

More ~~comp~~ In the last class, we analyzed when  $f'(x)=0$ . (extrema).

Another consequence of Mean Value Theorem:


(29.7) Cor (Monotonic functions). If  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all ~~points~~ <sup>points in some interval</sup> then  $f$  is non-decreasing ~~on  $(a,b)$~~  <sup>that interval</sup>.  
 (and if  $f'(x) > 0$  then  $f$  is increasing...)  
 Similarly, if  $f'(x) \leq 0$  for all ~~points~~ then  $f$  is non-increasing ~~on  $(a,b)$~~ .  
 (and if  $f'(x) < 0$  then  $f$  is decreasing...)

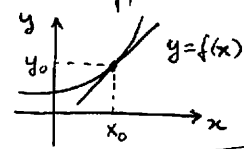
Proof Let  ~~$a < x_1 < x_2 < b$~~ . Then by M.V.T., let  $x_1, x_2$  be points in the interval.

By M.V.T.,  $f(x_2) - f(x_1) = f'(x_0) \underbrace{(x_2 - x_1)}_>0$  for some  $x_0 \in (x_1, x_2)$

So, if  $f'(x_0) \geq 0$  then  $f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) \geq 0$ , hence non-decreasing.  
Other parts are similar.

Q.E.D.

Example:  $f(x) = x^2$ .  $f'(x) = 2x$ , so increasing on  $(0, \infty)$ , decreasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$ . 

(29.9) Thm (Derivative of inverse function). Suppose  $f$  is one-to-one ~~and continuous~~ on some open interval containing  $x_0$  and both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are continuous at  $x_0$  and  $y_0 = f(x_0)$  respectively.  
 If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$  and  $f'(x_0) \neq 0$ , then  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $y_0$  and  
 and  $(f^{-1})'(y_0) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)}$  (\*) 

Proof ~~let  $y=f(x)$ . First note that the increments  $f(x) - f(x_0)$  and  $f^{-1}(y) - f^{-1}(y_0)$  are never zero when  $x \neq x_0$ . Now, we want to prove the existence~~

Remark If we know that  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $y_0$  then (\*) is easy:

by composition  $(f \circ f^{-1})(x) = x$  at  $x_0$   $\Rightarrow$  by differentiating this composition yields by chain rule yields  $(f^{-1})'(y_0) \cdot f'(x_0) = 1 \Rightarrow (*)$  follows.

Proof Let  $y=f(x)$ . Note that the increments  $f(x)-f(x_0)$  and  $f^{-1}(y)-f^{-1}(y_0)$  are not zero if  $x \neq x_0$ . We want to show the existence of

$$(f^{-1})'(y_0) = \lim_{y \rightarrow y_0} \frac{f^{-1}(y) - f^{-1}(y_0)}{y - y_0} \quad (**)$$

Make change of variable  $y=f(x)$ . By continuity,  $y \rightarrow y_0$  implies (and is in fact equivalent to)  $x \rightarrow x_0$

~~if  $f$  is not constant~~

$$y \rightarrow y_0 \implies \begin{matrix} x \rightarrow x_0 \\ f^{-1}(y) \rightarrow f^{-1}(y_0) \end{matrix}$$

So

$$(**) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{x - x_0}{f(x) - f(x_0)} = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)} \quad (\text{by def. of } f'(x_0) \text{ and limit of ratio})$$

QED

Exercise: Justify the change of variable in this argument

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{if } y_n \rightarrow y_0 \Rightarrow \exists x_n := f^{-1}(y_n) \rightarrow f^{-1}(y_0) = x_0. \text{ So by } \\ \lim_{x_n \rightarrow x_0} \frac{x_n - x_0}{f(x_n) - f(x_0)} = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)} \\ \parallel \\ \lim_{y_n \rightarrow y_0} \frac{f^{-1}(y_n) - f^{-1}(y_0)}{y_n - y_0} \Rightarrow (**) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)} \end{array} \right)$$

