Rules for Differentiation

• Derivatives can be evaluated as a sum of its individual terms.

• Let f and g be two functions of x, then $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) + g(x)] = f'(x) + g'(x)$

- $\frac{d}{dx}(cf(x)) = cf'(x)$
- **Power rule**: $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$ By extension: $\frac{d}{dx}(cx^n) = cx^{n-1}$

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

- **Product rule**: $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$
- Quotient rule: $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) + g'(x)f(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$ for $g(x) \neq 0$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$ $\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\csc^2 x$ • $\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$ $\frac{d}{dx} \csc x = -\csc x \cot x$
- $\frac{d}{dx}\sec x = \sec x \tan x$ • $\frac{d}{dx}e^x = e^x$ $\frac{d}{dx}\ln x = \frac{1}{x}$

• Chain rule:
$$\frac{d}{dx}f(g(x)) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

- In other words: If y varies with u and u varies with x, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du}\frac{du}{dx}$
- Think about this intuitively: if y is three times as fast as u and u is twice as fast as x, then y must be six times as fast as x.

Further notes:

• Leibniz's Rule: Given that *u* and *v* are *n* times differentiable functions,

 $(uv)^{(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} {\binom{n}{C_k} u^{(k)} v^{(n-k)}}$ Note: this is just the generalization of the product rule.

• The derivatives of the sine and cosine functions can be proven with the limit definition of the derivative with trigonometric summation properties using

 $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0.$

- The derivatives of the other trigonometric functions can be derived from the derivative of the sine and cosine functions using product and quotient rule.
- The derivatives of exponential functions can be proven with the definition of *e*.
- Product rule, quotient rule, and chain rule can all be proven with the limit definition of the derivative.

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