

## 4.2: Differentiability: Theorems

**Thm 4:** Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an interval, let  $a \in I$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions that diffble at  $a$ , then  $f+g$ ,  $\alpha f$ ,  $f \cdot g$  and (when  $g(a) \neq 0$ )  $\frac{f}{g}$  are all diffble at  $a$ . In fact:

$$i. (f+g)'(a) = \bar{f}(a) + \bar{g}(a)$$

$$ii. (\alpha f)'(a) = \alpha \bar{f}(a)$$

$$iii. (f \cdot g)'(a) = g(a) \bar{f}(a) + f(a) \bar{g}(a)$$

$$iv. \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(a) = \frac{g(a) \bar{f}(a) - f(a) \bar{g}(a)}{g^2(a)}$$

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let  $g = \frac{f}{g}$ , since  $g$  is diffble at  $a$ , it is continuous at  $a$ .

(Thm 3), since  $g(a) \neq 0 \exists$  an interval  $J \subseteq I$  with  $a \in J$  s.t.

$g(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in J$ . For  $x \in J, x \neq a$ , we have

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(a) = \bar{g}(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x) - g(a)}{x - a}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - \frac{f(a)}{g(a)}}{x - a}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)g(a) - f(a)g(x)}{(x-a)g(x)g(a)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)g(a) - f(a)g(a) + f(a)g(a) - f(a)g(x)}{(x-a)g(x)g(a)}$$

we used the continuity of  $g$

at  $a$  and the differentiability

of  $f$  and  $g$  at  $a$ .

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{g(x)g(a)} \left[ \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} g(a) - \frac{f(a) - f(x)}{x - a} g(x) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{g^2(a)} \left[ \bar{f}(a)g(a) - f(a)\bar{g}(a) \right]$$

Proof by induction.

**Corollary:** If  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  are functions on an interval  $I$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  that are diffble at  $a \in I$ , then :

i. The function  $f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n$  is diffble at  $a$  and

$$(f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_n)'(a) = \bar{f}_1(a) + \bar{f}_2(a) + \dots + \bar{f}_n(a)$$

ii. The function  $f_1 f_2 \dots f_n$  is diffble at  $a$ , and  $(f_1 f_2 \dots f_n)'(a) =$

$$\bar{f}_1(a) \bar{f}_2(a) \dots \bar{f}_n(a) + \bar{f}_1(a) \bar{f}_2(a) \dots \bar{f}_{n-1}(a) + \dots + \bar{f}_1(a) \bar{f}_2(a) \dots \bar{f}_{n-1}(a)$$

$$(f_1 f_2 \dots f_{n+1})' = (f_1 \dots f_n f_{n+1})' = \underbrace{(f_1 \dots f_n)'}_{\text{by induction}} f_{n+1} + (f_1 \dots f_n) \bar{f}_{n+1}$$

Theorem 5: Chain Rule .

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions. If  $f$  is diffble at  $a$  and  $g$  is diffble at  $f(a)$ , then  $gof$  is diffble at  $a$  with

$$(gof)'(a) = \bar{g}(f(a)) \bar{f}(a)$$

$$\left[ g(\overline{f(x)}) \right]' \Big|_{x=a} = \bar{g}(f(x)) \Big|' \bar{f}(x) \Big|_{x=a}$$

$$= \bar{g}(f(a)) \bar{f}(a)$$

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Proof →

Proof :

By Thm 1,  $\exists$  an open intervals  $I$  and  $J$  and  $F: I \rightarrow R$  cont. at  $a$  and  $G: J \rightarrow R$  cont. at  $F(a)$ , such that

$$F(a) = \bar{F}(a), \quad G(F(a)) = \bar{g}(F(a)),$$

$$f(x) = F(x)(x-a) + F(a), \quad \forall x \in I \quad \text{i}$$

$$g(y) = G(y)(y-F(a)) + g(F(a)), \quad \forall y \in J. \quad \text{ii}$$

since  $f$  is cont. at  $a$  we may assume that  $f(x) \in J, \forall x \in I$

Fix  $x \in I$ , Apply ii to  $y = f(x)$  and i to  $x$  to write

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By ii} \quad &= G(f(x)) \underbrace{(f(x)-F(a))}_{\frac{f(x)}{x}} + g(F(a)) \\ &= G(f(x)) F(x)(x-a) + (g \circ f)(a). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Set } H(x) = G(f(x)) F(x) \text{ for } x \in I$$

since  $F$  is cont. at  $a$  and  $G$  is cont. at  $F(a)$ , then

$H$  is cont. at  $a$ .

$$\text{Moreover, } H(a) = G(F(a)) F(a)$$

$$H(a) = \underbrace{g(F(a))}_{\bar{g}(F(a))} \bar{F}(a)$$

It follows from Thm 1,  $(g \circ f)'(a) = H(a)$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } \underbrace{(g \circ f)'(a)}_{\bar{g}(F(a)) \bar{F}(a)} = \bar{g}(F(a)) \bar{F}(a)$$

QED