

Exercises Friday

Chapter 6: Differentiation

§ 8 The Chain Rule

1. Use the chain rule to determine dy/dx for the following functions:

a. $y = (x^3 + 5)^7$

b. $y = (3x^2 + 4x + 5)^2 + \frac{1}{3x^2 + 4x + 5}$

c. $y = 6(x^3 + \frac{2}{x})^2 + 5(x^3 + \frac{2}{x}) + 7$

2. Determine the derivatives of the following functions:

a. $y = f(x) = \left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right)^7$

b. $y = g(u) = 3u^2 \left(\frac{1}{u} + u^3\right)^4$

3. Assume that f is a differentiable function. Determine expressions for the derivatives of the following functions:

a. $x^2 + f(x)$ b. $(f(x))^2 - \frac{3}{x}$ c. $(x + f(x))^3$

d. $x^2(f(x))^3$ e. $\sqrt{xf(x)}$ f. $\frac{f(x)+1}{f(x)-1}$

4. Use the chain rule to determine dy/dx for the following functions.

a. $y = 8(8 - x^3)^3$

b. $y = 2\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{x}}$

§ 10 Exponential Functions

1. Determine the derivatives of the following functions:

a. $y = 2e^x + 3$ b. $y = \frac{3e}{e^x}$ c. $y = 4e^{-2x} + x^2 + 4$

d. $y = \frac{e^x}{e^{3x}}$ e. $y = (x^2 + 1)e^{3x}$ f. $y = (e^x + 3)^5$

g. $y = e^{x^2+4x+3}$

Chapter 9: Optimization

§ 1 Extreme Points

1. Use non-calculus arguments to find the maximum or minimum points for the following functions:

a. $y = f(x) = (x - 1)^2 + 4$

b. $y = g(x) = 4 - (x - 1)^2$

c. $y = h(x) = \frac{12}{(x - 2)^2 + 2}$

d. $y = k(x) = \frac{6}{2 - (x - 2)^2}$

2. Use non-calculus arguments to find the maximum or minimum points for the following functions:

a. $y = l(x) = 4 + e^{1-x^2}$

b. $y = m(x) = 1 + \ln(4 + x^2)$

c. $y = n(x) = 1 + \sqrt{1 + x^2}$

d. $y = p(x) = \frac{4}{1 + \sqrt{x - 1}}$

§ 2 Simple Tests for Extreme Points

1. Describe in your own words the relation between f and f' , if there is any, with respect to:
 - a. Sign of f and the behaviour of f' .
 - b. Sign of f' and the behaviour of f .
 - c. Zero of f and the behaviour of f' .
 - d. Zero of f' and the behaviour of f .
 - e. Explain why a sign diagram is useful in this setting.
2. The function f is defined as $f(x) = \frac{x}{e^x}$.
 - a. Determine the derivative $f'(x)$ of $f(x)$.
 - b. Determine the stationary points of f .
 - c. Determine the intervals where f increases and decreases.
 - d. Determine the extreme points (maximum and/or minimum points) of f .
3. Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 5}$. Determine $f'(x)$ and use its sign variation to determine where $f(x)$ is increasing and where it is decreasing.
4. A firm's production function is $Q(L) = 24L^2 - \frac{1}{10}L^3$, where L denotes the number of workers with $0 \leq L \leq 200$.
 - a. What size of the work force (let us denote this by L^*) maximizes the output $Q(L)$?
 - b. What size of the work force (let us denote this by L^{**}) maximizes the output per worker $Q(L)/L$?

§ 6 Local Extreme Points

1. Determine possible local extreme points (maxima and minima) for the following functions.
 - a. $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 6x + 8.$
 - b. $g(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 7.$
 - c. $h(x) = x^3 - 3x + 9.$
 - d. $p(x) = x - \frac{4}{x^2}.$
 - e. $q(x) = xe^{2x}.$
 - f. $r(x) = 3x^4 - 12x^3 - 24x^2 + 12.$
2. Let $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 4}.$
 - a. Determine the derivative $f'(x)$ of the function $f(x).$
 - b. Factorize $f'(x)$ and use a sign diagram to determine its sign variation.
 - c. Determine the stationary points of the function $f(x)$ and determine where it is increasing/decreasing.
 - d. Use your answer to c. to identify and classify the extreme points $f(x).$
3. Let $f(x) = x^2 e^{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 3x}.$
 - a. Determine the derivative $f'(x)$ of the function $f(x).$
 - b. Factorize $f'(x)$ and use a sign diagram to determine its sign variation.
 - c. Determine the stationary points of the function $f(x)$ and determine where it is increasing/decreasing.
 - d. Use your answer to c. to identify and classify the extreme points of $f(x).$

Continue with the following problems in the book:

- Chapter 6, § 8: Problems 1, 10.
- Chapter 6, § 10: Problem 4.