

1. Proof of the Quotient Rule.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' \Big|_{x=c} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{g(c+h) - g(c)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) \cdot g(c) - g(c+h) \cdot f(c)}{h \cdot g(c) \cdot g(c+h)} \quad (\text{insert } f(c)g(c)) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[f(c+h) - f(c)]g(c) + f(c)[g(c) - g(c+h)]}{h \cdot g(c) \cdot g(c+h)} \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

For $g(x)$ is differentiable at $x=c \Rightarrow g(x)$ is continuous at $x=c$

$$\text{so } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(c+h) = g(c)$$

And for $g(c) > 0$, so $g(c+h) > 0$ when $h \rightarrow 0$. this is the sign-preserving property of limit.

which means the denominator $h \cdot g(c) \cdot g(c+h)$ is well-defined, not equal to 0.

(Actually $g(c) < 0$ is ok, only to make sure $g(c) \neq 0$).

then (*):

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \cdot \frac{1}{g(c+h)} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c)}{g(c)} \cdot \frac{g(c) - g(c+h)}{h} \cdot \frac{1}{g(c+h)} \\ &= f'(c) \cdot \frac{1}{g(c)} - \frac{f(c)}{g(c)} \cdot g'(c) \cdot \frac{1}{g(c)} \\ &= \frac{f'(c)g(c) - f(c)g'(c)}{g^2(c)} \end{aligned}$$

2. "Rough proof" of chain-rule.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df(g(x))}{dx} \Big|_{x=c} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(g(c+h)) - f(g(c))}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(g(c+h)) - f(g(c))}{g(c+h) - g(c)} \cdot \frac{g(c+h) - g(c)}{h} \quad (\text{regard } g(c) = y \quad g(c+h) = y_h.) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(y_h) - f(y)}{y_h - y} \cdot \frac{g(c+h) - g(c)}{h} \quad (**). \end{aligned}$$

f is differentiable at $y = g(c)$, due to the continuity of $g(x)$ at $x=c$

we know $g(c+h) = y_h \rightarrow y = g(c)$ when $h \rightarrow 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(y_h) - f(y)}{y_h - y} \rightarrow f'(y) \text{ when } h \rightarrow 0.$$

then:

$$(**) = f'(y) \cdot g'(c) = f'(g(c)) \cdot g'(c) \quad \text{chain-rule formula.}$$

Remark: The "rough" means we have problem for such proof.

we can insert $g(c+h) - g(c)$ only when $g(c+h) - g(c) \neq 0$, so this proof would fail when we consider the simplest case $g(x) = \text{Constant}$, then $g(c+h) - g(c) = 0$. Actually we only need there exists some points $\{h_n\}$ to make $g(c+h_n) - g(c) = 0$, this proof fails.

3. First consider $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ directly.

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right| = \left| x \sin \frac{1}{x} \right| \leq |x|, \quad \text{so apply sand-wich thm here we get:}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

On the other hand, use the L'Hospital Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \stackrel{\text{"L"}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \cos \frac{1}{x}}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x}) \quad (3)$$

$x \sin \frac{1}{x}$ is well-done, but $\cos \frac{1}{x}$ doesn't have limit when $x \rightarrow 0$ for it is a oscillating function.

then (3) doesn't exist.

this example just shows a shortcoming of L'Hospital Rule. Only we know

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \text{ exists first } \text{ can we make the conclusion } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}, \text{ and}$$

the non-existence of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ can't imply $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ doesn't exist, just like

this example shows.

4. A simple application of Taylor's thm. the error term:

$$E_n = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x - x_0)^{n+1} \quad \xi \in (x, x_0) \text{ or } (x_0, x) \text{ here } x_0 = 0.$$

$$\text{And } f^{(n+1)}(x) = a(a-1) \cdots (a-n) (1+x)^{a-(n+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_n = \frac{a(a-1) \cdots (a-n) (1+\xi)^{a-(n+1)}}{(n+1)!} \chi^{n+1}.$$