

AH Differentiation-First principles, exponentials, logs, product, chain, quotient rules 2020/21

Important things to note:

All the formulae from Higher should be known especially derivatives and integrals.

Keep a copy of AH formulae sheet close by for all topics.

We use a dot for multiplication.

Differentiating from first principles

Recall that the derivative of a function is the gradient of the tangent to the function at that point.

Given $P(x, f(x))$ and $Q(x+h, f(x+h))$

$$m_{PQ} = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \text{ therefore as } h \text{ tends to } 0, m_{PQ} = f'(x)$$

We can differentiate any function by first principles.

Differentiating from first principles

Example:

$$f(x) = 2x^2$$

$$f(x+h) = \frac{2(x+h)^2}{2(x^2+2xh+h^2)} = 2x^2 + 4xh + 2h^2$$

$$f(x+h) - f(x) \Rightarrow 2x^2 + 4xh + 2h^2 - 2x^2 = 4xh + 2h^2$$

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{4xh + 2h^2}{h} = 4x + 2h$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 4x + 2h = \underline{\underline{4x}}$$

Differentiate the following using the Chain Rule:

$$1. (3x-1)^3$$

$$= 3(3x-1)^2 (3)$$

$$2. 5\cos 3x$$

$$-15 \sin 3x$$

$$3. (2x^2-4)^5$$

$$-5(2x^2-4)^4 (4x)$$

$$-20x(2x^2-4)^4$$

Differentiating from first principles

Differentiate $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 1$ from first principles

Differentiation - Recap of the Chain Rule

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$$

When differentiating using the chain rule, you are deriving the function and then multiplying by the derivative of the function within the function.

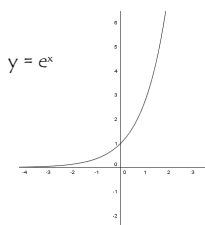
Examples: Differentiate

$$y = (2+x)^2$$

$$y = 3\sin 2x$$

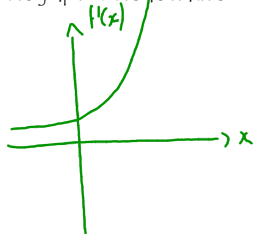
$$f(x) = 2(2x^2+4)^5$$

Differentiating e^x



$+m +m +m$

Describe the gradient of this graph
Sketch the graph of the derivative



Differentiating e^x

Given $f(x) = e^x$ then $f'(x) = e^x$

We differentiate exponential functions using the chain rule.

Examples: Differentiate the following

(a) e^{6x}
 $f'(x) = e^{6x} \cdot 6$
 $= 6e^{6x}$

(b) $f(x) = 3e^{2x} + 4e^{-2x}$
 $f'(x) = 3e^{2x} \cdot (2e) + 4e^{-2x} \cdot (-2)$
 $= 6xe^{4x} - 8e^{-2x}$

(c) $y = e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}}$
 $y = e^{(x^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}$
 $y = e^{(x^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(x^2+1)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(2x)$
 $= x(x^2+1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}}$
 $= \frac{x e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}}}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

(d) $y = 5x^2 + \frac{3}{e^{2x}} = 5x^2 + 3e^{-2x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 10x + 3e^{-2x} \cdot (-2x)$
 $= 10x - 6xe^{-2x}$
 $= 10x - \frac{6x}{e^{2x}}$

Differentiating $\log_e x$ or $\ln x$

Remember that $\ln x$ and e^x are inverse functions.

Therefore $e^{\ln x} = x$ and $\ln(e^x) = x$

$f'(f(x)) = x$

Let $y = \log_e x$

$x = e^y$
 $\frac{dx}{dy} = e^y$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{e^y} = \frac{1}{x}$
 $\frac{d}{dx} \log_e x = \frac{1}{x}$

Differentiating $\log_e x$ or $\ln x$

We differentiate the natural log using the chain rule also.

Examples: Differentiate the following

(a) $y = \ln 7x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{7x} \cdot 7$
 $= \frac{1}{x}$

(b) $y = \ln(3x - 1)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3x-1} \cdot 3$
 $= \frac{3}{3x-1}$

(c) $f(x) = \ln(5x^2 - 6)$
 $f'(x) = \frac{1}{5x^2-6} \cdot 10x$
 $= \frac{10x}{5x^2-6}$

(d) $y = \ln(\cos 4x)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos 4x} \cdot (-4\sin 4x)$
 $= -\frac{4\sin 4x}{\cos 4x}$
 $= -4 \tan 4x$

