

# DIFFERENTIATION AND THEIR APPLICATION

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**Derivative or differential coefficient of a function:** If  $y = f(x)$  is a function of  $x$  and  $\delta x$ , a

small change in the value of  $x$ , then  $\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$

$= \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}$  if it exists, is called the differential coefficient or derivative of  $y = f(x)$  and

is denoted by  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  or  $f'(x)$ .

**Note 1.**  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is read as 'dee y by dee x'.

The symbol  $\frac{d}{dx}$  stands for the operation of differentiation with respect to  $x$ . Thus

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(y)$$

**Note 2.** The process of finding  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is called differentiation

**Note 3.** The process of finding the derivative of a function by using the definition of derivative as a limit is called *differentiation from first principles* or *differentiation ab-initio* or *differentiation by delta method*.

### Work Rule

1. Denote the given function by  $y$  i.e., let  $y = f(x)$ .
2. Let  $\delta x$  be a small change in  $x$  and  $\delta y$  then the corresponding change in  $y$ , so that  $y + \delta y = f(x + \delta x)$ .
3. Find  $\delta y$  by subtracting  $y$  from  $y + \delta y$ . Thus  $\delta y = f(x + \delta x) - f(x)$ .
4. Divide both sides by  $\delta x$  to obtain the difference quotient

$$\frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x}.$$

5. Find the limit of  $\frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$  as  $\delta x \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \text{Lt}_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$$

## Derivative of $x^n$ where $n \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$$

[Write power before  $x$  and subtract one from the power.]

e.g.  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^8) = 8x^{8-1} = 8x^7$

**Note.**  $\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$  i.e. rate of change of any variable w.r.t itself is 1.

**Caution.**  $\frac{d}{dx}(y)$  is  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and not 1.

## Fundamental theorems on differentiation:

**Theorem 1.** Derivative of a constant is zero.

i.e.  $\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$

e.g.,  $\frac{d}{dx}(\pi) = 0; \frac{d}{dx}(9) = 0.$

**Theorem 2.** The derivative of the product of a constant and a function is equal to the product of the constant and the derivative of the function.

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{d}{dx}[cf(x)] = c \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g.,} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(5x^7) &= 5 \frac{d}{dx}(x^7) = 5(7x^{7-1}) \\ &= 5(7x^6) = 35x^6 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.** The derivative of the algebraic sum of any finite number of functions is the algebraic sum of their derivatives.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{d}{dx}[f(x) + g(x) - h(x) + \dots] \\ = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) + \frac{d}{dx}g(x) - \frac{d}{dx}h(x) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g.,} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 - 4x + 8) \\ = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) - \frac{d}{dx}(4x) + \frac{d}{dx}(8) \\ = 3x^2 - 4 + 0 = 3x^2 - 4. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.** An additive constant disappears in differentiation.

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{d}{dx}[f(x) + c] = \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)].$$

where  $c$  is a constant.

$$\text{e.g., } \frac{d}{dx}[x^{10} + 16] = \frac{d}{dx}x^{10} = 10x^9$$

**Theorem 5.** Derivative of product of two functions; the differential coefficient of the product of two functions is the sum of the products of each function with the derivative of the other.

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{d}{dx}(u.v) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are differential functions of  $x$ .

**Working Rule:** The differential coefficient of the product of two functions = first function  $\times$  the differential coefficient of the second + second function  $\times$  the differential coefficient of the first.

$$\text{Cor. } \frac{d}{dx}(uvw) = uv \frac{dw}{dx} + uw \frac{dv}{dx} + vw \frac{du}{dx}$$

where  $u, v, w$  are functions of  $x$  and their derivative exists.

**Theorem 6.** The differential coefficient of the quotient of two functions is

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are derivable functions of  $x$

In words

$$= \frac{\text{Denom} \times \text{Derivative of Num} - \text{Num} \times \text{Derivative of Denom}}{(\text{Denom})^2}$$

### Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin u = \cos u \times \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos u = -\sin u \times \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan u = \sec^2 u \times \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\text{cosec}^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot u = -\text{cosec}^2 u \times \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec u = \sec u \tan u \times \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \text{cosec } x = -\text{cosec } x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \text{cosec } u = -\text{cosec } u \cot u \times \frac{du}{dx}$$

**Note:**

- (i) Differential coefficients of those trigonometrical ratios which begins with “co” are negative.
- (ii) Never forget to multiply by the differential coefficient of  $u$  i.e., angle e.g.,  $\frac{d}{dx}[\sin 6x]$   
 $= \cos 6x \times 6 = 6 \cos 6x$ .

