

## MATH 1230

### Logarithmic differentiation and review

Logarithmic differentiation allows for the differentiation of complicated expressions—particularly expressions with complicated powers—by first taking  $\ln$  of both sides.

Example: If  $y = x^{\sqrt{x}}$ , what is  $y'$ ?

Solution: Take  $\ln$  of both sides. Then

$$\ln(y) = \ln(x^{\sqrt{x}}) = \sqrt{x} \ln(x)$$

Now differentiate (implicitly!)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(y) = \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} \ln(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} \right] \ln(x) + \sqrt{x} \frac{d}{dx} \ln(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \ln(x) + \sqrt{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \frac{dy}{dx} &= y \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{x} \ln(x) + x^{-1/2} \right) \\ &= x^{\sqrt{x}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{x} \ln(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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Example: If

$$f(x) = (2x+3)^{150} (x^2+1)^{75} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{12} (x-1)^{13}, \text{ find } f'(x).$$

Solution: We could use traditional ~~to~~ differentiation rules, which would require many applications of the chain and product rule. Alternatively:

$$y = (2x+3)^{150} (x^2+1)^{75} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{12} (x-1)^{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(y) = 150 \ln(2x+3) + 75 \ln(x^2+1) + 12 \ln\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 13 \ln(x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} y' = \frac{150}{2x+3} \cdot 2 + \frac{75}{x^2+1} \cdot 2x + \frac{12}{x + \frac{1}{x}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + \frac{13}{x-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = (2x+3)^{150} (x^2+1)^{75} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{12} (x-1)^{13} \cdot \left( \frac{150}{2x+3} \cdot 2 + \frac{75}{x^2+1} \cdot 2x + \frac{12}{x + \frac{1}{x}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + \frac{13}{x-1} \right).$$

That's implicit differentiation.



15 1. MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

Each of the following multiple-choice questions has exactly ONE correct answer. Clearly indicate your answer to each question by circling your response.

Marking scheme: 2.5 marks for selecting the correct choice; 0 marks for selecting a wrong choice, or not selecting a choice, or selecting more than one choice.

(a) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 4}$ .

- A. 0
- B. does not exist
- C. 5/4
- D. -1/4
- E. 3/2

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{(x+2)(x-2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+3}{x+2} = \frac{2+3}{2+2} = \frac{5}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^3 + 3}{7 - 3x^2 - 9x^3}$ .

- A. 2/9
- B. 3/7
- C. -2/9
- D.  $-\infty$
- E.  $\infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^3 + 3}{7 - 3x^2 - 9x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2 + \frac{3}{x^3}}{\frac{7}{x^3} - \frac{3}{x} - 9} \\ &= \frac{-2}{9} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x) \cos(5x)}{\cos(3x) \sin(4x)}$ .

- A. 2/3
- B. 5/3
- C. 1/2
- D. 5/4
- E. 0

$\frac{0}{0}$  indeterminate form

$$\begin{aligned} \text{H.R. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\overset{\frac{1}{2}}{\cos(2x)} \cdot 2 \cdot \overset{\frac{1}{2}}{\cos(5x)} - \overset{0}{\sin(2x)} \cdot 5 \cdot \overset{0}{\sin(5x)}}{\underset{0}{-3\sin(3x)} \underset{0}{\sin(4x)} + \underset{1}{\cos(3x)} \cdot 4 \cdot \underset{1}{\cos(4x)}} \\ = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$



(d) If  $xy^3 + y - x = 23$ , find the equation of the tangent line at the point  $P(3, 2)$ .

A.  $y - 2 = \frac{4}{25}(x - 3)$   
 B.  $y - 2 = \frac{3}{38}(x - 3)$   
 C.  $y - 2 = \frac{5}{37}(x - 3)$   
 D.  $y - 2 = -\frac{6}{35}(x - 3)$   
 E.  $y - 2 = -\frac{7}{37}(x - 3)$

Implicit diff:  
 $(y^3 + x^3y^2 \cdot y') + y' - 1 = 0$   
 Then set  $x=3, y=2$ , and get  
 $2^3 + 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot y' + y' - 1 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 37y' = -7$   
 $y' = -\frac{7}{37}$

The point-slope formula gives  
 $y - 2 = -\frac{7}{37}(x - 3)$

(e) The product of two positive numbers is 100. What is the smallest possible value for their sum?

- A. 18
- B. 19
- C. 20
- D. 21
- E. 22

Call the numbers  $x$  and  $y$ . Then  
 $xy = 100$ , minimize  $x + y$  subject to this constraint.

