

Beautiful gems from Calculus

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② What is an expression?

Examples of derivatives of expressions:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^2 + 6x + 7}{3x + 1} \right) \quad \frac{d}{dx} (\tan(x)) \quad \frac{d}{dx} (e^{3x+1} \sin(3x))$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^x \log(x)) \quad \frac{d}{dx} (\cos(x)^{\sin(x)})$$

Let's be honest with ourselves and our students. An expression is not a function

$$\mathcal{E}[x] = \{ a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots \mid a_i \in \mathbb{C} \}$$

contains

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \dots$$

An expression is an element of

$$\mathcal{E}(x) = \left\{ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \mid f(x), g(x) \in \mathcal{E}[x] \text{ and } g(x) \neq 0 \right\}$$

with $\frac{a(x)}{b(x)} = \frac{c(x)}{d(x)}$ if $a(x)d(x) = b(x)c(x)$.

A more complicated structure than $\mathcal{E}[x]$ is

$$\mathcal{E}(x) = \left\{ a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots \mid \begin{array}{l} a_i \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and there exists} \\ N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \text{ such that if} \\ d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq N} \text{ then } a_d = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

① The exponential

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

Note: $\cos(x)$, $\sin(x)$, $\cosh(x)$, $\sinh(x)$
are all fakes

since, with $i^2 = -1$,

$$\cos(x) = \cosh(ix), \quad \sin(x) = i \sinh(ix)$$

$$\cosh(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}), \quad \sinh(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})$$

Theorem If $xy = yx$ then

$$e^{x+y} = e^x e^y$$

Warning:

$$\sin^2(x) \neq \sin(x)^2$$

as this is equivalent to

$$\sin^{-1}(x) \neq \sin(x)^{-1}$$

③ Combining f and g

(a) $\frac{d}{dx}(f+g) = \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{dg}{dx}$

(b) $\frac{d}{dx}(fg) = f \frac{dg}{dx} + \frac{df}{dx} g$

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

(d) $\frac{d}{dx}(f^g) = g f^{g-1} \frac{df}{dx} + f^g \log(f) \frac{dg}{dx}$

Note: (c) and (d) follow from (a) and (b).

A constant is an element of

$$\ker\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) = \left\{ f \in \mathbb{C}((x)) \mid \frac{df}{dx} = 0 \right\} = \mathbb{C}$$

Since $\frac{d}{dx} : \mathbb{C}((x)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}((x))$ then

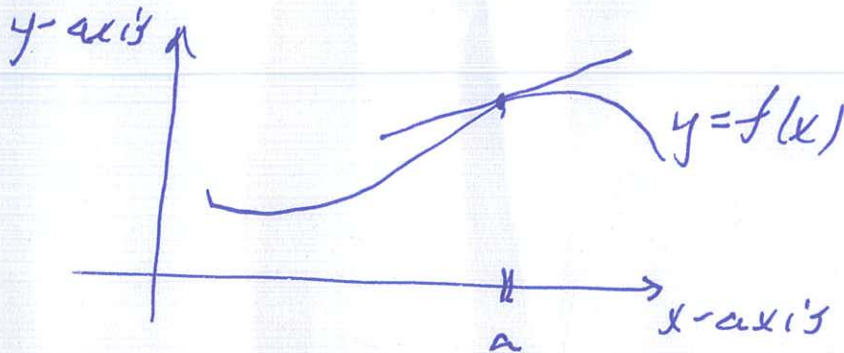
$$\int x^4 dx = \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{-1}(x^4) = \frac{1}{5} x^5 + \ker\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) = \frac{1}{5} x^5 + \mathbb{C}$$

Main topics in Calculus

ALGEBRA and GRAPHING

④ Graphing Theorem I
(The theorem of rates)

$$ev_a \left(\frac{df}{dx} \right) = \left(\text{slope of graph of } f(x) \right) \text{ at } x=a$$



⑤ Graphing Theorem II
(The theorem of a little at a time)

Let $A(x) = \left(\text{sum of a bunch of little things} \right)$
where the a^{th} little thing is $f(a)$

Let $f(p)$ be the first little thing

Then

$$ev_a \left(\frac{dA}{dx} \right) = f(a)$$

Equivalently/notationally $\int_{z=p}^{z=x} f(z) dz = A(x)$