**Properties of Inverse Trigonometric Functions:**

1. *Some angle can be expressed by different inverse trigonometric functions. We know that*

$$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 60^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 60^\circ = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 60^\circ = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$$

$$\text{and so on, } 60^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \dots$$

2. Inverse property. We know that if  $x = \cos \theta$  then,  $\theta = \cos^{-1} x$ .

$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} (\cos \theta) \quad (\because x = \cos \theta)$$

3. Principle of reciprocity

$$(i) \quad \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \sin^{-1} x$$

$$(ii) \quad \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \cos^{-1} x$$

$$(iii) \quad \cot^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \tan^{-1} x$$

4. *Inverse trigonometric functions are odd functions within the principle value i.e.,*

$$(i) \quad \sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1} x$$

$$(ii) \quad \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$$

$$(iii) \quad \tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1} x$$

5. *Some fundamental Formulae*

$$(i) \quad \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$



$$(ii) \quad \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$(iii) \quad \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x + \sec^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$(iv) \quad \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right)$$

$$(v) \quad \tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right)$$

$$(vi) \quad 2 \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \\ = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2}$$

6. To express one inverse trigonometric function in terms of another one *i.e.*,

$$(i) \quad \sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$(ii) \quad \cos^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$$

$$(iii) \quad \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \cot^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$$

**Derivatives of inverse trigonometric functions:**

$$(i) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(u)$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} u) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(u)$$

$$(iii) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} u) = \frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(u)$$

$$(iv) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} u) = \frac{-1}{1+u^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(u)$$

$$(v) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} u) = \frac{1}{u\sqrt{1-u^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(u)$$

$$(vi) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{x\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} u) = \frac{-1}{u\sqrt{1-u^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(u)$$

**Some properties of logarithms:**

$$(i) \quad \log_a mn = \log_a m + \log_a n$$

$$(ii) \quad \log_a \frac{m}{n} = \log_a m - \log_a n$$

$$(iii) \quad \log_a m^n = n \log_a m$$

$$(iv) \quad \log_a m \log_b a = \log_b m$$

$$(v) \quad \log_a b \cdot \log_b a = 1.$$

Where  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are positive real numbers.

**Logarithmic Differentiation:** If  $u$  is a function of  $x$ , then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u^n) = nu^{n-1} \frac{du}{dx}, \frac{d}{dx}(a^u) = a^u \log a \frac{du}{dx}$$

In this case, the power is a constant and in the second case, the base is constant.

**To differentiate**  $u^v$  where  $u$  and  $v$  both are functions of  $x$ , we first take logarithms of both sides and then differentiate. This process is called logarithmic differentiation. This process is also useful when the function consists of the product or quotient of a number of functions.

**Example.** Differentiate  $(1+x)^{2x}$  w.r.t.  $x$

**Sol.** Let  $y = (1+x)^{2x}$  [Form  $u^v$ ]

Taking log to both sides

$$\log y = \log (1+x)^{2x} = 2x \log(1+x)$$

$$\left[ (\log m^n = n \log m) \right]$$

Differentiating w.r.t.  $x$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 2x \frac{d}{dx} [\log(1+x)] + \log(1+x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (2x) \\ &= 2x \cdot \frac{1}{x+1} + \log(1+x)(2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \left[ \frac{2x}{x+1} + 2 \log(1+x) \right]$$

Putting the value of  $y$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(1+x)^{2x} \left[ \frac{x}{1+x} + \log(1+x) \right]$$

**Function of a function :** If  $y$  a function of  $u$  and  $u$  in turn is a function of  $x$  then  $y$  is called a *function of a function, or a composite function*.

**Theorem :** If  $y$  is a function of  $u$  and  $u$  in turn is a function of  $x$ , then  $y$  is a function of  $x$  and

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \quad (\text{Chain Rule})$$

**Note 1.** *Extension of Chain Rule*

If  $y = f(u)$ ,  $u = g(v)$  and  $v = h(x)$

$$\text{then } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}$$

**Note 2.** If  $y = u^n$  and  $u = g(x)$  = a function of  $x$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = nu^{n-1} \frac{d}{dx}(u)$$

**Aid to memory.**  $\frac{d}{dx}$  [A function of  $x$ ] <sup>$n$</sup>  =  $n(\text{function})^{n-1} \times \text{diff. coeff. of the function w.r.t.}x$ .

