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sum rule

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The *sum rule* states that

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

Proof

See the <http://planetmath.org/ProofOfSumRule> proof of the sum rule.

Examples

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(x + 1) &= \frac{d}{dx}x + \frac{d}{dx}1 = 1 \\ \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 3x + 2) &= \frac{d}{dx}x^2 + \frac{d}{dx}(-3x) + \frac{d}{dx}(2) = 2x - 3 \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x + \cos x) &= \frac{d}{dx}\sin x + \frac{d}{dx}\cos x = \cos x - \sin x\end{aligned}$$