

Example 4.34b Find $\frac{dy^3}{dx}$.

The derivative $\frac{d}{dx}$ satisfies:

(1) If $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ then

$$\frac{d(c_1 f + c_2 g)}{dx} = c_1 \frac{df}{dx} + c_2 \frac{dg}{dx} \quad (\text{linearity})$$

(2) $\frac{d(fg)}{dx} = f \frac{dg}{dx} + \frac{df}{dx} g$ (product rule).

(3) If $c \in \mathbb{C}$ then $\frac{dc}{dx} = 0$ (Normalization)
and $\frac{dx}{dx} = 1$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy^3}{dx} &= \frac{d(y \cdot y^2)}{dx} = y \frac{dy^2}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} y^2 \\ &= y \left(\frac{d(y \cdot y)}{dx} \right) + y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = y \left(y \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} y \right) + y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &= y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} // \end{aligned}$$

Theorem If $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ then

$$\frac{dy^n}{dx} = n y^{n-1} \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dx^n}{dx} = n x^{n-1}.$$

Example 4.34 Find $\frac{d e^y}{dx}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d e^y}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(1 + y + \frac{1}{2!} y^2 + \frac{1}{3!} y^3 + \frac{1}{4!} y^4 + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{d1}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{dy^2}{dx} + \frac{1}{3!} \frac{dy^3}{dx} + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{dy^4}{dx} + \dots \\ &= 0 + \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{2!} 2y \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{3!} 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{4!} 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + \dots \\ &= \frac{dy}{dx} \left(1 + y + \frac{1}{2!} y^2 + \frac{1}{3!} y^3 + \frac{1}{4!} y^4 + \dots \right) = e^y \frac{dy}{dx}.\end{aligned}$$

Example 4.34a Find $\frac{d \sin(y)}{dx}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d \sin(y)}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2i} (e^{iy} - e^{-iy}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \left(\frac{d e^{iy}}{dx} - \frac{d e^{-iy}}{dx} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \left(e^{iy} \frac{d(iy)}{dx} - e^{-iy} \frac{d(-iy)}{dx} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \left(e^{iy} i \frac{dy}{dx} - e^{-iy} (-i) \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \\ &= \frac{i}{2i} (e^{iy} + e^{-iy}) \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(y) \frac{dy}{dx}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\frac{d \cos(y)}{dx} = -\sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx}$.

The chain rule

$$\frac{d(f \circ g)}{dx} = \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx}.$$

i.e. $\frac{d(f(g(x)))}{dx} = \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx}$. Examples are

$$\frac{d y^3}{dx} = 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d x^3}{dy} = 3x^2$$

$$\frac{d \sin(y)}{dx} = \cos(y) \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d \sin(y)}{dy} = \cos(y).$$

$$\frac{d e^y}{dx} = e^y \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d e^y}{dy} = e^y.$$

Example 4.34

Find $\frac{d(\log(x))}{dx}$.

Let $y = \log(x)$. Then $e^y = e^{\log(x)} = x$.

Then $e^y = x$ gives $\frac{d e^y}{dx} = \frac{dx}{dx}$.

So $e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$. So $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{e^y} = \frac{1}{x}$.

So $\frac{d \log(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$, and $\frac{d \log(y)}{dx} = \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx}$.

4.26 Write down the first five derivatives of $f(x) = \sin(x)$

$$f' = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (\sin(x)) = \cos(x),$$

$$f'' = \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{df}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (\cos(x)) = -\sin(x),$$

$$f^{(3)} = f''' = \frac{d^3f}{dx^3} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (-\sin(x)) = -\cos(x)$$

$$f^{(4)} = f^{(4)} = \frac{d^4f}{dx^4} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^3f}{dx^3} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (-\cos(x)) = -(-\sin(x)) = \sin(x).$$

$$f^{(5)} = f^{(5)} = \frac{d^5f}{dx^5} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^4f}{dx^4} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (\sin(x)) = \cos(x).$$

4.27 Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$. Find $f^{(n)}(x)$ for $n \leq 6$.

$$f^{(1)} = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$$

$$f^{(2)} = \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{df}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (3ax^2 + 2bx + c) = 6ax + 2b$$

$$f^{(3)} = \frac{d^3f}{dx^3} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (6ax + 2b) = 6a$$

$$f^{(4)} = \frac{d^4f}{dx^4} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^3f}{dx^3} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (6a) = 0.$$

$$f^{(5)} = \frac{d^5f}{dx^5} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^4f}{dx^4} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (0) = 0$$

$$f^{(6)} = \frac{d^6f}{dx^6} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^5f}{dx^5} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (0) = 0.$$