**Theorem.**  $\frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dy} = 1$ .

**Diff. parametric equations.** If  $x$  and  $y$  be expressed in terms of any variable parameter  $t$  then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

**Second Derivative :** If  $y = f(x)$  is a differentiable function of  $x$ , then its derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is also a

function of  $x$ . If the function  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  of  $x$  is also differentiable, then its derivative is denoted by

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  or  $f''(x)$  or  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ , is called the second

derivative of  $y = f(x)$ .  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is read as dee two y

over dee x squared.  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is also denoted by  $y''$  or  $y_2$ .

**Illustration :** If  $y = \sin^{-1}x$ , prove that

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{x}{(1-x^2)^{3/2}}$$

**Sol.** We have  $y = \sin^{-1} x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = (1-x^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1-x^2)^{-1/2} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (1-x^2)^{-3/2} \frac{d}{dx} (1-x^2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(1-x^2)^{3/2}} (-2x) = \frac{x}{(1-x^2)^{3/2}}$$

**The  $n$ th Derivative :** If  $y = f(x)$  is a differentiable function of  $x$ , then its  $n$ th derivative may or may not exist. For  $n(>1) \in \mathbb{N}$ , the  $n$ th derivative of  $y$  exists if the  $(n-1)$ th derivative of  $y$  is differentiable. For example for  $n = 3$ , the 3rd derivative of  $y = f(x)$  exists if  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$  is differentiable.

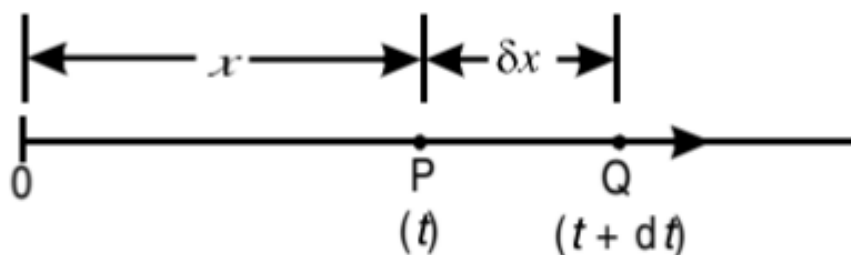
If the 3rd derivative of  $y = f(x)$  is differentiable, then we can talk of its fourth derivative. The  $n$ th derivative of  $y = f(x)$  is denoted by

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} \text{ or } f^{(n)}(x), y_n, D^n y \text{ etc.}$$

## Application of Differentiation

**Motion in a Straight line:** Let O be a fixed point on a straight line OX. Let P be the position at time  $t$  and Q, the position of the particle at time  $t + \delta t$ . Let  $OP = x$  and  $OQ = x + \delta x$ . Therefore displacement of the particle in time  $(t + \delta t) - t = \delta t$  is given by  $PQ = (x + \delta x) - x = \delta x$ . The ratio  $\frac{\delta x}{\delta t}$  is called the average velocity of the particle between P and Q.

The limit of average velocity  $\frac{\delta x}{\delta t}$  as  $\delta t \rightarrow 0$  is defined as the velocity of the particle P.





Velocity of particle at P =  $\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta x}{\delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$

The velocity is denoted by  $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$

**Note 1.** If  $v = \frac{dx}{dt} > 0$ , then the particle moves in the direction of  $x$  increasing, because in the case  $\delta x$  and  $\delta t$  will have same sign.

**Note 2.** If  $v = \frac{dx}{dt} < 0$ , then the particle moves in the direction of  $x$  decreasing, because  $\delta x$  and  $\delta t$  will have opposite signs.

**Note 3.** If  $v = \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$ , then the particle is instantaneously at rest.

**Acceleration :** The ratio  $\frac{\delta v}{\delta t}$  is called the average rate of change of velocity (or average acceleration) of the particle between the points P and Q.

Acceleration of particle at P =  $\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta v}{\delta t} = \frac{dv}{dt}$

$$\therefore a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right) = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

**Note 1.** If  $a = \frac{dv}{dt} > 0$ , then the velocity of particle is increasing.

**Note 2.** If  $a = \frac{dv}{dt} < 0$ , then the velocity of particle is decreasing.

**Motion Under Gravity:** The acceleration of the falling body due to gravity towards the centre of earth is denoted by  $g$ . Its value is  $g = 32 \text{ ft/sec}^2$  or  $9.8 \text{ metres/sec}^2$ . For upward motion  $g$  is taken as  $-ve$  and for downward motion it is taken as  $+ve$ .

**Rate of change of quantities:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any variables and  $y$ , a function of  $x$ . Therefore, an increased  $\delta x$  in the value of  $x$  shall cause an increment  $\delta y$  (say) in the value of  $y$ .

