Review of Calculus for MAT 2680 – Differential Equations

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1 Derivatives

1.1 Definition and Notation

Let y = f(x).

- (1) The derivative is defined to be $f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) f(x)}{h}$.
- (2) All of the following are equivalent notations for the derivative.

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

(3) All of the following are equivalent notations for derivative evaluated at x = a.

$$f'(a) = y'(a) = y'|_{x=a} = \frac{df}{dx}|_{x=a} = \frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=a}$$

(4) All of the following are equivalent notations for the second derivative

$$(f'(x))' = f''(x) = y'' = \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx^2}(f(x))$$

1.2 Interpretation of the Derivative

Let y = f(x).

- (1) m = f'(a) is the slope of the tangent line to y = f(x) at x = a and the equation of the tangent line at x = a is given by y = f(a) + f'(a)(x a).
- (2) f'(x) is the instantaneous rate of the change of f(x).
- (3) If f(x) is the position of an object at time x, then f'(x) is the velocity of the object and |f'(x)| is the speed.
- (4) If f'(x) > 0 for all x in an interval I, then f(x) is increasing on the interval I.
- (5) If f'(x) < 0 for all x in an interval I, then f(x) is decreasing on the interval I.
- (6) If f'(x) = 0 for all x in an open interval I, then f(x) is constant on the interval I.

1.3 Basic Properties and Formulas

Let f(x) and g(x) be differentiable functions (the derivative exists) and c and n be constants.

 $(1) (c \cdot f(x))' = c \cdot f'(x)$

(2) $(f(x) \pm g(x))' = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$

(3) Product rule: $(f \cdot g)' = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$

(4) Quotient rule: $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f' \cdot g - f \cdot g'}{g^2}$

(5) Chain rule: $(f(g(x)))' = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

1.4 Common Derivatives

(1) (constant)' = 0

(2) Power rule: $(x^n)' = n \cdot x^{n-1}$

(3) $(e^x)' = e^x$. In general, $(a^x)' = a^x \cdot \ln(a)$.

(4) $(\ln(x))' = \frac{1}{x}$. In general, $(\log_a x)' = \frac{1}{x \ln(a)}$.

 $(5) (\sin x)' = \cos x$

 $(6) (\cos x)' = -\sin x$

 $(7) (\tan x)' = \sec^2 x$

 $(8) (\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x$

 $(9) (\cot x)' = -\csc^2 x$

 $(10) (\csc x)' = -\csc x \cot x$

 $(11) (\sin^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$

 $(12) (\cos^{-1} x)' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

 $(13) (\tan^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

2 Integrals

2.1 Definitions

(1) Indefinite Integral: $\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$, where F(x) is an anti-derivative of f(x) and C is a constant.

(2) Definite Integral: $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is defined to be the signed area of the region bounded by y = f(x), x = a, x = b and x-axis.

(3) Fundamental Theorem of Calculus: If f(x) is continuous on [a, b], then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) \, dx = F(x) \Big|_{a}^{b} = F(b) - F(a),$$

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where F(x) is an anti-derivative of f(x).

2.2 Basic Properties and Formulas

Let f(x) and g(x) be differentiable functions (the derivative exists) and c and n be constants.

(1)
$$\int c \cdot f(x) \, dx = c \cdot \int f(x) \, dx$$

(2)
$$\int_a^b c \cdot f(x) \, dx = c \cdot \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

(3)
$$\int f(x) \pm g(x) dx = \int f(x) dx \pm \int g(x) dx$$

(4)
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) \pm g(x) dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \pm \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx$$

2.3 Common Integrals (compare with Common Derivatives)

$$(1) \int k \, dx = kx + C$$

(2) Power rule
$$(n \neq -1)$$
: $\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$

(3) Power rule
$$(n = -1)$$
: $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$

(4)
$$\int \frac{1}{ax+b} dx = \frac{\ln|ax+b|}{a} + C$$

(5)
$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C; \quad \int e^{kx} dx = \frac{1}{k} e^{kx} + C.$$

(6)
$$\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C;$$
$$\int \sin(kx) \, dx = -\frac{1}{k} \cos(kx) + C$$

(7)
$$\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C;$$
$$\int \cos(kx) \, dx = \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx) + C$$

