

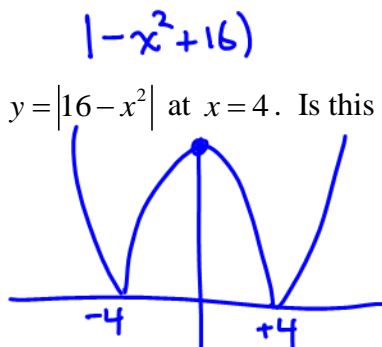
Warmup 2.4

1. Use your calculator to determine the derivative of $y = |16 - x^2|$ at $x = 4$. Is this a reasonable value for the derivative at this point? Why or why not?

$$\text{nDeriv}(\text{abs}(16 - x^2), x, 4)$$

this is not differentiable

at $x = \pm 4$ because there is a corner.



2. Graph the functions $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = \text{nDeriv}(x^2, x, x)$ and $h(x) = (f(x + .001) - f(x - .001)) / .002$.

What function does the graph of $g(x)$ appear to represent? Does this make sense?

$g(x)$ represents a linear function

How does the graph of $h(x)$ compare to the graph of $g(x)$?

$$y_3 = \frac{(x + .001)^2 - (x - .001)^2}{.002}$$

it is very close, I can't tell the two apart.

3. Predict the answers to the following:

a) $\frac{d}{dx} 5$

b) $\frac{d}{dx} x$

c) $\frac{d}{dx} x^2$

d) $\frac{d}{dx} x^3$

e) $\frac{d}{dx} x^4$

f) $\frac{d}{dx} x^{27}$

4. Use limits to verify your answer to "3e".

Rules for Differentiation

Derivative of a Constant Function

If $f(x) = k$ then $f'(x) = 0$

eg $f(x) = 3$

Power Rule for Positive Integer Powers

If $f(x) = x^n$ then $f'(x) = n \cdot x^{n-1}$

Constant Multiple of a Function

If $f(x) = k \cdot g(x)$ then $f'(x) = k \cdot g'(x)$

$f(x) = 5 \cdot x^3$

$f'(x) = 5 \cdot (3x^2)$

Sum and Difference Rule

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

Product Rule

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

Quotient Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

The Power Rule for Derivatives

If $y = x^n$ then $y' = n x^{n-1}$ for all real values of n

This can be proved for all positive integers n in the following way

Proof: The factor theorem says: If a is a root of $f(x) = 0$ then $x - a$ is a factor of $f(x)$

If $f(x) = x^n - a^n$ then $f(a) = \underline{0}$ and consequently $\underline{(x-a)}$ is a factor of $f(x)$

if $f(x) = x^n - a^n$
 $f(a) = a^n - a^n$

By observing the pattern

$$x - a = x - a$$

$$x^2 - a^2 = (x - a)(x + a)$$

$$x^3 - a^3 = (x - a)(x^2 + ax + a^2)$$

$$x^4 - a^4 = (x - a)(x^3 + ax^2 + a^2x + a^3)$$

$$x^5 - a^5 = (x - a)(x^4 + ax^3 + a^2x^2 + a^3x + a^4)$$

We can see that

$x^6 - a^6 = (x-a)(x^5 + ax^4 + a^2x^3 + a^3x^2 + a^4x + a^5)$

$$x^n - a^n = \underline{(x-a)(x^{n-1} + ax^{n-2} + \dots + a^{n-1})}$$

Now, if $f(x) = x^n$, $f'(x) = \underline{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^n - x^n}{h}}$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(x+h) - x][(x+h)^{n-1} + (x+h)^{n-2}x + \dots + (x+h)x^{n-2} + x^{n-1}]}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h} [(x+h)^{n-1} + (x+h)^{n-2}x + \dots + (x+h)x^{n-2} + x^{n-1}]}{\cancel{h}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (x+h)^{n-1} + (x+h)^{n-2}x + \dots + (x+h)x^{n-2} + x^{n-1}$$

$$= (x+0)^{n-1} + (x+0)^{n-2}x + \dots + (x+0)x^{n-2} + x^{n-1}$$

$= \frac{x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} \cdot x + \dots + x \cdot x^{n-2} + x^{n-1}}{1}$

$= \frac{x^{n-1} + x^{n-1} + \dots + x^{n-1} + x^{n-1}}{1}$

$= \underline{n(x)^{n-1}}$

if $f(x) = x^n$ then $f'(x) = n \cdot x^{n-1}$

Thus $\frac{d}{dx}x^5 = \underline{5 \cdot x^4}$ and $\frac{d}{dx}x^{27} = \underline{27 \cdot x^{26}}$

$f(x) = x^{10}$
 $f'(x) = 10 \cdot x^9$

Although we haven't yet proved this rule for negative, rational or irrational powers we will ultimately prove it to be true for all reals.

