

Math 1210–23 Notes of 1/29/24

- So far we know these differentiation rules:
- **Power Rule:**

$$\frac{d}{dx}x^n = nx^{n-1}$$

where n is a positive integer.

- **Sum Rule:**

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

- **Constant Multiple Rule:**

$$(kf)' = k(f')$$

where k is a constant.

- With the above we can differentiate any polynomial!
- We also have these two miscellaneous rules:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

and

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

- But we need more rules!

More Differentiation Rules

The Product Rule

- The derivative of the product does not in general equal the product of the derivatives!
- Instead:

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

or, more briefly

$$(uv)' = u'v + uv'$$

- One way to remember the product rule is to note that each of the two term can be obtained by considering one of the factors constant.

- Example: Compute

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 2)(x^3 + 1)$$

in two different ways:

- Example: Compute

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x + \sqrt{x})(x^2 + x)$$

- Why does the product rule work?
- We go back to the definition of the derivative and apply the Main Limit Theorem (the limit of the sum is the sum of the limits, etc.).

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx} f(x)g(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left(f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x+h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + f(x)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x) \right) \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x+h)}{h} \\
&\quad + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(x+h) \\
&\quad + f(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \\
&= f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)
\end{aligned}$$

- We'll see much more of the product rule when we learn how to differentiate functions other than polynomials.

The Quotient Rule

- The quotient rule is:

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

- Examples:

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{x+3}{x+4} =$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^{-n} =$$

- Why does the quotient rule work?
- Again, we do algebra, and apply the main limit theorem.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{f(x+h)}{g(x+h)} - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h)}{hg(x+h)g(x)} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{g(x+h)g(x)} \\
&\quad \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x) + f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{g(x+h)g(x)} \\
&\quad \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\
&\quad \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{g(x+h)g(x)} \\
&\quad \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(f(x+h) - f(x))g(x)}{h} \\
&\quad \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)(g(x) - g(x+h))}{h} \\
&= \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}
\end{aligned}$$

Derivatives of Trig Functions

- Can you guess the derivative of the sin function?

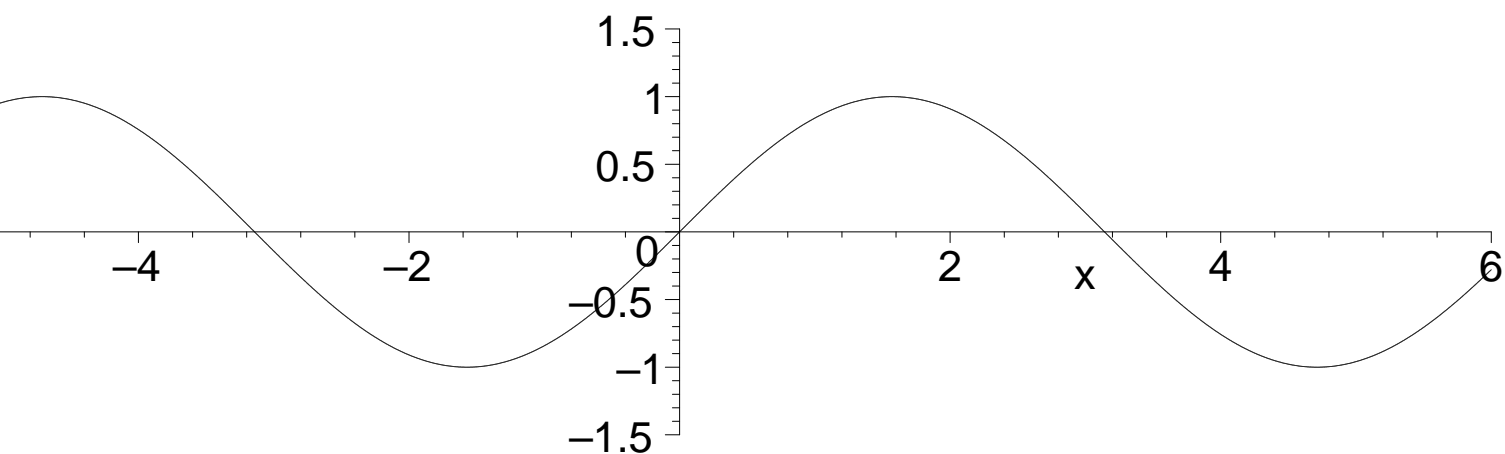


Figure 1. The Sine Function.

- Recall the graphs of sine and cosine:

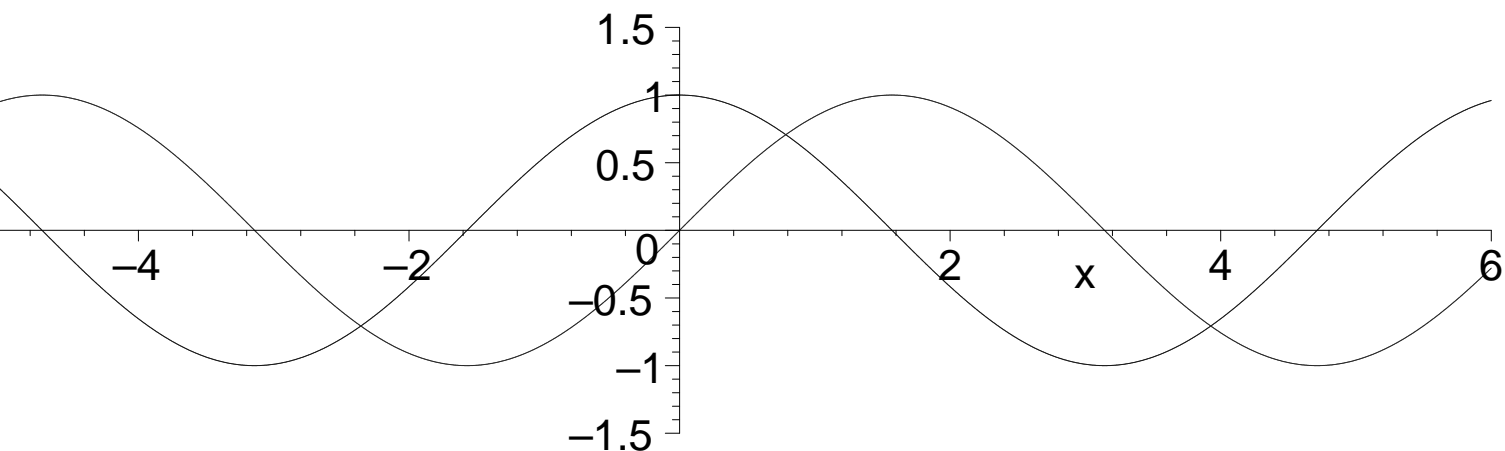


Figure 2. Graphs of sine and cosine.

- Yes indeed!

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

- Need trig identity:

$$\sin(x + h) = \sin x \cos h + \cos x \sin h.$$

- Also remember these limits:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1.$$

- Again, we go back to the definition and use the main limit theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sin x &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x + h) - \sin(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cos h + \cos x \sin h - \sin x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin x \times \frac{\cos h - 1}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos x \frac{\sin h}{h} \\ &= \sin x \underbrace{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos h - 1}{h}}_{=0} + \cos x \underbrace{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h}}_{=1} \\ &= \cos x. \end{aligned}$$

- Proceeding similarly (Textbook, page 115) we get

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x.$$

- More examples:

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^2 \sin x =$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^2 x =$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan x =$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{\sin x}{x} =$$

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

- Recall

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^2 x = 2 \sin x \cos x.$$



What about

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x^2 =$$

- We'll discuss tomorrow...