$\Rightarrow y = \frac{100}{x}$ , so we want to minimize

Sum  $= x + y = x + \frac{100}{x}$ , where  $x > 0$ . Differentiate:

$(\text{Sum})' = 1 - \frac{100}{x^2}$ . Then  $1 - \frac{100}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{100} \Rightarrow x = 10$ .

Then  $y = 10$  and so  $x + y = 20$ .

(f) The  $n$ -th order Taylor polynomial of a function  $f$  about  $x = 0$  is

$$P_n(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots + (n + 1)x^n.$$

What is  $f^{(1230)}(0)$ ?

- A. 1230!
- B.  $1/1230!$
- C.  $1231/1230!$
- D. 1231!
- E. 1231

$$f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(0)x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)x^n}{n!}$$

So  $\frac{f^{(n)}(0)x^n}{n!} = (n+1)x^n$

$\Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = n!(n+1)$

$= 1230! \cdot (1231) = 1231!$

2. Differentiate the following functions. (You do not need to simplify your answer.)

4 (a)  $f(x) = (\ln x + \sin x)(\tan x + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (\ln(x) + \sin x)'(\tan x + 1) + (\ln(x) + \sin x)(\tan x + 1)' \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{x} + \cos(x)\right)(\tan x + 1) + (\ln(x) + \sin(x))(\sec^2 x) \end{aligned}$$

5 (b)  $f(x) = \frac{e^x \sin(2x)}{\sqrt{1-3x^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{(e^x \sin(2x))' \sqrt{1-3x^2} - e^x \sin(2x) (\sqrt{1-3x^2})'}{1-3x^2} \\ &= \frac{(e^x \sin(2x) + 2e^x \cos(2x)) \sqrt{1-3x^2} - e^x \sin(2x) \frac{1}{2} (1-3x^2)^{-1/2} \cdot -6x}{1-3x^2} \end{aligned}$$

5 (c)  $f(x) = x^{(e^x)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } y &= x^{e^x} \Rightarrow \ln(y) = \ln(x^{e^x}) = e^x \ln(x). \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} y' = e^x \ln(x) + e^x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\ &\Rightarrow y' = x^{e^x} \left( e^x \ln(x) + e^x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right). \end{aligned}$$

4. Circle ONE of the following theorems, and give the full precise statement of that theorem:

- The Intermediate Value Theorem
- The Mean Value Theorem

IVT: If  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and if  $s$  is a number between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there exists  $c$  in  $[a, b]$  with  $f(c) = s$ .

MVT: Suppose that  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Then there exists  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$

3. (a) State the precise definition of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a real number  $M$  such that  $x > M$  implies  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

5. (b) Using the precise definition of limit, show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} = 0$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Then to find  $M$  such that  $x > M$  implies  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} < \epsilon$ , we solve:

$$\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} \right| < \epsilon \iff \sqrt{x-1} > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

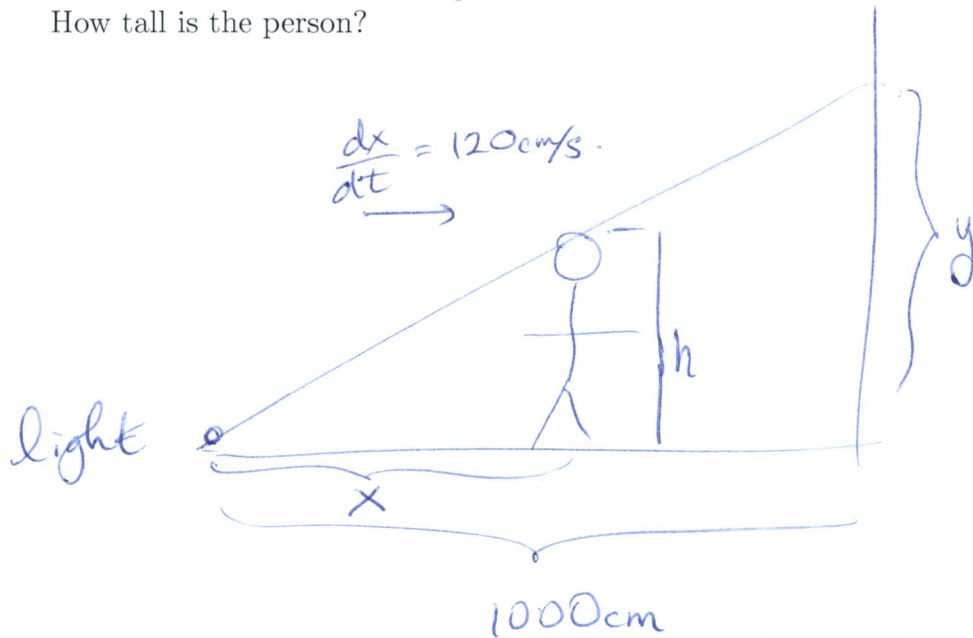
$$\iff x-1 > \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$\iff x > \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + 1.$$

So choose  $M = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + 1$ . Then from the above calculation,

$x > M$  implies  $\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} \right| < \epsilon$ , so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} = 0$ .