We have seen that the ratio  $\frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$  is called the average rate of change of  $y$  w.r.t.  $x$  and limit of  $\delta y/\delta x$  as  $\delta x \rightarrow 0$  is the instantaneous rate of change of  $y$  w.r.t.  $x$ .

If  $x$  and  $y$  are both functions of parameter  $t$ , then

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$\therefore$  If the rate of change of  $x$  w.r.t.  $t$  is known, then we can find the value of rate of change of  $y$  w.r.t.  $t$

**Increasing and Decreasing functions:** Let  $I$  be an open interval contained in the domain of a real function  $f$ .

(i)  $f(x)$  is called an increasing function on  $I$ .

$$\text{if } x_1 < x_2 \text{ in } I \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2)$$

(ii)  $f(x)$  is called a decreasing function on  $I$ .

$$\text{if } x_1 < x_2 \text{ in } I \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2)$$

Again

(iii) A function  $f$  is said to be increasing at a point  $x_0$ , if there is an interval  $I = (x_0 - h, x_0 + h)$  around  $x_0$  such that for  $x_1, x_2 \in I$

$$x_0 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_0) < f(x_2)$$

and  $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_0)$

(iv) A function  $f$  is said to be decreasing at a point  $x_0$ , if there is an interval  $I = (x_0 - h, x_0 + h)$  around  $x_0$  such that  $x_1, x_2 \in I$

$$x_0 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_0) > f(x_2)$$

and  $x_1 < x_0 \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_0)$

**Note 1.** The same function can be increasing function in a certain interval and decreasing function in certain other interval.

**Note 2.** Certain functions are neither increasing nor decreasing in a given interval.

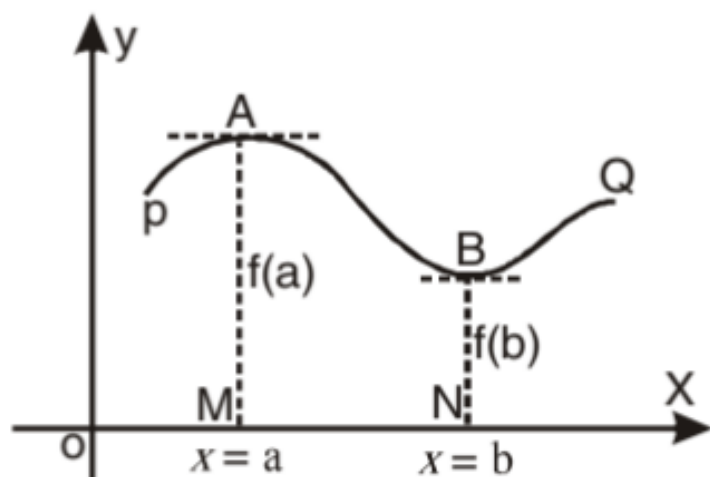
**Theorem 1.** A differentiable real function  $f(x)$  is increasing on an open interval  $I$  if and only if  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ .

**Theorem 2.** A differentiable real function is decreasing on an interval if  $f'(x) < 0$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ .

### Maxima and Minima

1. A function  $f(x)$  is said to be maximum at  $x = a$  if  $f(a)$  is the greatest value of  $f(x)$  in the immediate neighbourhood of  $x = a$ .

**Graphically:**  $f(x)$  is maximum at  $A$  and its maximum value is  $AM = f(a)$



2. A function  $f(x)$  is said to be minimum at  $x = a$  if  $(a)$  is the least value of  $f(x)$  in the immediate neighbourhood of  $x = a$ .

**Graphically :**  $f(x)$  is minimum at B and its minimum value is  $BN = f(b)$ .

3. Maximum and minimum values of a function are called extreme values. The points A and B are called stationary points or turning points or points of extreme values.

**Necessary and sufficient condition for maximum and minimum values.**

**Working Rule.** For finding the maximum and minimum value of  $y = f(x)$ .

- (i) Put  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ . Solve it for  $x$ , giving  $x = a, b, c, \dots$

- (ii) Select  $x = a$ , study the sign of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when

(i)  $x < a$  slightly

(ii)  $x > a$  slightly

(a) If the former is +ve and later is -ve then  $f(x)$  is maximum at  $x = a$ .

(b) If the former is -ve and later is +ve, then  $f(x)$  is min., at  $x = a$ .

- (iii) Putting these values of  $x$  for which  $f(x)$  is max. or min. and get the corresponding max. or min. values of  $f(x)$ .

