

Exam 2 Review: Topics from 3.1-3.6 with 3.9

This portion of the course covered the bulk of the formulas for differentiation, together with a few definitions and techniques.

For Chapter 3, the following tables summarize the rules that we've had:

$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	Sect	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	Sect
c	0	3.1	cf	cf'	3.1
x^n	nx^{n-1}	3.1	$f \pm g$	$f' \pm g'$	3.1
a^x	$a^x \ln(a)$	3.1	$f \cdot g$	$f'g + fg'$	3.2
e^x	e^x	3.1	$\frac{f}{g}$	$\frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$	3.2
$\log_a(x)$	$\frac{1}{x \ln(a)}$	3.6	$f(g(x))$	$f'(g(x))g'(x)$	3.4
$\ln(x)$	$\frac{1}{x}$	3.6	$f(x)^{g(x)}$	Logarithmic Diff	3.6
$\sin(x)$	$\cos(x)$	3.3	Eqn in x, y	Implicit Diff	3.5
$\cos(x)$	$-\sin(x)$	3.3			
$\tan(x)$	$\sec^2(x)$	3.3			
$\sec(x)$	$\sec(x) \tan(x)$	3.3			
$\csc(x)$	$-\csc(x) \cot(x)$	3.3			
$\cot(x)$	$-\csc^2(x)$	3.3			
$\sin^{-1}(x)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	3.5			
$\tan^{-1}(x)$	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$	3.5			

Vocabulary/Techniques:

- Be sure you distinguish between:

$$a^x \text{ or } a^{f(x)} \qquad x^a \text{ or } (f(x))^a \qquad f(x)^{g(x)}$$

- Know the definition of “differentiable”.
- Understand the relationship between “differentiable” and “continuous”.
- Implicit Differentiation: A technique where we are given an equation with x, y . We treat y as a function of x , and differentiate without explicitly solving for y first.

Example: $x^2y + \sqrt{xy} = 6x \rightarrow 2xy + x^2y' + \frac{1}{2}(xy)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(y + xy') = 6$

- Logarithmic Differentiation: A technique where we apply the logarithm to $y = f(x)$ before differentiating. Used for taking the derivative of complicated expressions, and needed for taking the derivative of $f(x)^{g(x)}$.

Example: $y = x^x \rightarrow \ln(y) = x \ln(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{y}y' = \ln(x) + 1 \rightarrow \dots$ etc

- Differentiation of Inverses: If we know the derivative of $f(x)$, then we can determine the derivative of $f^{-1}(x)$. This technique was used to find derivatives of the inverse trig functions, for example:

$y = f^{-1}(x) \Rightarrow f(y) = x \Rightarrow f'(y)y' = 1$ From this, we could write:

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

Alternatively, we say that if (a, b) is on the graph of f and $f'(a) = m$, then we know that (b, a) is on the graph of f^{-1} , and $\frac{df^{-1}}{dx}(b) = \frac{1}{m}$.

NOTE: This is NOT the same as the derivative of $(f(x))^{-1} = \frac{1}{f(x)}$, which is

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left((f(x))^{-1} \right) = - (f(x))^{-2} f'(x) = \frac{-f'(x)}{(f(x))^2}$$

- We also have an alternative version of the Chain Rule that may be useful in certain cases.

For example, if Volume is a function of Radius, Radius is a function of Pressure, Pressure is a function of time, then we can find the rate of change of Volume in terms of the Radius, or the Pressure, or the time. Respectively, this is:

$$\frac{dV}{dR}, \quad \frac{dV}{dP} = \frac{dV}{dR} \cdot \frac{dR}{dP}, \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dR} \cdot \frac{dR}{dP} \cdot \frac{dP}{dt}$$

In fact, we could also find things like dR/dV , dP/dR , and so on because of the relationship between the derivative of a function and its inverse: $dx/dy = 1/(dy/dx)$.

- Things that come up in the inverse trig stuff: Be able to simplify expressions like $\tan(\cos^{-1}(x))$, $\sin(\tan^{-1}(x))$, etc. using an appropriate right triangle.
- Remember the logarithm rules:
 1. $A = e^{\ln(A)}$ for any $A > 0$.
 2. $\log(ab) = \log(a) + \log(b)$
 3. $\log(a/b) = \log(a) - \log(b)$
 4. $\log(a^b) = b \log(a)$
- Always simplify BEFORE differentiating. Example: To differentiate $y = x\sqrt{x}$, first rewrite as $y = x^{3/2}$
- For the related rates (Section 3.9), the workflow through the story problems will typically go as:
 - Draw a picture
 - Label constants and variables that are needed (careful that you don't include too many).
 - Determine the functional relationship
 - * Geometric formula for a circle, square or triangle.
 - * Geometric formula for a sphere or cone (these would be provided).
 - * Similar triangles.

Think of this list as a recommendation, but some problems may rely on things we haven't listed.