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Higher-Order Derivatives

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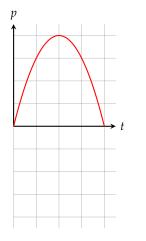
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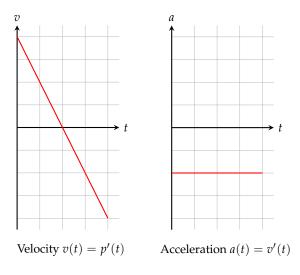
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No Office Hours Today

I will not be able to hold office hours this afternoon. Please contact me at pperr0@uky.edu if you need help.

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Unit II

- September 25 Derivatives of Exponential Functions (§2.7)
- September 27 Derivatives of Trig Functions (§2.8)
- September 30 The Chain Rule (§2.9)
- October 2 The Natural Logarithm (§2.10)
- October 4 Implicit Differentiation (§2.11)
- October 7 Inverse Trig Functions (§2.12)
- October 9 The Mean Value Theorem (§2.13)
- October 11 Higher-Order Derivatives (§2.14)
- October 14 Velocity and Acceleration (§3.1)
- October 16 Linear and Quadratic Approximation (§3.4.1–3.4.3)
- October 18 Exam II Review
- October 21 Exam II Review
- October 22 Exam II, 5:00-7:00 PM

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Reminders for the Week of October 7–11 and October 14–18

- Webworks 2.11 and 2.12 are due on Friday, October 11
- Webworks 2.13 and 2.14 are due on Tuesday, October 15
- Written Assignment 4 is due on Wednesday, October 16
- Quiz 6 is due on Thursday, October 17



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Goals of the Day

Today we'll cover the following topics:

- Higher-order derivatives
- Derivatives of polynomials
- Velocity and Acceleration

Preview: if s(t) gives the position of a moving object as a function of time: v(t) = s'(t) gives the *velocity* of the moving object a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t) gives the *acceleration* of the moving object

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Higher Derivatives

If f(x) is a function, f'(x) is a new function. Its derivative is

$$\frac{d}{dx}f'(x) = f''(x)$$

Example:

$$f(x) = e^{2x}$$

$$f'(x) = 2e^{2x}$$
 first derivative

$$f''(x) = 4e^{2x}$$
 second derivative

In general, $f^{(n)}(x)$ is the *n*th derivative of *f*. Another notation is $\frac{d^n f}{dx^n}$ In the example, what is $f^{(4)}(x)$?

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Mathematics, the Science of Patterns

Work out the following derivatives and see if you can see a pattern

f(x)	sin(x)
f'(x)	$\cos(x)$
f''(x)	$-\sin(x)$
$f^{(3)}(x)$	
$f^{(4)}(x)$	
$f^{(8)}(x)$	
$f^{(64)}(x)$	

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Let $f(x) = \sin(x)$. Find $f^{(65)}(x)$ (S) $\sin(x)$ (I) $-\sin(x)$ (N) $\cos(x)$ (E) $-\cos(x)$

Mathematics, the Science of Patterns (Encore) Let $f(x) = x^5$

Find the derivatives of f(x)

f(x)	<i>x</i> ⁵
$\frac{d}{dx}f(x)$	$5x^{4}$
$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}f(x)$	$5 \cdot 4 \cdot x^3$
$\frac{d^3}{dx^3}f(x)$	$5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3x^2$
$\frac{d^4}{dx^4}f(x)$	$5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2x$
$\frac{d^5}{dx^5}f(x)$	$5 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$

What is the pattern in these derivatives?

Guess

 $\frac{d^4}{dx^4}(x^4)$

Guess

 $\frac{d^6}{dx^6}(x^6)$

Guess

 $\frac{d^8}{dx^8}(x^6)$

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Factorials!

For n = 0, 1, 2, 3, ... we introduce

$$0! = 1$$
 and $n! = n(n-1)!$

(1) Fill in the following table:

0!	1
1!	1
2!	2
3!	
4!	
5!	
6!	
7!	

