

ABC-formula:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{a}{x} \cdot b = \frac{a+b}{x}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^b = \frac{a^b}{x^b}$$

$$x^a \cdot y^a = (xy)^a$$

$$\sqrt{x} = x^{1/2}$$

$$\sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{y}$$

$$x = \log_a y \rightarrow a^x = y$$

$$\log_e x = \ln x$$

$$x = \ln y \rightarrow e^x = y$$

$$a^x = b \rightarrow x = \frac{\ln b}{\ln a}$$

$$\ln ab = \ln a + \ln b$$

$$\ln \frac{a}{b} = \ln a - \ln b$$

$$\ln a^b = b \ln a$$

Derivatives:

$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$f''(x)$
\sqrt{x}	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$	$-\frac{1}{4x\sqrt{x}}$
e^x	e^x	e^x
e^{ax}	ae^{ax}	a^2e^{ax}
$\ln x$	$\frac{1}{x}$	$-\frac{1}{x^2}$
$\log_a x$	$\frac{1}{\ln a} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$	$-\frac{1}{x^2 \ln a}$
a^x	$a^x \ln a$	$a^x (\ln a)^2$

Sum/Difference:

$$f(x) \pm g(x) \rightarrow f'(x) \pm g'(x)$$

Productrule:

$$f(x)g(x) \rightarrow f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

Quotient:

$$f(x)/g(x) \rightarrow \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$$

Chain rule:

$$f(g(x)) \rightarrow f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

exp & log functions:

$$e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$\ln e^x = x$$

$$e^0 = 1$$

$$1 < e^x < \infty \rightarrow \text{for } x > 0$$

$$0 < e^x < 1 \rightarrow \text{for } x < 0$$

$$\ln 1 = 0$$

$$\ln e = 1$$

$$0 < \ln x < \infty \text{ for } x > 1$$

$$-\infty < \ln x < 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < 1$$

$$\ln x \text{ doesn't exist for } x < 0$$

Shifting functions:

Original: $f(x)$

$f(x + d)$ shifts d to the left

$f(x - d)$ shifts d to the right

$f(x) + a$ shifts a up

$f(x) - a$ shifts a down

$c \cdot f(x)$ if $c > 0$, stretched

vertically with intensity c

$c \cdot f(x)$ if $c < 0$, above and

mirrored around x-axis

$f(-x)$ mirrored around y-axis

$\ln x$ exists for $x > 0$

\sqrt{x} exists for $x > 0$

Inverse:

If $y = f(x)$, retrieve x so you

get $x = f(y)$

Domain inverse = range $f(x)$

Range inverse = domain $f(x)$

Domain: all values possible for x

Range: all possible values of $f(x)$

Elasticity:

Perceptual change of the

function value if a variable

changes with 1 percent.

$$EL_x f(x) = \frac{x}{f(x)} \cdot f'(x)$$

$$EL_y f(y) = \frac{y}{f(y)} \cdot f'(y)$$

Limits:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

If limit goes to real number:

simplify and plug it in.

L'Hôpital's rule conditions:

-f and g are differentiable

-inserting c would give $0 / \pm \infty$

$$-\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \text{ is defined}$$

Then you can use L'Hôpital:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

Continuity:

$f(x)$ is continuous if:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

Conditions for continuity:

$$f(x) = \frac{a}{b} \rightarrow b \neq 0$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{a} \rightarrow a \geq 0$$

$$f(x) = \ln b \rightarrow b > 0$$

Rising, falling, convex, concave

Rising: $f'(x) \geq 0$

Falling: $f'(x) \leq 0$

Convex: $f''(x) \geq 0$

Concave: $f''(x) \leq 0$

Partial derivative:

$f^1 x(x, y)$ derivative wrt x

$f^1 y(x, y)$ derivative wrt y

$f^1 xx(x, y)$ twice wrt x

$f^1 yy(x, y)$ twice wrt y

$f^1 xy(x, y)$ first x, then y

$f^1 xy(x, y) \equiv f^1 yx(x, y)$

Max, min & stationary:

1 variable:

Stationary when $f'(x) = 0$

max: $f''(x) < 0$

min: $f''(x) > 0$

Multiple variables:

Stationary: $f'_x = 0$ & $f'_y = 0$

Strictly local extreme:

$$f''_{xx} \cdot f''_{yy} - (f''_{xy})^2 > 0$$

max: $f''_{xx} < 0$

min: $f''_{xx} > 0$

Saddle point when:

$$f''_{xx} \cdot f''_{yy} - (f''_{xy})^2 < 0$$

Inflection points:

Where the function changes,

convex or concave:

$$f''(x) = 0$$

Homogenities:

$f(x, y, z)$ has a degree of

homogeneity k if function

$f(tx, ty, tz)$ can be rewritten as

$t^k \cdot f(x, y, z)$ Multiply every

variable with t , and get it out.

Lagrange:

Maximize $f(x, y) = cx + dy$

subject to the restriction

$$ax + by = m$$

Lagrange function is:

$$L = cx + dy - \lambda(ax + by - m)$$

Calculate L'_x and L'_y

$$L'_\lambda = ax + by - m$$

To calculate x and y:

$$L'_x = L'_y = 0$$

Take out common factors.

When you have $y = f(x)$,

calculate x & y with restriction

To calculate λ , fill in values for x

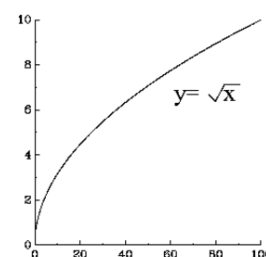
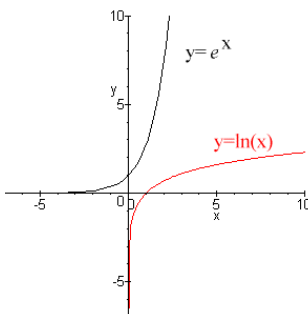
or y into L'_x or L'_y .

In economics, λ is the

shadowprice, and shows the

change of f when value of the

restriction changes with 1 unit.



Implicit differentiation:

Calculate derivatives while

treating the other variable as a

function of x, so for a derivative

make it y' .

$$f(x, y) : xy^2 = 3$$

$$x[y(x)]^2 = 3$$

Using product and chain rule:

$$f'_x = y^2 + 2xy \cdot y'$$

Asymptotes:

we have a vertical asymptote

for the values of x when the

denominator is equal to zero:

$$(x - c)(x + d)$$

$$(x - a)(x + b)$$

vertical asymptotes then are:

$$x = a \text{ and } x = -b$$

horizontal asymptotes:

Degree of numerator = x

Degree of denominator = z

If $z > x$, hor. asymptote: $y = 0$

If $x > z$, hor. asymptote doesn't exist

If $x = z$, hor. asymptote is:

$$\frac{\text{numerator's leading coefficient}}{\text{denominator's leading coefficient}}$$

Oblique asymptote:

$$y(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3x - 4}{x - 2}$$

Perform polynomial division

and disregard the remainder,

result gives the oblique

asymptote: $x + 5$