

Derivatives

For any function $y = f(x)$, the derivative can be written as

$$f(x)' \text{ or } \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \text{ or } \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$$

$$(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$(\log_k x)' = \frac{1}{x \ln k}$$

$$(e^x)' = e^x$$

$$(k^x)' = k^x \ln_k$$

Derivatives with Chain Rule

Say $y = (x^2 + 3x)^3$

Then derivative is $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$[(x^2 + 3x)^3]' = 3(x^2 + 3x)^2(2x + 3)$$

Think of $x^2 + 3x = u$

Then derivative is $(u^3)' = 3u^2$ (which is really $3(x^2 + 3x)^2$)

So we really computed $\frac{dy}{du}$

To get $\frac{dy}{dx}$ need to complete $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$

Since $u = x^2 + 3x$, $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x + 3$

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Another example:

$$y = x^2 \ln^2 x$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2(\ln^2 x)' + \ln^2 x(x^2)'$$

$$x^2(2\ln x * \frac{1}{x}) + 2x\ln^2 x = 2x\ln x + 2x\ln^2 x$$

Product Derivatives

$$(f(x) * g(x))' = f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x)$$

Example:

$$(x \ln x)' = x(\ln x)' + \ln x(x)' = 1 + \ln x$$

$$(x^3 \ln^2 x)' = x^3(\ln^2 x)' + \ln^2 x(x^3)'$$

$$= x^3 \left(\frac{2 \ln x}{x} \right) + 3x^2 \ln^2 x = 2x^2 \ln x + 3x^2 \ln^2 x$$

Integrals

$$\int_a^b x^k dx = \left. \frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1} \right]_a^b = \left(\frac{b^{k+1}}{k+1} - \frac{a^{k+1}}{k+1} \right)$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| \Big|_a^b = \ln b - \ln a$$

$$\int_a^b \ln x dx = \left[x \ln x - x \right]_a^b = b \ln b - b - a \ln a + a$$

$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$$

$$\int 2^x dx = \frac{2^x}{\ln 2} + C$$