Example: Determine y' if

a) $y = \frac{1}{x^3} = x^{-3}$
 $y' = -3x^{-4} = -3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4}$

b) $y = \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $y' = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

c) $y = x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$
 $y' = -\frac{2}{3}x^{-\frac{5}{3}}$

Note also that the power rule is used to differentiate a power of x and not functions like $y = (x+1)^3$ or $y = (5x^2 + 3)^4$

$y = x^3 + 1$
 $y' = \frac{d(x^3)}{dx} + \frac{d(1)}{dx}$
 $y' = 3x^2 + 0$

The Product Rule for Derivatives

If f and g are differentiable at x , then so is the product $f \cdot g$, and

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

or $\frac{d}{dx}[f \cdot g] = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$

eg $y = (3x^2) \cdot (5x^2)$

Proof: $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h}$

If we add and subtract $f(x+h)g(x)$ in the numerator, we then obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x+h)g(x) + f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[f(x+h) \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} + g(x) \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x+h) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(x) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= f(x) \cdot g'(x) + g(x) \cdot f'(x) \end{aligned}$$

Examples

$$\underbrace{f(x)} \quad \underbrace{g(x)}$$

1. Determine the derivative of the $y = (x^2 + 3)(2x - 5)$ by

a) using the product rule

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= f(x) \cdot g'(x) + g(x) \cdot f'(x) \\ &= (x^2 + 3)(2) + (2x - 5)(2x) \\ &= 2x^2 + 6 + 4x^2 - 10x \end{aligned}$$

$$y' = 6x^2 - 10x + 6$$

b) expanding and then differentiating

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (x^2 + 3)(2x - 5) \\ y &= 2x^3 + 6x - 5x^2 - 15 \\ y' &= 6x^2 + 6 - 10x + 0 \end{aligned}$$

same thing!

2. Given the following: $h = f \cdot g$, $f(4) = 3$, $f'(4) = -2$, $g(4) = -7$ and $g'(4) = -5$, determine $h'(4)$.

$$h = f \cdot g$$

$$\boxed{h' = f \cdot g' + g \cdot f'}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(4) &= (3)(-5) + (-7)(-2) \\ &= -15 + 14 \\ h'(4) &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

3. Determine $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = f(g \cdot h)$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= f(g \cdot h)' + (g \cdot h)f' \\ &= f[g \cdot h' + h \cdot g'] + (g \cdot h) \cdot f' \end{aligned}$$

The Quotient Rule for Derivatives

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

or

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

Note that order for this rule is very important.

Proof: Let $h = \frac{f}{g}$, then $f = h \cdot g$

$$\begin{aligned} f' - g' \cdot h &= h' \cdot g \\ \div g &\quad \div g \end{aligned}$$

Using the product rule, we then have $f' = h'g + g'h$

Solving for h' we get $h' = \frac{f' - g' \cdot h}{g}$, and then by substituting for h we obtain

$$h' = \frac{f' - g' \left(\frac{f}{g} \right)}{g}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\frac{f'g}{g} - \frac{g'f}{g}}{g}$$

Converting to a common denominator yields $h' = \frac{f'g - g'f}{g^2}$

Examples

1. Determine the derivative of $y = \frac{1}{x^5}$ by $\swarrow f(x)$

<p>a) Using the quotient rule</p> $y' = \frac{f'g - g'f}{g^2}$ $= \frac{0(x^5) - (5x^4)(1)}{x^{10}}$ $= \frac{-5x^4}{x^{10}} = -5x^{-6}$	<p>b) rewriting as a negative power and then using the power rule</p> $y = \frac{1}{x^5} = x^{-5}$ $y' = -5x^{-6}$
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2. Determine the equation of the tangent to $y = \frac{5x+1}{3x-1}$ at $x=1$ $\swarrow f(x)$
 $\nwarrow g(x)$

$$y' = \frac{f'g - g'f}{g^2}$$

$$= \frac{5(3x-1) - (3)(5x+1)}{(3x-1)^2} \bigg|_{x=1} = \frac{(10) - (18)}{4} = \underline{\underline{-2}}$$

3. What is $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{8}{(x+h)^{12}} - \frac{8}{x^{12}}}{h} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{8}{x^{12}} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (8x^{-12})$

$$= 8(-12) \cdot x^{-13}$$

$$= -96x^{-13}$$

Higher Order Derivatives

The process of finding the derivative of a function can also be applied to the derivative itself. (ie we can find the derivative of the derivative). y' or $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is called the first derivative of y with respect to x .

The second derivative with respect to x is $y'' = \frac{dy'}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$.

The third derivative is $y''' = \frac{dy''}{dx} = \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$ and the n^{th} derivative of y with respect to x is $y^{(n)} = \frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$

Example: If $y = x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x - 18$, what is $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$?