

Continuity & Differentiability

Continuity at a Point

A function f is continuous at $x = c$ if the ~~value~~ limit exists at c and equals the value of the function there.

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

<- all 3 must agree
<- $L = R = f(c)$

Three conditions :

- (i) $f(c)$ is defined
- (ii) $\lim f(x)$ exists (LHL = RHL)
- (iii) LHL = RHL = $f(c)$

Continuity on an Interval

f is continuous on (a, b) if it is continuous at every point of (a, b) . On $[a, b]$ add :

$$\text{RHL at } a = f(a), \quad \text{LHL at } b = f(b).$$

Types of Discontinuity

- (a) Removable : limit exists but $\neq f(c)$
- (b) Jump : LHL exists, RHL exists, LHL \neq RHL
- (c) Infinite : one or both limits are inf ∞
- (d) Oscillatory : e.g. $\sin(1/x)$ near 0

Polynomials & \sin, \cos, e^x are continuous everywhere.

Algebra of Continuous Functions

If f and g are continuous at $x = c$, then :

$(f \pm g)(x)$ is continuous at c ← sum/diff rule

$(f \cdot g)(x)$ is continuous at c ← product rule

$(f / g)(x)$ cts at c if $g(c) \neq 0$ ← quotient rule

Composition Rule

If g is cts at c and f is cts at $g(c)$,

then ~~$g \circ f$~~ $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

is continuous at $x = c$.

$$(f \circ g)(c) = f(g(c))$$

← chain of cts fns
← is itself cts

Differentiability at a Point

f is differentiable at $x = c$ if the limit

$$f'(c) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(c+h) - f(c)] / h$$

← slope of
← tangent line

exists and is finite. LHD = RHD required.

Diff at $c \Rightarrow$ cts at c but NOT ~~vice versa~~ converse.

Derivatives — Standard Results

$$\boxed{d/dx (x^n) = n x^{n-1}} \quad (\text{Power rule})$$

Trigonometric

$$d/dx (\sin x) = \cos x$$

$$d/dx (\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$d/dx (\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$d/dx (\cot x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$$

$$d/dx (\sec x) = \sec x \cdot \tan x$$

$$d/dx (\operatorname{cosec} x) = -\operatorname{cosec} x \cdot \cot x$$

Inverse Trigonometric

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

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

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

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

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

Exponential & Logarithmic

$$d/dx (e^x) = e^x$$

$$d/dx (a^x) = a^x \cdot \log a$$

$$d/dx (\log x) = 1/x \quad (x > 0)$$

$$d/dx (\log_a x) = 1 / (x \log a)$$

Memory tip : ~~memorize~~ practise these daily !

Chain Rule & Implicit Diff

Chain Rule

If $y = f(u)$ and $u = g(x)$, then

$$\boxed{dy/dx = dy/du \cdot du/dx}$$

<-compose,
<-then multiply

Ex : $y = \sin(x^2) \Rightarrow dy/dx = \cos(x^2) \cdot 2x$

Sum, Product & Quotient

$$(u \pm v)' = u' \pm v'$$

$$(u v)' = u' v + u v' \quad (\text{Leibnitz})$$

$$(u/v)' = (u' v - u v') / v^2 \quad v \neq 0$$

Implicit Differentiation

When y is given implicitly via $F(x,y) = 0$:
differentiate term-by-term w.r.t. x , treat
 y as a function of x and use ~~the~~ chain rule.

Ex : $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

Differentiate : $2x + 2y \cdot dy/dx = 0$

$$\boxed{dy/dx = -x / y}$$

<-slope on circle

All inverse trig results come from this idea !

E.g. $y = \sin^{-1} x \Rightarrow \sin y = x \Rightarrow \dots$

Logarithmic & Parametric

Logarithmic Differentiation

Useful when $y = [f(x)]^{g(x)}$ or products/quotients of many factors. Take log first.

Steps :

1. Take log on both sides
2. Use log laws to expand
3. Differentiate w.r.t. x
4. Multiply both sides by y .

Ex : $y = x^x \Rightarrow \log y = x \log x$
 $1/y \cdot dy/dx = \log x + 1$

$$\boxed{dy/dx = x^x (\log x + 1)}$$

<-variable base
<-AND exponent

Parametric Form

If $x = f(t)$, $y = g(t)$, parameter t :

$$\boxed{dy/dx = (dy/dt) / (dx/dt)}$$

<-divide rates

Ex : $x = a \cos t$, $y = a \sin t$

$$dx/dt = -a \sin t, \quad dy/dt = a \cos t$$

$$dy/dx = -\cot t \quad (\text{slope of circle})$$

Need $dx/dt \neq 0$ for dy/dx to be defined.

Second Derivative & MVT

Second Order Derivative

Differentiate dy/dx once more to get :

$$\boxed{d^2 y / dx^2 = d/dx (dy/dx)''} \quad \text{also written } f''(x)$$

Ex : $y = \sin x$

$$y' = \cos x, \quad y'' = -\sin x$$

So $y'' + y = 0$ (SHM-type relation)

For parametric $x=f(t)$, $y=g(t)$:

$$d^2 y / dx^2 = d/dt (dy/dx) / (dx/dt)$$

Rolle's Theorem *

If f is cts on $[a,b]$, diff on (a,b) ,
and $f(a) = f(b)$, then Exists c in (a,b)
such that $f'(c) = 0$. (horizontal tangent)

Mean Value Theorem

If f is cts on $[a,b]$, diff on (a,b) :

$$\boxed{f'(c) = [f(b) - f(a)] / (b - a)}$$

* - Lagrange's
← MVT

Geometric : slope of tangent at c equals
slope of chord joining $(a, f(a))$ and $(b, f(b))$.