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Epsilonics, rules for computing, limits and derivatives

1° Sum Rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] \\ = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right] + \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \right] \\ \text{(provided they all exist)}$$

proof: Assume that
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ and
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$

To show:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = L + M$$

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

means for all $\epsilon_f > 0$, there is a $\delta_f > 0$, s.t. if
 $|x - a| < \delta_f$, then $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon_f$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$$

means for all $\epsilon_g > 0$, there is a $\delta_g > 0$, s.t. if
 $|x - a| < \delta_g$, then $|g(x) - M| < \epsilon_g$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = L + M$$

means for all $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta > 0$, s.t. if
 $|x - a| < \delta$, then $|(f(x) + g(x)) - (L + M)| < \epsilon$

Suppose that $\epsilon > 0$, we reverse engineer the necessary $\delta > 0$

$$|(f(x) + g(x)) - (L + M)| < \epsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |(f(x) - L) + (g(x) - M)| < \epsilon \quad \xleftarrow{\text{do the statement above}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |f(x) - L| + |g(x) - M| < \epsilon$$

$$\uparrow \\ \epsilon_f + \epsilon_g = \epsilon$$

$$\text{let } \epsilon_f = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ and } \epsilon_g = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

find the δ_f and δ_g for these

so long as $|x - a| < \min(\delta_f, \delta_g)$

Note: if $f(x)$ has the limit $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$
exist, the limit is the derivative of f at x

Rules for derivatives

• Power Rule

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

• Product Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f(x)g(x)) = \left[\frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right] g(x) + f(x) \left[\frac{d}{dx} g(x) \right]$$

• Quotient Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{f(x)g'(x) - f'(x)g(x)}{(g(x))^2}$$

• Sum Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f(x) + g(x)) = \left(\frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right) + \left(\frac{d}{dx} g(x) \right)$$

• Constant Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} (c f(x)) = c \left(\frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right)$$

• Chain Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{d}{dx} \ln(\cos(x)) \\ = \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \cdot (-\sin(x))$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

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