### Use of second derivative Theorem

1. A function  $f(x)$  is maximum at  $x = a$  if  $f'(a) = 0$  and  $f''(a) < 0$ .
2. A function  $f(x)$  is minimum at  $x = a$  if  $f'(a) = 0$  and  $f''(a) > 0$ . (+ve)

### Working rule to find the max. or min. values

- (i) Put  $y =$  given function  $f(x)$  and find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  i.e.,  $f'(x)$ .
- (ii) Put  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  i.e.,  $f'(x) = 0$  and solve it for  $x$  giving  $x = a, b, c, \dots$
- (iii) Select  $x = a$ , find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  i.e.,  $f''(x)$  at  $x = a$ 
  - (a) If  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=a}$  i.e.,  $f''(a)$  is -ve,  $x = a$  gives the max. values of the function.
  - (b) If  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=a}$  i.e.,  $f''(a)$  is +ve,  $x = a$  gives the min. values of the function.

**Rolle's theorem:** If a function  $f(x)$  is

- (i) Continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$  i.e.  
 $a \leq x \leq b$
  - (ii) derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$  i.e.,  
 $a < x < b$
  - (iii)  $f(a) = f(b)$
- then there exists at least one point  $c$  in the open interval  $(a, b)$  (i.e.,  $a < c < b$ ) such that  $f'(c) = 0$ .

**Aid to memory**

- (i) Rolle's theorem fails for the function which does not even satisfies one condition.
- (ii) Every polynomial in  $x$  is a continuous function for each  $x$ .  
**sin**  $x$ , **cos**  $x$ ,  $e^x$  are continuous for all values of  $x$ .  
 $\log x$  is continuous for all  $x > 0$ .
- (iii) If  $f$  and  $g$  are both continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  then  $f \pm g$  and  $fg$  are also continuous on  $[a, b]$
- (iv) If  $f(x)$  is derivable for every point in a given interval, then it must be continuous in this interval.  
i.e., **Derivability**  $\Rightarrow$  continuity.

**Lagrange's mean value theorem:** If a function  $f(x)$  is,

- (i) continuous in the closed interval  $[a, b]$  i.e.,  
 $a \leq x \leq b$
- (ii) derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$  i.e.,  
 $a < x < b$

then, there exists at least one point  $c$  in the open interval  $(a, b)$  [ $a < c < b$ ] such that

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c),$$

**Graph of functions:** The graph of function  $y = f(x)$ ,

1. Find whether the curve is increasing or decreasing.

Also, find the turning points, if any

2. Symmetry

- (i) Find whether the curve is symmetrical about the  $x$ -axis.

This will happen if no change is affected if  $y$  is changed to  $-y$ . e.g.,  $y^2 = 4ax$  is symmetrical about  $x$ -axis.

[ $\because$  only even powers of  $y$  occurs]

- (ii) Find whether the curve is symmetrical about the  $y$ -axis.



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[ $\because$  only even powers of  $x$  occurs]

**Note :**  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  is symmetrical about both axis.

- (iii) Find whether the curve is symmetrical in opposite quadrants. This will happen if no change is affected if  $x$  is changed to  $-x$  and  $y$  to  $-y$  e.g.,  $xy = k$  is symmetrical in opposite quadrants.
- (iv) Table. Form a table by taking suitable values of  $x$  and  $y$ .
- (v) Plot the above points and join them by free hand drawing so as to get the required rough sketch.

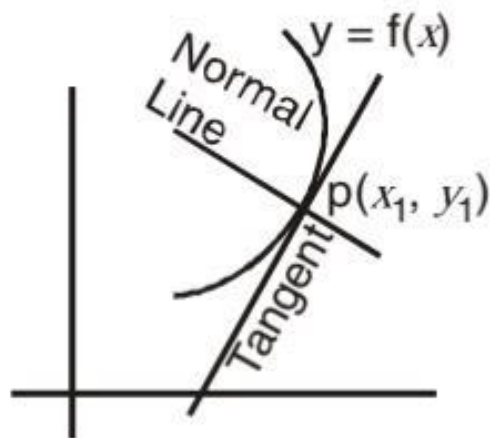
**Tangents and Normals:** Equations of the tangent and the normal to the curve.

Here, the equation of the curve is

$$y = f(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \text{slope of tangent at } (x, y)$$

$$\therefore \text{Slope of tangent at } P(x_1, y_1) = \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\text{at}(x_1, x_2)} = m$$



The equation of tangent at  $(x_1, y_1)$  is

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

Slope of normal line at a given point is the negative of the reciprocal of the slope of the tangent line at that point.

Slope of normal at  $P(x_1, y_1) = -\frac{1}{m}$  ( $m \neq 0$ ).

The equation of the normal at  $(x_1, y_1)$  is

$$(y - y_1) = -\frac{1}{m}(x - x_1).$$

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