Differentiating $\log_e x$ or $\ln x$

(e) $y = \ln\left(\frac{2x+1}{x-1}\right)$

$y = \ln(2x+1) - \ln(x-1)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2x+1} \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{x-1} \cdot 1$
 $= \frac{2}{2x+1} - \frac{1}{x-1}$
 $= \frac{2x-2-2x-1}{(2x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{-3}{(2x+1)(x-1)}$

Differentiating $\log_e x$ or $\ln x$

(f) $y = \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}}{(9x-4)^2}\right) = \ln(x^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \ln(9x-4)^2$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(x^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2x) - \frac{1}{(9x-4)^2} \cdot 2(9x-4)(9)$
 $= \frac{x}{x^2+1} - \frac{18(9x-4)}{(9x-4)^2}$

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The Product Rule

Given two functions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ where $f(x) = u(x)v(x)$ then

$$f'(x) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

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Proof:

$$\text{Let } f(x) = u(x)v(x)$$

$$f(x+h) = u(x+h)v(x+h)$$

$$f(x+h) - f(x) = u(x+h)v(x+h) - u(x)v(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{u(x+h)v(x+h) - u(x+h)v(x) + u(x+h)v(x) - u(x)v(x)}{h} \\ & \frac{u(x+h)[v(x+h) - v(x)] + v(x)[u(x+h) - u(x)]}{h} \\ \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \frac{u(x+h)[v(x+h) - v(x)]}{h} + \frac{v(x)[u(x+h) - u(x)]}{h} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x+h)[v(x+h) - v(x)]}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{v(x)[u(x+h) - u(x)]}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

The Product Rule

$$2. y = x^3 \sin x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^3 \cos x + \sin x (3x^2)$$

$$= x^3 \cos x + 3x^2 \sin x$$

$$x^2(x \cos x + 3 \sin x)$$

The Product Rule

$$4. y = x^4 \cos 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^4 (-2 \sin 2x) + \cos 2x (4x^3)$$

$$= -2x^4 \sin 2x + 4x^3 \cos 2x$$

$$= 2x^3 (2 \cos 2x - x \sin 2x)$$

The Product Rule

Examples: Differentiate the following

$$u \quad v$$

$$1. y = (1-x)^2(3x+1)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (1-x)^2 \cdot 2(3x+1)(3) + (3x+1)^2 \cdot 3(1-x)(-1) \\ &= 6(3x+1)(1-x)^2 - 3(1-x)^2(3x+1)^2 \\ &= 3(3x+1)(1-x)^2 [2(1-x) - (3x+1)] \\ &= 3(3x+1)(1-x)^2 [2-2x-3x-1] \\ &= 3(3x+1)(1-x)^2 (-5x) \\ &= 3(1-5x)(3x+1)(1-x)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The Product Rule

3. Given $f(x) = \cos 2x \cos 4x$, show that $f'(x) = 2 \sin 2x (1 - 6 \cos^2 2x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \cos 2x (-4 \sin 4x) + \cos 4x (-2 \sin 2x) \\ &= -4 \cos 2x \sin 4x - 2 \cos 4x \sin 2x \\ &= -4 \cos 2x [2 \sin 2x \cos 2x] - 2 \cos 4x \sin 2x \\ &= -8 \cos^2 2x \sin 2x - 2 \cos 4x \sin 2x \\ &= 2 \sin 2x [-4 \cos^2 2x - \cos 4x] \\ &= 2 \sin 2x [-4 \cos^2 2x - (2 \cos^2 2x - 1)] \\ &= 2 \sin 2x [-6 \cos^2 2x + 1] \\ &= 2 \sin 2x [1 - 6 \cos^2 2x] \\ &\text{as required.} \end{aligned}$$

The Product Rule

$$5. y = x^2 \sqrt{x^2+1}$$

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

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

$$= x^3 (x^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 2x (x^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} + 2x \sqrt{x^2+1}$$

$$= \frac{x^3 + 2x(x^2+1)}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = \frac{3x^3 + 2x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = \frac{x(3x^2+2)}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$$

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Find the derivative

1. $y = x \sin(x^2)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x [2x \cos(x^2)] + \sin(x^2)(1)$$

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

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2. $y = x^2 \cos^4 x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 [4(\cos x)^3 (-\sin x)] + \cos^4 x (2x)$$

$$= -4x^2 \cos^3 x \sin x + 2x \cos^4 x$$

$$= \underline{-2x \cos^3 x (2 \sin x - \cos x)}$$

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The Product Rule

7. $y = x^3 \ln x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^3 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \ln x (3x^2)$$

$$= x^2 + 3x^2 \ln x$$

$$= \underline{x^2(1 + 3 \ln x)}$$

① $x^4(2x^3+1)^5 = y$

② Find $f'(\frac{\pi}{3})$ given $f(x) = \cos x \sin^2 x$

$f'(x)$

The Product Rule

6. $y = e^x \sin 2x$

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

$$= e^x [2 \cos 2x + \sin 2x]$$

Using the Product Rule to differentiate Logs with other bases

Given $y = \log_{10} x$

$$x = 10^y$$

$$\ln x = \ln 10^y$$

$$\ln x = y \ln 10$$

$$y = \frac{\ln x}{\ln 10} = \frac{1}{\ln 10} \cdot \ln x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\ln 10} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \ln x(0)$$

$$= \underline{\frac{1}{x \ln 10}}$$

The Quotient Rule

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The Quotient Rule

This rule allows us to differentiate functions of the form $f(x) = \frac{u(x)}{v(x)}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

