

4 rules for the derivative  $\frac{d}{dx} : \mathbb{Q}[[x]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$ .

(a)  $\frac{d}{dx} (a(x) + b(x)) = \frac{d}{dx} a(x) + \frac{d}{dx} b(x)$

(b) If  $c \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $a(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$  then

$$\frac{d}{dx} (c a(x)) = c \frac{d}{dx} (a(x))$$

(c)  $\frac{d}{dx} x = 1$ ,

(d) If  $a(x), b(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$  then

$$\frac{d}{dx} (a(x)b(x)) = a(x) \frac{d}{dx} (b(x)) + \frac{d a(x)}{dx} b(x)$$

Proposition If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  then  $\frac{d x^n}{dx} = n x^{n-1}$ .

Proof Proof by induction.

Base cases:  $n=1$ . To show:  $\frac{d x}{dx} = 1 x^0$ .

Since  $1 x^0 = 1$ , this follows from (c).

$n=2$ ! To show  $\frac{d x^2}{dx} = 2x$ .

$$\frac{d x^2}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (x \cdot x) = x \frac{d x}{dx} + \frac{d x}{dx} x = x \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot x = 2x.$$

$n=3$ ; To show  $\frac{dx^3}{dx} = 3x^2$

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

Induction step: Assume  ~~$\frac{dx^k}{dx}$~~   $\frac{dx^k}{dx} = kx^{k-1}$ , for  $k < n$ .

To show:  $\frac{dx^n}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$ .

$$\frac{dx^n}{dx} = \frac{d(x^{n-1} \cdot x)}{dx} = x^{n-1} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{dx^{n-1}}{dx} \cdot x$$

$$= x^{n-1} \cdot 1 + (n-1)x^{n-2} \cdot x = x^{n-1} + (n-1)x^{n-1} = \underline{\underline{nx^{n-1}}}$$

$$= nx^{n-1} \quad //$$

Proposition

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(2n+1), \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}.$$

Proof Proof by induction.

Base cases:  $n=1$ . To show:  $1^2 = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1 \cdot (1+1) \cdot (2 \cdot 1+1)$

$$RHS = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1 \cdot (1+1) \cdot (2 \cdot 1+1) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 1.$$

$n=2$  To show:  $1^2 + 2^2 = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 2 \cdot (2+1) \cdot (2 \cdot 2+1)$ .

$$LHS = 1^2 + 2^2 = 1 + 4 = 5.$$

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$$RHS = \frac{1}{6} 2(2+1)(2 \cdot 2+1) = \frac{1}{6} 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 5.$$

$n=3$  To show:  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 = \frac{1}{6} 3 \cdot (3+1)(2 \cdot 3+1)$

$$LHS = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 = 5 + 3^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} RHS &= \frac{1}{6} 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 = \frac{1}{6} (2+1)(3+1)(5+2) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 + \frac{1}{6} 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 + \frac{1}{6} 2(1 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2) \end{aligned}$$

Induction step:

Assume  $\sum_{k=1}^r k^2 = \frac{1}{6} r(r+1)(2r+1)$ , for  $r < n$ .

To show:  $\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(2n+1)$ .

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (n-1)^2 + n^2 = n^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k^2$$

$$= n^2 + \frac{1}{6} (n-1)(n-1+1)(2(n-1)+1), \text{ by induction,}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (6n^2 + (n-1)n(2n-1))$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} n (6n + (n-1)(2n-1))$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} n (6n + 2n^2 - n - 2n + 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} n (2n^2 + 3n + 1) = \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(2n+1).$$

# Taylor's Theorem

Let  $a(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots \in \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$ .

$$\frac{da}{dx} = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + 4a_4x^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d^2a}{dx^2} = 2a_2 + 3 \cdot 2a_3x + 4 \cdot 3a_4x^2 + 5 \cdot 4a_5x^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d^3a}{dx^3} = 3 \cdot 2a_3 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2a_4x + 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3a_5x^2 + 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4a_6x^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d^4a}{dx^4} = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2a_4 + 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2a_5x + 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3a_6x^2 + \dots$$

In general,

$$\frac{d^k a}{dx^k} = k! a_k + (k+1)! a_{k+1}x + \frac{(k+2)!}{2!} a_{k+2}x^2 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+r)!}{r!} a_{k+r} x^r,$$

∴  $\left. \frac{d^k a}{dx^k} \right|_{x=0} = k! a_k + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = k! a_k.$

∴  $a_k = \frac{1}{k!} \left( \left. \frac{d^k a}{dx^k} \right|_{x=0} \right).$

## Examples

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(1) If you know

$$e^0 = 1, \quad \frac{d e^x}{dx} = e^x, \quad \frac{d^2 e^x}{dx^2} = e^x, \dots$$

then you know

$$\frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{d^k e^x}{dx^k} \Big|_{x=0} \right) = \frac{1}{k!} e^x \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{k!}$$

and

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \frac{1}{4!} x^4 + \dots$$

(2) If you know

$$\sin 0 = 0, \quad \cos 0 = 1, \quad \frac{d \sin x}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d \cos x}{dx} = -\sin x,$$

then you know that if  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  then

$$\frac{d^k \sin x}{dx^k} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{k/2} \sin x, & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \\ (-1)^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \cos x, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

since

$$\frac{d^2 \sin x}{dx^2} = -\sin x, \quad \frac{d^3 \sin x}{dx^3} = -\cos x, \quad \frac{d^4 \sin x}{dx^4} = \sin x$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k \sin x}{dx^k} \Big|_{x=0} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k!} \cdot 0, & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \\ \frac{1}{k!} (-1)^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$