- 6 5. A spotlight on the ground shines on a wall 1000 cm away. A person walks from the spotlight toward the wall at a speed of 120 cm/s. At the moment when the person is 400 cm from the wall, the length of their shadow **on the wall** is decreasing at 46 cm/s. How tall is the person?



When  $1000 - x = 400$ , i.e. when  $x = 600$   $\frac{dy}{dt} = -46$  cm/s.

Similar triangles:  $\frac{h}{x} = \frac{y}{1000}$  ( $h$  a constant).

Thus, implicit differentiation gives:

$$-\frac{h}{x^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{1000} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Now when  $x = 600$  cm,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 120$  cm/s and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -46$  cm/s.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-h}{360000} \cdot 120 = \frac{1}{1000} \cdot -46$$

$$\Rightarrow -h \cdot \frac{1}{3} = -46$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 138 \text{ cm/s.}$$



- 8 6. Find the absolute maximum and minimum values (if any) of the function

$$f(x) = x(21 - x^2)^{2/3}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 6.$$

Derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (21 - x^2)^{2/3} + x(21 - x^2)^{-1/3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot (-2x) \\ &= (21 - x^2)^{2/3} - \frac{4}{3} \frac{x^2}{(21 - x^2)^{1/3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(21 - x^2)^{1/3}} (21 - x^2 - 4/3 x^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(21 - x^2)^{1/3}} (21 - 7/3 x^2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } f'(x) = 0 &\Rightarrow 7/3 x^2 = 21, \quad \underline{f'(x) \text{ undef} \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{7}} \\ &\Rightarrow 7x^2 = 63 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 = 9 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \pm 3}, \end{aligned}$$

So  $x = 3, \sqrt{7}$  (being the only points in the domain  $0 \leq x \leq 6$ ) may be an absolute max/min. We must also consider ~~the~~ the endpoints,  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 6$ . Note  $f(x)$  is defined everywhere in  $[0, 6]$ , since  $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$  is defined everywhere. Testing:

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(3) = 3(21 - 9)^{2/3} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{12^2} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{2^4 \cdot 3^2}$$

$$f(6) = 6 \cdot (21 - 36)^{2/3} = 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{(-15)^2} \leftarrow \text{largest.}$$

abs mins?

$$= 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{225} \quad \text{absolute max}$$

$$f(\sqrt{7}) = 0$$

So the absolute mins are at  $0, \sqrt{7}$ , with  $f(0) = f(\sqrt{7}) = 0$

7. Let  $f(x) = \frac{4x}{x^2 + 1}$ . Then  $f'(x) = \frac{4(1 - x^2)}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$ , and  $f''(x) = \frac{8x(x^2 - 3)}{(x^2 + 1)^3}$ .

2 (a) Show that  $f$  is an odd function.

$$f(-x) = \frac{4(-x)}{(-x)^2 + 1} = \frac{-4x}{x^2 + 1} = -f(x), \text{ so } f(x) \text{ is odd}$$

4 (b) Determine the intervals of increase/decrease for  $f$ .

$f'(x)$  changes sign (potentially) when  $f'(x) = 0$  or  $f'(x)$  is undefined.

$$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1.$$

$f'(x)$  is defined everywhere.

function	$(-\infty, -1)$	$(-1, 1)$	$(1, \infty)$
$x - 1$	-	-	+
$x + 1$	-	+	+
$\frac{4}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$	+	+	+
$f'(x)$	+	-	+

4 (c) Identify all critical and singular points (if any) of  $f$  and classify them as local maxima/minima or neither.

$f(x)$  has critical points at  $\pm 1$ , and no singular points since  $f'(x)$  is defined everywhere. From the table above (by the first derivative test)  $x = -1$  is a local max, and  $x = 1$  is a local min.

4 (d) Determine (if any) the interval(s) on which  $f$  is concave up and the interval(s) on which  $f$  is concave down.

$f''(x)$  changes sign  $\Leftrightarrow f''(x) = 0$  or  $f''(x)$  is undefined.

