

## **Chapter 7**

# DERIVATIVES

RATE OF CHANGE IN A STRAIGHT LINE:

The graph of a linear function

f(x) = ax + bis a straight line, as shown in the

#### figure 7.1

To find the rate of change in y with respect to x, select two points  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$ 

$$m = \text{rate of change of } y \text{ w.r.t. } x = \frac{rise}{run} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$
$$= \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Select other two points lie on the straight line to find rate of change of y w.r.t. x, the rate of change will be same. So that rate of change of a straight line is constant. This rate of change is called slope of the line.

#### RATE OF CHANGE IN A CURVE

Suppose that g(x) is a non-linear function. Graph of this function is shown in the **figure 7.2**.

P and Q are two points on the curve. A line segment joining P and Q is called secant and the line which passes through these two points is called secant line. If  $m_1$  is the slope of secant PQ, than

Slope of 
$$PQ = m_1 = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$
  
Figure 7.3

Now select other three points R, S and T on the curve. According to the figure 7.3 slope of  $\overline{PS}$  is less than the slope of  $\overline{PQ}$  and slope of  $\overline{PR}$  is zero because  $\overline{PR}$  is parallel to x-axis and the slope of PT is negative.

Above discussion tells that the slopes of two different secants drawn from P are not same. So what should be the procedure to find the rate of change at a point P, because different secants drawn from P such that PQ, PR, PS and PT have different slopes.



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So what should do to find the rate of change at P? It is possible only when we select a point to draw a secant which is nearer to P. Suppose that  $(x_0, f(x_0))$  are the coordinate of P and  $(x_0 + h, f(x_0 + h))$  are the coordinates of another point on the curve. A secant line is drawn passes through these two points as shown in the **figure 7.4**. If  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the slope of secant line becomes slope of tangent line. A tangent line is a straight line which touches the curve at a point, **figure 7.5**. So that the rate of change at P is the slope of the tangent at P, which is given below.

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{(x_0 + h) - x_0}$$
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}$$

The value of this instantaneous rate of change of y with respect to x defined as f'(x), {read f' as "f prime"}, so

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

f' is called the derivative of f. AVERAGE AND INSTANTANEOUS RATE OF CHANGE

Slope of the secant joining the points  $(x_0, f(x_0))$  and  $(x_1, f(x_1))$  is the average rate of change of f(x) with respect to x over the interval $(x_0, x_1)$ .  $m_{sec} = \frac{rise}{run} = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$ Average rate of change of f w.r.t. x  $= \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$ 

 $x_1 - x_0$ Slope of the tangent at point  $(x_0, f(x_0))$  is instantaneous rate of change of f(x) with respect to x at  $x_0$ .  $m_{tan} = \lim \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{f(x_0)}$ 

Instantaneous rate of change at 
$$x_0$$
  

$$= \lim_{x_1 \to x_0} \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$





Figure 7.6

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The instantaneous rate of change of f at x or slope of the tangent of a curve f(x) at x is defined as  $f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)$ 

$$\lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\int \nabla x}{\Delta x}$$

If this limit exist, the value of the limit is called derivative of f(x) with respect to x and written as

$$f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

The function f' is called derivative of function f, read as "f prime" and f'(x), "f prime x".

### **DERIVABLE FUNCTIONS**

A function is said to be derivable at  $x = x_0 \in D_f$ , if

$$\lim_{x \to x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$$

exist as a finite definite quantity.

As the signs +, -, × and ÷ are used for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division respectively. Similarly the notation  $\frac{d}{dx}$  or  $D_x$  (simply D) are used for derivative with respect to x.

#### Example 7.1:

Find the derivative by first principle of the following function

 $f(x) = x^n$ , *n* is a real number. Solution:  $f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\frac{\Delta x}{(x + \Delta x)^n - x^n}}, \text{ figure 7.7}$  $f(x+\Delta x)$  $= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0}$ Using binomial theorem,  $x^{n} \begin{cases} 1+n \cdot \frac{\Delta x}{x} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \cdot \frac{\Delta x^{2}}{x^{2}} \\ + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \cdot \frac{\Delta x^{3}}{x^{3}} + \cdots \end{cases}$ f(x) $\Delta X$ 0 Х x+∆x  $-x^n$ Figure 7.7  $= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0}$  $\Delta x$ 

$= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{x^{n} + n \cdot \Delta x \cdot x^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \Delta x \cdot x^{n-2}}{\frac{1}{3!} \Delta x^{3} \cdot x^{n-3} + \dots - x^{n}}{\Delta x}$	
$\Delta x \{ nx^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \Delta x \cdot x^{n-2} \\ = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \Delta x^2 \cdot x^{n-3} + \dots \} \\ = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} nx^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \Delta x \cdot x^{n-2}$	
$+ \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \Delta x^2 \cdot x^{n-3} + \dots$ $= nx^{n-1} + 0 + 0 + \dots$ $= nx^{n-1}$ Example 7.2: Find the derivative by first principle of the following functions $q(x) = sinx$	
functions $g(x) = sinx$ . Solution: $g'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{g(x + \Delta x) - g(x)}{\Delta x}$ $= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{sin(x + \Delta x) - sin(x)}{\Delta x}$ , figure 7.8	
$= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{2 \cos \frac{2x + \Delta x}{2} \sin(\frac{\Delta x}{2})}{\Delta x}$ Multiplying and dividing the denominator ( $\Delta x$ ) by 2. $= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{2 \cos \frac{2x + \Delta x}{2} \sin(\frac{\Delta x}{2})}{2 + \frac{\Delta x}{2}}$	$f(x+\Delta x)$ $f(x)$ $f(x$
$= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \cos\left(\frac{2x + \Delta x}{2}\right) \cdot \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\Delta x}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\Delta x}{2}\right)}$ $= \cos\left(\frac{2x}{2}\right)(1)$ $= \cos x$	rigure / o





(1) Sum Rule:

If u and v are derivable functions of x, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u+v) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$$
$$(u+v)' = u' + v'$$

Proof:

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$$\frac{d}{dx} [u(x) + v(x)] = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{[u(x + h) + v(x + h)] - [u(x) + v(x)]}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{u(x + h) - u(x) + v(x + h) - v(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{u(x + h) - u(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{v(x + h) - v(x)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} u(x) + \frac{d}{dx} v(x)$$
(2) Subtraction Rule:  
If u and v are derivable function of x, then  

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (u - v) = \frac{du}{dx} - \frac{dv}{dx}$$
or  

$$= (u - v)^{2} = u' + v'$$
Proof:  
By the definition of derivative  

$$\frac{d}{dx} [u(x) - v(x)]$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{[u(x + h) - v(x + h)] - [u(x) - v(x)]}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{[u(x + h) - u(x)]}{h}$$
$$- \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{[v(x + h) - v(x)]}{h}$$
$$= \frac{d}{dx}u(x) - \frac{d}{dx}v(x)$$

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(4) Quotient Rule:

If u and v are derivable functions of x, and  $v \neq 0$ , then J. ,

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{u}{v}\right] = \frac{v \cdot \frac{du}{dx} - u \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$
$$\left(\frac{u}{v}\right)' = \frac{v \cdot u' - u \cdot v'}{v^2}$$

or

Proof:

According to the definition of derivative

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{u(x)}{v(x)} \right] = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{u(x+h)}{v(x+h)} - \frac{u(x)}{v(x)}}{h}$$
$$\frac{u(x)}{v(x)} = \frac{u(x)}{v(x)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{v(x) \cdot u(x + h) - u(x) \cdot v(x + h)}{h \cdot v(x + h) \cdot v(x)}$$

 $v^2$ 

Adding and subtracting 
$$v(x)$$
 .  $u(x)$  in numerator

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{v(x) \cdot u(x + h) - v(x) \cdot u(x)}{h \cdot v(x + h) + v(x) \cdot u(x)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \left[ \frac{1}{v(x + h) \cdot v(x)} \right] \left[ v(x) \lim_{h \to 0} \left\{ \frac{u(x + h) - u(x)}{h} \right\} - u(x) \lim_{h \to 0} \left\{ \frac{v(x + h) - v(x)}{h} \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{v(x) \cdot v(x)} \left[ v(x) \frac{d}{dx} u(x) - u(x) \frac{d}{dx} v(x) \right]$$

$$= \frac{u(x) \frac{d}{dx} u(x) - u(x) \frac{d}{dx} v(x)}{v^{2}(x)}$$