

§3.4: Product and quotient rule

Obj: We compute the derivative of a product and quotient of two functions.

Warm up: Compute

$$\frac{d}{dx} (15x - 6)^3 = \frac{d}{dx} (g(x)) \Big|_{x=f(x)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$

inside = $f(x) = 5x - 6$

outside = $g(x) = x^3$

$$= 3x^2 \Big|_{x=f(x)} \cdot 5$$

$$= 3 f(x)^2 \cdot 5$$

$$= 15 (5x - 6)^2$$

$$\left[\frac{d}{dx} (15x - 6)^3 \right]$$

$$= 3 (5x - 6)^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (5x - 6)$$

$$= 15 (5x - 6)^2 \quad \downarrow$$

Lemma: (Product) If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are two functions, then

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

or equivalently,

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

Ex: $\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 e^{2x}) = \frac{d}{dx} (x^2) \cdot e^{2x} + x^2 \frac{d}{dx} (e^{2x})$

↙ chain rule

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

$$= 2x e^{2x} + x^2 e^{2x} \cdot 2$$

$$= 2x e^{2x} (1+x)$$

Ex: $\frac{d}{dt} (t^3 \ln(t+1)) = \frac{d}{dt} (t^3) \ln(t+1) + t^3 \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \ln(t+1)$

$$= 3t^2 \ln(t+1) + t^3 \cdot \frac{1}{t+1} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} (t+1)$$

$$= 3t^2 \ln(t+1) + \frac{t^3}{t+1}$$

$$= t^2 (3 \ln(t+1) + \frac{t}{t+1})$$

chain rule

Ex: $\frac{d}{dx} (3x^2 + 5x) e^x =$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (3x^2 + 5x) e^x + (3x^2 + 5x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (e^x) =$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx} (3x^2) + \frac{d}{dx} (5x) \right) e^x + (3x^2 + 5x) e^x =$$

$$(6x + 5) e^x + (3x^2 + 5x) e^x =$$

$$(11x + 3x^2 + 5) e^x$$

$$\left[\frac{d}{dx} (a^x) = \ln(a) \cdot a^x \right]$$

$$\left[\ln(e) = 1 \right]$$

Lemma: (Quotient) If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are two functions,

then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(f) \cdot g - f \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(g)}{g^2}$$

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or equivalently,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{5x^2}{x^3+1} \right) &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(f) \cdot g - f \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(g)}{g^2} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(5x^2) \cdot (x^3+1) - 5x^2 \frac{d}{dx}(x^3+1)}{(x^3+1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{10x(x^3+1) - 5x^2 \cdot 3x^2}{(x^3+1)^2} = \frac{10x^4 + 10x - 15x^4}{(x^3+1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-5x^4 + 10x}{(x^3+1)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^t} \right) &= \frac{\frac{d}{dt}(1) \cdot (1+e^t) - 1 \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(1+e^t)}{(1+e^t)^2} \\
 &= - \frac{\frac{d}{dt}(1+e^t)}{(1+e^t)^2} = \frac{-e^t}{(1+e^t)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Γ f(x) function, c constant

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f(x) + c) = \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) + \frac{d}{dx}(c) = \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \quad \square$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{e^x}{x^2} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) x^2 - e^x \frac{d}{dx}(x^2)}{x^4}$$

$$= \frac{e^x \cdot x^2 - e^x \cdot 2x}{x^4}$$

* We used quotient rule

$$= \frac{e^x \cancel{x} (x-2)}{x^4} = \frac{e^x (x-2)}{x^3}$$

$$= \frac{e^x \cdot x}{x^3} - \frac{2e^x}{x^3} = \frac{e^x}{x^2} - \frac{2e^x}{x^3}$$

Alt: $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{e^x}{x^2} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (e^x \cdot x^{-2})$ * product rule can be used *

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (e^x) \cdot x^{-2} + e^x \frac{d}{dx} (x^{-2})$$

$$= e^x \cdot x^{-2} + e^x (-2x^{-3})$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{x^2} - \frac{2e^x}{x^3}$$

Rule: $f(x), g(x)$ are two functions and nonzero

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)} \right)$$

quotient rule

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (f(x) \cdot g(x)^{-1})$$

product rule

Ex: Compute $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right)$.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dt} (1-t)(1+t) - (1-t) \frac{d}{dt} (1+t)}{(1+t)^2}$$

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

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

Alt: Using product rule

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left((1-t) (1+t)^{-1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\cancel{1-t}^{-1} \right) \cdot (1+t)^{-1} + (1-t) \frac{d}{dt} \left((1+t)^{-1} \right)$$

↑ chain rule

$$= - (1+t)^{-1} + (1-t) \cdot \left(- (1+t)^{-2} \cdot 1 \right)$$

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

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

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

Assignment to turn in: Compute the following.

1. $\frac{d}{dt} (t^2 \ln(t))$

2. $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{t}{e^t} \right)$

3. $\frac{d}{dt} (e^{\sqrt{t}})$