

Differentiation Tricks

Change roots to fractional exponents and use the Power Rule

$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\sqrt[7]{x^3} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[x^{\frac{3}{7}} \right]$ $= \frac{3}{7} x^{-\frac{4}{7}}$	$\frac{d}{dx} \left[x \cdot \sqrt{2x} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[x (2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]$ $= \frac{d}{dx} \left[x \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]$ $= \frac{d}{dx} \left[2^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]$ $= 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{3}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}}$
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Change fractions to a product and use Product Rule

$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{x^2 + 1} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[(x^2 + 1)^{-1} \right]$ $= -(x^2 + 1)^{-2} \cdot 2x$	$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\sin(x)}{x^2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\sin(x) \cdot x^{-2} \right]$ $= \cos(x) \cdot x^{-2} + \sin(x) \cdot (-2x^{-3})$
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Use properties of logarithms to expand before differentiating

$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln(x^2) \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[2 \ln(x) \right] = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{x}$	$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + 1} \right) \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln(x) - \ln(x^2 + 1) \right]$ $= \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} \cdot 2x$
$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln(\sin(x) \cdot x^2) \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln(\sin(x)) + \ln(x^2) \right]$ $= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln(\sin(x)) + 2 \ln(x) \right]$ $= \frac{1}{\sin(x)} \cdot \cos(x) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{x}$	