(8)
$$\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + C$$

(9)
$$\int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + C$$

$$(10) \int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + C$$

$$(11) \int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + C$$

(12)
$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$

(13)
$$\int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$

2.4 Standard Integration Techniques

- The following types of problems can be solved by integration by substitution: $\int f(x) dx = \int g(u) du$, where u = u(x) and du = u'(x) dx.
 - (1) $\int x^2 \cos(x^3) dx$ Set $u = x^3$. Then $du = (x^3)' dx = 3x^2 dx$ and

$$\int x^2 \cos(x^3) \, dx = \int \cos u \cdot \frac{1}{3} du = \frac{1}{3} \sin u + C = \frac{1}{3} \sin(x^3) + C.$$

(2)
$$\int x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 5} \, dx$$

Set $u = x^3 + 5$. Then $du = (x^3 + 5)' \, dx = 3x^2 \, dx$ and
$$\int x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 5} \, dx = \int \sqrt{u} \cdot \frac{1}{3} du = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} + C = \frac{2}{9} (x^3 + 5)^{3/2} + C.$$

• The following types of problems can be solved by integration by parts $\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$.

(1)
$$\int (3x+1)e^{2x} dx$$
Set $u = 3x + 1$, $dv = e^{2x} dx$. Then $du = (3x+1)' dx = 3 dx$ and $v = \int e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x}$.
$$\int (3x+1)e^{2x} dx = \int (3x+1) \cdot e^{2x} dx = \int u \cdot dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$= (3x+1) \cdot \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} - \int \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} \cdot 3 dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(3x+1)e^{2x} - \frac{3}{2}\int e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{2}(3x+1)e^{2x} - \frac{3}{4}e^{2x} + C$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}xe^{2x} - \frac{1}{4}e^{2x} + C.$$

(2)
$$\int x^3 \ln x \, dx$$

Set $u = \ln x$, $dv = x^3 \, dx$. Then $du = (\ln x)' \, dx = \frac{1}{x} \, dx$ and $v = \int x^3 \, dx = \frac{1}{4} x^4$.

$$\int x^3 \ln x \, dx = \int (\ln x) \cdot x^3 \, dx = \int u \cdot dv = uv - \int v \, du$$

$$= (\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{4} x^4 - \int \frac{1}{4} x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{x} \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{4} \int x^3 \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{16} x^4 + C$$

(3)
$$\int (2x+1)\sin(x) dx$$

Set $u = 2x + 1$, $dv = \sin x dx$. Then $du = (2x+1)' dx = 2 dx$ and $v = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x$.

$$\int (2x+1)\sin(x) dx = \int (2x+1) \cdot \sin x dx = \int u \cdot dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$= (2x+1) \cdot (-\cos x) - \int (-\cos x) \cdot 2 dx$$

$$= -(2x+1) \cdot (\cos x) + 2 \int \cos x dx$$

$$= -(2x+1) \cdot (\cos x) + 2 \sin x + C$$

• The integration of rational functions can be solved by partial fraction decomposition.

(1)
$$\int \frac{3x+5}{(x-1)(x+3)} \, dx$$

Find constants A, B so that $\frac{3x+5}{(x-1)(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+3}$. Multiply the common denominator (x-1)(x+3):

$$3 \cdot x + 5 = A(x+3) + B(x-1) = (A+B) \cdot x + (3A-B)$$

Compare coefficients:

$$\begin{cases} A + B = 3 \\ 3A - B = 5 \end{cases}$$

Solve the system of equation: A = 2, B = 1. Thus

$$\int \frac{3x+5}{(x-1)(x+3)} dx = \int \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+3} dx = \int \frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x+3} dx$$
$$= 2\ln|x-1| + \ln|x+3| + C$$

(2)
$$\int \frac{7x^2 + 13x}{(x-1)(x^2+4)} \, dx$$

Find constants A, B, C so that

$$\frac{7x^2 + 13x}{(x-1)(x^2+4)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+4}.$$

The rest of the solution is similar to (1). For your reference, the answer is posted below.

$$\int \frac{7x^2 + 13x}{(x-1)(x^2+4)} dx = 4\ln|x-1| + \frac{3}{2}\ln(x^2+4) + 8\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$$