

Rules for Differentiation

Constant Rule $\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$ Example: $f(x) = 19$ $f' = 0$ $f(x) = 7$ $f'(x) =$

Power Rule $\frac{d}{dx}x^n = n \cdot x^{n-1}$ (power as long as $x \neq 0$ and/or $n \neq 0$)

Example: $f(x) = x^2$ $f'(x) = 2x$ $f(x) = x^4$ $f'(x) = 4x^3$ $f(x) = x^7$ $f'(x) =$

$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ $f'(x) =$

Constant Multiple Rule $\frac{d}{dx}k \cdot u = k \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

Example: $f(x) = 5x^2$ $f'(x) = 10x$ $f(x) = -2x^4$ $f'(x) = -8x^3$ $f(x) = 2x^5$ $f'(x) =$

Sum/Difference Rule $\frac{d}{dx}(u \pm v) = \frac{du}{dx} \pm \frac{dv}{dx}$

Example: $f(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 - \frac{2}{5}x - 4$ $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 10x - \frac{2}{5}$

$y = 3t^2 - 4t + 2$ $\frac{dy}{dt} =$

Product Rule $\frac{d}{dx}(u \cdot v) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$ (1st times deriv of 2nd + 2nd times deriv of 1st)

$p = (x^2 + 3x)(x - 1)$ $\frac{dp}{dx} =$

Quotient Rule $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \cdot \frac{du}{dx} - u \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$

(bottom times deriv top – top times deriv bottom all over bottom squared)

$f(x) = \frac{2x}{x-1}$ $f'(x) =$

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$ $f'(x) =$

What if you are only given the value of the functions and their derivatives at certain points?

$$\text{Let } y = u \cdot v \quad u(2) = 3 \quad u'(2) = -4 \quad v(2) = 1 \quad v'(2) = 2$$

Find $y'(2)$

$$\text{By product rule: } y'(2) = u(2)v'(2) + v(2)u'(2) \quad y'(2) = 3(2) + 1(-4) \quad y'(2) = 2$$

$$\text{If } y = \frac{u}{v} \quad \text{Find } \frac{dy}{dx}(2)$$

If we can differentiate a function once, what's to stop us from differentiating again.

f' is 1st derivative, f'' (f double prime) is 2nd derivative f''' (f triple prime)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \quad \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \quad \text{"d squared y d x squared"} \quad \text{"d cubed y d x cubed"}$$

y' 1st derivative y'' 2nd derivative y''' 3rd derivative y^n nth derivative

Example:

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

$$f'(x) = 8x^3 - 3x^2 + 6$$

$$f''(x) = 24x^2 - 6x$$

$$f'''(x) = 48x - 6$$

$$f''''(x) = 48$$

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

Recall position (s), velocity(v), and acceleration (a)

$$S(t) \quad s = 16t^2 \quad v(t) \quad s' = 32t \quad a(t) \quad s'' = 32 \text{ ft/sec}^2$$