

3.3. Differentiation Rules

$$\underbrace{f'(x)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad ; \quad f'(x) = 2x$$

$$f(x) = x^3 \quad ; \quad f'(x) = 3x^2$$

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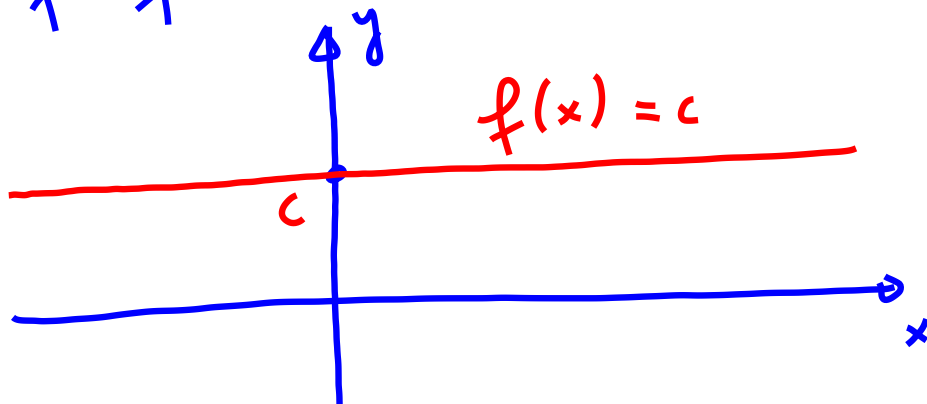
① Power Rule

② Sum and Difference Rule

③ Product and Quotient Rule.

* Derivative of a constant function

If $f(x) = c$; c : constant ; then $f'(x) = 0$.



$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} [c] = 0}$$

② Power Rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2) = 2x, \quad \frac{d}{dx} (x^3) = 3x^2.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^4) = 4x^3; \quad \frac{d}{dx} (x^5) = 5x^4$$

In general,

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

n : a positive integer

If $f(x) = x^n$, then $f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$.

If n is any real #, then

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{2017}] = 2017 x^{2016}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{2017}] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [\sqrt{x}] &= \frac{d}{dx} [x^{\frac{1}{2}}] = \frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2} - 1} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} [\sqrt{x}] = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{x} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[x^{-1} \right] = -1 \cdot x^{-2} = \frac{-1}{x^2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{x} \right] = -\frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} \right] &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{x^{2/3}} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[x^{-2/3} \right] \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \cdot x^{-\frac{2}{3} - 1} = -\frac{2}{3} x^{-\frac{5}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

③ Sum, difference and the constant multiple rule.

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

In prime notation: $[f(x) + g(x)]' = f'(x) + g'(x)$

E.g. $\frac{d}{dx} \left[x^3 + \frac{1}{x} \right] = 3x^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}$

Difference rule: $\frac{d}{dx} [f(x) - g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] - \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)]$

$$[f(x) - g(x)]' = f'(x) - g'(x)$$

Constant multiple rule: $\frac{d}{dx} [c \cdot f(x)] = c \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]$

$$(c f(x))' = c f'(x)$$

E.g. $\frac{d}{dx} [\pi \cdot \sqrt{x}] = \pi \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [\sqrt{x}] = \pi \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{x}}$

E.g. $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x + 6$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 8x + 3$$

Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $(0, 6)$.

$$\text{Slope} = f'(0) = 3$$

Point-Slope equation: $y - 6 = 3x$
 $y = 3x + 6$

Find all points on the graph where the tangent line is horizontal.

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 8x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}}{6} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{28}}{6}$$

④ Product and Quotient Rule

~~$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)]$$~~

Ex. $\frac{d}{dx} [x^2 \cdot x^3] = \frac{d}{dx} [x^2] \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [x^3]$

$\frac{d}{dx} [x^5] = 5x^4 \neq 6x^3$

this is
wrong.

Correct formula:

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

Prime notation.

$$(f(x) \cdot g(x))' = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + f(x) \cdot g'(x)$$

E.g. $j(x) = (2x^5 - 1) \cdot (x^2 + x)$

$$j'(x) = ?$$

$$j(x) = 2x^7 + 2x^6 - x^2 - x$$

$$j'(x) = 14x^6 + 12x^5 - 2x - 1$$

$$j(x) = \underbrace{(2x^5 - 1)}_{f(x)} \underbrace{(x^2 + x)}_{g(x)}$$

$$= \underbrace{10x^4}_{f'(x)} \cdot (x^2 + x) + \underbrace{(2x+1)}_{g'(x)} \cdot \underbrace{(2x^5 - 1)}_{f(x)}$$

Check: $10x^6 + 10x^5 + 4x^6 + 2x^5 - 2x - 1$
 $14x^6 + 12x^5 - 2x - 1$

Quotient Rule.

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\textcircled{u}}{\textcircled{v}} \right] = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$\frac{\text{low } d(\text{high}) - \text{high } d(\text{low})}{(\text{low})^2}$$

Ex. Find the derivative of $h(x) = \frac{3x+1}{4x-3}$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= \frac{3(4x-3) - 4(3x+1)}{(4x-3)^2} = \frac{12x-9-12x-4}{(4x-3)^2} \\ &= \frac{-13}{(4x-3)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Find the derivative of the given function.

(a) $f(x) = x^2 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{5}{x^3} \right)$

$f'(x) = -\frac{5}{x^2}$

$f(x) = 2 + \frac{5}{x}$

(b) $g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4}{x^2 - 4}$

$g'(x) = \frac{-16x}{(x^2 - 4)^2}$

(c) $h(x) = \sqrt{x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x} + x^3 \right)$

$f(x) = 2 + \left(\frac{5}{x} \right); \quad f'(x) = \frac{-5}{x^2}$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{c} \quad h(x) &= \sqrt{x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x} + x^3 \right) \\
 &= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (x^{-1} + x^3) \\
 &= x^{-1/2} + x^{7/2} \\
 h'(x) &= \boxed{-\frac{1}{2} x^{-3/2} + \frac{7}{2} x^{5/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Higher order derivative. read as f double prime

$$f(x) = x^3; \quad f'(x) = \boxed{3x^2}; \quad \boxed{f''(x)} = 6x$$

Second derivative of f = derivative of f'

Third derivative: $f'''(x) = 6$

Fourth derivative: $f^{(4)}(x) = 0$

Fifth derivative: $f^{(5)}(x) = 0$

In Leibniz notation: $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Second derivative: $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{\boxed{d^2}y}{dx^2}$
 $\nearrow$ differentiate twice
 $\searrow$ take derivative w.r.t.

Third derivative: $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}$