

Let $n \in \mathbf{R}$ and let $a \in \mathbf{R}$. Let x be the independent variable and let u and v be dependent variables. Where every both u and v are differentiable, we have

Rule #0 (constant rule) $\frac{d}{dx} [a] = 0$

Rule #1 (power rule) $\frac{d}{dx} [x^n] = nx^{n-1}$. When $n = 1$, the rule is $\frac{d}{dx} [x] = 1$.

Rule #2 (outative rule) $\frac{d}{dx} [au] = a\frac{du}{dx}$.

Rule #3 (additive rule) $\frac{d}{dx} [u + v] = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$.

Rule #4 (product rule) $\frac{d}{dx} [uv] = \frac{du}{dx} v + u \frac{dv}{dx}$

Rule #5 (quotient rule) $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{u}{v} \right] = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$

Rule #6 (exponential rule) $\frac{d}{dx} [e^x] = e^x$

Rule #7 (absolute value rule) $\frac{d}{dx} [|x|] = \begin{cases} -1 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$. The absolute value function is *not* differentiable at zero.

Notice: The product and quotient rules require that both factors are differentiable. When either fails to be differentiable, anything can happen.