Bottom by the derivative of the top - top by the derivative of the bottom all over the bottom squared.

Proof: If $f(x) = \frac{u(x)}{v(x)}$ then $f(x) = u(x)[v(x)]^{-1}$

Therefore $f'(x) = u'(x) \cdot [v(x)]^{-2} + [v(x)]^{-1} \cdot u'(x)$

$$= -\frac{u(x)v'(x)}{[v(x)]^2} + \frac{u'(x)}{v(x)}$$

$$= -\frac{u(x)v'(x) + u'(x)v(x)}{[v(x)]^2}$$

$$= \frac{v(x)u'(x) - u(x)v'(x)}{[v(x)]^2}$$

The Quotient Rule

Examples:

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^3 [4(x^2+1)^3 (2x)] - (x^2+1)^4 (3x^2)}{x^6}$$

$$= \frac{8x^4(x^2+1)^3 - 3x^2(x^2+1)^4}{x^6}$$

$$= \frac{x^2(x^2+1)^3 [8x^2 - 3(x^2+1)]}{x^6}$$

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

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

The Quotient Rule

Examples:

4. $y = \frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin^2 x (-\sin x) - \cos x (2 \sin x \cos x)}{\sin^4 x}$$

$$= \frac{-\sin^3 x - 2 \sin x \cos^2 x}{\sin^4 x} = \frac{\sin x (-\sin^2 x - 2 \cos^2 x)}{\sin^4 x}$$

$$= \frac{-\sin^2 x - 2 \cos^2 x}{\sin^3 x} = \frac{-\sin^2 x - 2(1 - \sin^2 x)}{\sin^3 x} = \frac{\sin^2 x - 2}{\sin^3 x}$$

The Quotient Rule

Examples:

1. $\frac{2x}{x^2+1} = y$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x^2+1)(2) - 2x(2x)}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{2x^2+2-4x^2}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

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

The Quotient Rule

Examples:

3. $y = \frac{\sin x}{x^3}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^3(\cos x) - \sin x (3x^2)}{x^6} = \frac{x^3 \cos x - 3x^2 \sin x}{x^6}$$

$$= \frac{x^2(x \cos x - 3 \sin x)}{x^6} = \frac{x \cos x - 3 \sin x}{x^4}$$

The Quotient Rule

Examples:

5. $y = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{(x+4)^3}} = \frac{x^2}{(x+4)^{3/2}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x+4)^{3/2}(2x) - x^2(\frac{3}{2}(x+4)^{1/2})}{(x+4)^3} = \frac{2x(x+4)^{3/2} - \frac{3x^2}{2}(x+4)^{1/2}}{(x+4)^3}$$

$$= \frac{x(x+4)^{1/2} [2(x+4) - \frac{3x}{2}]}{(x+4)^3} = \frac{x(x+4)^{1/2} [\frac{1}{2}x+8]}{(x+4)^3} \cdot x(x+4)^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{x(\frac{1}{2}x+8)}{(x+4)^{5/2}}$$

$$= \frac{x(x+16)}{2(x+4)^{5/2}}$$

The Quotient Rule

Examples:

6. $y = \frac{x^2}{e^{2x}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{e^{2x}(2x) - x^2(2e^{2x})}{(e^{2x})^2} = \frac{2xe^{2x} - 2x^2e^{2x}}{e^{4x}} \\ &= \frac{2xe^{2x}(1-x)}{e^{4x}} = \frac{2x(1-x)}{e^{2x}} \end{aligned}$$

The Quotient Rule

Examples:

7. $y = \frac{\ln x}{e^{2x}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{e^{2x}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \ln x(2e^{2x})}{e^{4x}} = \frac{\frac{e^{2x}}{x} - 2e^{2x} \ln x}{e^{4x}} \\ &= \frac{e^{2x}\left(\frac{1}{x} - 2\ln x\right)}{e^{4x}} = \frac{\frac{1}{x} - 2\ln x}{e^{2x}} = \frac{1 - 2x\ln x}{xe^{2x}} \end{aligned}$$