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

Using the product rule (fg)' = f'g + fg', and $(g^{-1})' = -g^{-2}g'$, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{f}{g} \end{pmatrix}' = (fg^{-1})'
= f'g^{-1} + f(g^{-1})'
= f'g^{-1} + f(-1)g^{-2}g'
= \frac{f'}{g} - \frac{fg'}{g^2}
= \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}.$$

Here $g^{-1} = 1/g$ and $g^{-2} = 1/g^2$.