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(1) Fill in the following table:

(2) Find $\frac{8!}{5!}$

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3!	
4!	
5!	
6!	
7!	

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Derivative of x^n

Problem: Find
$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(x^n)$$
.

Examples:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1, \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(x^2) = 2, \quad \frac{d^3}{dx^3}(x^3) = 6, \quad \frac{d^4}{dx^4}(x^4) = 24$$

Guess: $\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(x^n) = n!$

To check this, suppose we know that $\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(x^n) = n!$

Now compute

$$\frac{d^{n+1}}{dx^{n+1}}(x^{n+1}) = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \left((n+1)x^n \right) \\ = (n+1)\frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^n \\ = (n+1)n! = (n+1)!$$

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Suppose that *f* has two derivatives on the real line, f''(x) = 2 for all *x*, f'(0) = 3, and f(0) = 1. What is *f*?

(F) $x^2 + 2x + 3$ (A) $x^2 + 3x + 2$ (C) $x^2 + 3x + 1$ (T) $x^2 + 2x + 1$

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Systematic Solution

$$f''(x) = 2$$
, $f'(0) = 3$, $f(0) = 1$

First, f''(x) = 2 so

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f'(x) - 2x) = 0$$

By MVT,

$$f'(x) = 2x + C$$

Next, f'(0) = 3 so

$$C = 3$$

Since f'(x) = 2x + 3, we have

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) - (x^2 + 3x)) = 0$$

By MVT

$$f(x) - (x^2 + 3x) = D$$

Since f(0) = 1 we get

$$D = 1$$

so

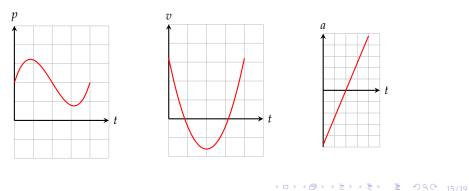
$$f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$$

Velocity and Acceleration

Suppose p(t) denotes the position of a particle moving along a line at time t

v(t) = p'(t) is the instantaneous *velocity*. If v(t) > 0 then p(t) is increasing, while if v(t) < 0 then p(t) is decreasing. We'll call |p'(t)| the instantaneous *speed*, which tells us how fast a particle is moving but ignores the direction.

The function a(t) = v'(t) tells us how the velocity is changing. If a(t) > 0, the velocity is increasing, while if a(t) < 0, the velocity is decreasing



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Constant Acceleration

Problem Suppose that h(t) represents the height of particle at time *t*. Suppose that

- The particle has height h_0 at time 0
- The particle has velocity v_0 at time 0
- The particle has constant acceleration -g

Find h(t).

• If h''(t) = -g then h'(t) + gt has derivative h''(t) + g = 0. So h'(t) = -gt + B and B =

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 - Conclusion:

$$h(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_0t + h_0$$

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Oscillatory Motion

Suppose $p(t) = \sin(t)$

- (a) Show that p''(t) + p(t) = 0
- (b) Describe the equation in part (a) in words
 - Take derivatives:

$$p'(t) = \cos t$$
$$p''(t) = -\sin t$$
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• Acceleration is the negative of position. For what physical situation does this actually happen?

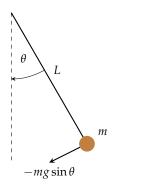
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Oscillatory Motion

A physical system that exhibits this kind of oscillatory motion is a pendulum



The equation of motion for a pendulum of mass m and with length L is:

$$mL^2\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -(mg\sin\theta)L$$

or

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{L}\sin\theta \simeq -\frac{g}{L}\theta$$

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We used $\sin \theta \simeq \theta$ for small angles

(For an amazing video that shows pendulum waves, see here!)

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If $f'(x) = \cos(x)$ for all x ad f(0) = 10, what is f(x)?

(S) $f(x) = 10 + \sin(x)$ (I) $f(x) = 10 - \sin(x)$ (N) $f(x) = 10\sin(x)$ (E) $f(x) = 10\cos(x)$