x} = \alpha x^{\alpha-1}$$

Theorem 1.1.8 Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be an interval and let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

be a strictly monotone and continuous function on

I . Let $J = f(I)$ and let $g: J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the inverse to

f . If f is differentiable at $c \in I$ and $f'(c) \neq 0$ then

g is differentiable at $d (= f(c))$ and $g'(d) = \frac{1}{f'(c)}$

Proof: Let $y \in J$, $y \neq d$. Let $g(y) = x \in I$. Then $f(x) = y$

and since f is strictly monotone on I , $x \neq c$

$$\frac{g(y) - g(d)}{y - d} = \frac{g(f(x)) - g(f(c))}{f(x) - f(c)}$$

Since f is strictly monotone and continuous on I , g is