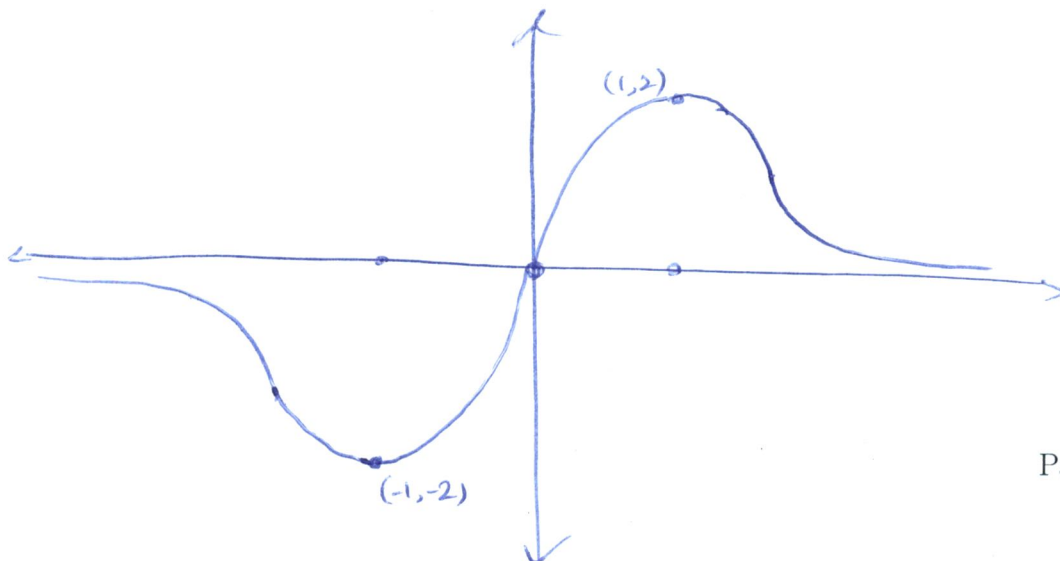
$$f''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 8x(x^2 - 3) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$f''(x)$  is everywhere defined.

function	$(-\infty, -\sqrt{3})$	$(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$	$(0, \sqrt{3})$	$(\sqrt{3}, \infty)$
$8x$	-	-	+	+
$x - \sqrt{3}$	-	-	-	+
$x + \sqrt{3}$	-	+	+	+
$f''(x)$	-	+	-	+
$f(x)$	∩	∪	∩	∪

4 (e) Provide a sketch of the graph of  $f$  that exhibits all the information you found above.



- 4 8. (a) Calculate the Taylor polynomial  $P_3(x)$  of order 3 about  $x = 0$  for  $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$ .

Formula:  $P_n(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)(x-a)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)(x-a)^n}{n!}$

So we need  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$ ,  $f''(x) = \frac{-1}{(x+1)^2}$ ,  $f'''(x) = \frac{2}{(x+1)^3}$

Then with  $a=0$ ,

$$P_3(x) = \ln(1) + \frac{1}{0+1}x + \frac{(-1)}{2!(0+1)^2}(x^2) + \frac{2}{3!(0+1)^3}x^3$$

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

- 1 (b) Use  $P_3$  to write down an approximation for  $\ln(2)$ .

$$\ln(2) \approx P_3(1) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$$

- 4 (c) Use Taylor's formula (i.e. Lagrange formula for the error) to estimate the error in your approximation above.

$$E_3(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(s)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1}, \text{ where } s \text{ is in between } x \text{ and } a.$$

Here,  $a=0$ ,  $x=1$ , and  $f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{-6}{(x+1)^4}$ . This has a max

on  $[0,1]$  at  $x=0$ . So

$$|E_3(1)| \leq \left| \frac{f^{(4)}(0)}{4!} (1-0)^4 \right| = \left| \frac{-6}{24} \right| = \frac{1}{4}.$$

- 5 (bonus) 9. (Bonus!) Suppose  $f$  is a differentiable function such that  $f'(8) = 2$ . Find the value of the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{f(x) - f(8)}{x^{1/3} - 2}$$

WITHOUT using L'Hopital's Rule. (If you do not know L'Hopital's Rule, do not be concerned. Solution attempts that use L'Hopital's Rule will receive no credit.)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{f(x) - f(8)}{x^{1/3} - 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{f(x) - f(8)}{x - 8} \cdot \frac{x - 8}{x^{1/3} - 2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{f(x) - f(8)}{x - 8} \cdot \frac{(x^{1/3} - 2)(x^{2/3} + 2x^{1/3} + 4)}{x^{1/3} - 2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{f(x) - f(8)}{x - 8} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} x^{2/3} + 2x^{1/3} + 4 \\ &= 2 \cdot [8^{2/3} + 2 \cdot 8^{1/3} + 4] \\ &= 2 \cdot [4 + 4 + 4] = 24. \end{aligned}$$