

1. Chain Rule for Derivative.

If $h(x)$ is a composition function $f(u(x))$, then

$$h'(x) = f'(u) \cdot u'(x)$$

Example: Compute the derivative of ~~$f(x) = \frac{3}{(4x^5 - \sqrt{x^4})^2 + x^9}$~~

$$u(x) = \ln(3e^x + 2x^3)$$

$$\begin{cases} s(x) = 3e^x + 2x^3 \\ g(s) = \ln s \end{cases}$$

$$u(x) = g(s) \cdot s'(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s} \cdot (3e^x + 6x^2)$$

$$\begin{cases} s'(x) = 3e^x + 6x^2 \\ g'(s) = \frac{1}{s} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{3e^x + 6x^2}{3e^x + 2x^3}$$

2. Using the Chain rule twice.

Example: Compute the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{3}{(\ln(3e^x + 2x^3))^4}$

$$\begin{cases} u(x) = \ln(3e^x + 2x^3) \\ h(u) = \frac{3}{u^4} = 3 \cdot u^{-4} \end{cases}$$

$$f'(x) = h'(u) \cdot u'(x)$$

$$= -12u^{-5} \cdot \left(\frac{3e^x + 6x^2}{3e^x + 2x^3} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} u'(x) = \frac{3e^x + 6x^2}{3e^x + 2x^3} \\ h'(u) = -12u^{-5} \end{cases}$$

$$= -12 (\ln(3e^x + 2x^3))^{-5} \left(\frac{3e^x + 6x^2}{3e^x + 2x^3} \right)$$

Example: Compute the derivative of $f(x) = 20(-2x^{-2} + 3e^{5x^3})^6$

$$\begin{cases} u(x) = -2x^{-2} + 3e^{5x^3} \\ g(u) = 20u^6 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} u'(x) = 4x^{-3} + 3e^{5x^3} \cdot 15x^2 \\ g'(u) = 120u^5 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(x) = g'(u) \cdot u'(x)$$

$$= 120(-2x^{-2} + 3e^{5x^3})^5 (4x^{-3} + 3e^{5x^3} \cdot 15x^2)$$

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$$\begin{cases} s(x) = 5x^3 & s'(x) = 15x^2 \\ h(s) = 3e^s & h'(s) = 3e^s \end{cases}$$

$$(3e^{5x^3})' = 3e^{5x^3} \cdot 15x^2$$

3. Chain rule for logistic model

In quiz2, we have a Logistic model for a cost function $C(x)$ (thousands of dollars) respect to the number of forklifts

$$C(x) = \frac{19.171}{1 + 27.472e^{-0.578x}}$$

Question: What is the rate of change of the cost $C(x)$.

Step 1: $u(x) = 1 + 27.472e^{-0.578x}$

$$f(u) = \frac{19.171}{u} = 19.171 u^{-1}$$

Step 2: $u'(x) = 27.472(-0.578)e^{-0.578x}$

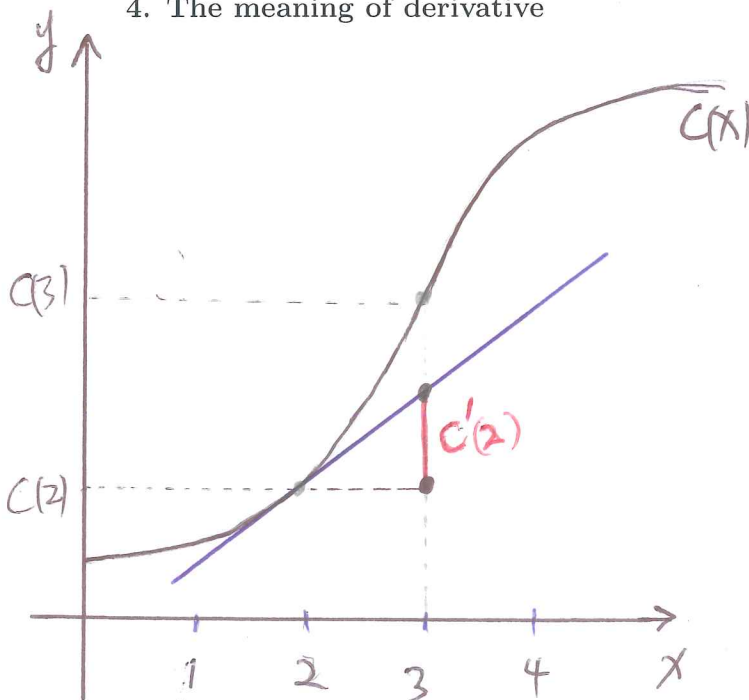
$$f'(u) = -19.171 u^{-2}$$

Step 3: $C'(x) = f'(u) u'(x)$

$$= -19.171 u^{-2} (27.472)(-0.578)e^{-0.578x}$$

$$= -19.171 (1 + 27.472e^{-0.578x})^{-2} (27.472)(-0.578)e^{-0.578x}$$

4. The meaning of derivative



$$C'(2) = 1.03$$

$$C(3) - C(2) \approx C'(2) = 1.03$$

If the production of forklifts increase from 2 to 3,

the cost will increase by approx 1.03 thousands dollars