Examples

(a)  $y=f(x) = \ln x$ ,  $x=f^{-1}(y) = e^x$   
 $(f^{-1})'(y) = \frac{x}{f'(x)} = \frac{x}{1/x} = x^2 = e^{2x}$

(a) Logarithmic function  $y=f(x) = e^x$ ,  $x=f^{-1}(y) = \ln y$   
 $(f^{-1})'(y) = \frac{1}{f'(x)} = \frac{1}{e^x} = \frac{1}{y}$   $\Rightarrow$   $\boxed{(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}}$

(b) Power (polynomial) function  $f(x) = x^p$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $(x^p)' = (e^{p \ln x})' = e^{p \ln x} \cdot \frac{p}{x}$  (by chain rule)  
 $= x^p \cdot \frac{p}{x} = p x^{p-1}$

$$\boxed{(x^p)' = p x^{p-1}, p \in \mathbb{R}}$$

(c)  $y=f(x) = \sin x$ ,  $x=f^{-1}(y) = \sin^{-1} y$ ,  $(f^{-1})'(y) = \frac{1}{f'(x)} = \frac{1}{\cos x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$   
 $\rightarrow$   $\boxed{(\sin^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, x \in (-1, 1)}$

## §30 L'Hopital's ~~Provan~~ Rule

Thm 30.2 (Partial case of L'Hopital's Rule). Let  $f, g$  be differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g'(x) \rightarrow +\infty$$

Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = +\infty$

Remark: ~~in~~ In general,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ .

□

Lemma 30.1 (Generalized MVT) [Cauchy] Let  $f, g$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$ , diff. on  $(a, b)$ .

There exists  $x_0 \in (a, b)$  s.t.

$$\frac{f'(x_0)}{g'(x_0)} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)}$$

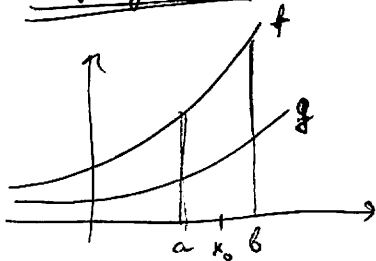
Proof  $h(x) := f(x)[g(b) - g(a)] - g(x)[f(b) - f(a)]$ .

Want to show:  $h'(x_0) = 0$  for some  $x_0 \in (a, b)$

Since  $h(a) = h(b)$ , Rolle's theorem gives us such  $x_0$ . QED.

Proof of Thm. Let  $M > 0$ . By assumption,  $\exists a$  such that

$$\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} > M \quad \text{for } x > a.$$



By Generalized MVT,  $\forall b > a \exists x_0 \in (a, b)$  such that

$$R := \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} = \frac{f'(x_0)}{g'(x_0)} > M.$$

Now we get rid of  $f(a), g(a)$  in the left hand side. Keep  $a$  fixed, let  $b \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$R = \frac{\frac{f(b)}{g(b)} - \frac{f(a)}{g(b)}}{1 - \frac{g(a)}{g(b)}} > M$$

Choose  $b_0$  so that these two fractions are smaller than  $\frac{1}{2}$  in absolute value for  $b > b_0$ .

$$\frac{f(b)}{g(b)} - \frac{1}{2} > M \Rightarrow \frac{f(b)}{g(b)} > M + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{f(b)}{g(b)} > \frac{M-1}{2} \text{ for } b > b_0$$

Summarizing:  $\forall M \exists b_0$  s.t.  $\frac{f(b)}{g(b)} > \frac{M-1}{2}$  for  $b > b_0$ .  $\Rightarrow \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(b)}{g(b)} = +\infty$ . QED

Example (logarithmic vs polynomial functio-)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^p}{\ln x} = +\infty \quad \text{for } p > 0.$$

Indeed,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^p)'}{(\ln x)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p x^{p-1}}{1/x} = p \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^p = +\infty$ . L'HOPITAL  $\Rightarrow \infty/\infty$ .

Hence, hierarchy:

$$\ln x \ll x^p \ll e^x \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } p > 0.$$

