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# 3.1 Derivatives of Polynomials and Exponential Functions

#### 3.1.1 Power Rule

General Power Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$ 

## 3.1.2 Constant Multiple Rule

If c is a constant and f is a differentiable function:

$$\frac{d}{dx}cf(x) = c\frac{d}{dx}f(x)$$

## 3.1.3 Sum Rule

If f and g are both differentiable:

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

## 3.1.4 Difference Rule

If f and g are both differentiable:

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

## 3.1.5 Product Rule

If f and g are both differentiable:

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

## 3.1.6 Quotient Rule

If f and g are differentiable:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \big[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \big] = \frac{g(x) \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] - f(x) \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)]}{[g(x)]^2}$$

# 3.2 The Product and Quotient Rules

# 3.3 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = \csc x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1}x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1}x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1}x) = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

## 3.4 Chain Rule

Given the function  $\frac{d}{dx}f(g(x))$ ,  $\frac{d}{dx}=f'(g(x))*g'(x)$ If g is differentiable at x and f is differentiable at g(x) then the composite function F = f \* g defined by F(x) = f(g(x)) is differentiable at x and that F' is given by the product:

$$F'(x) = f'(g(X)) * g'(x)$$

In Leibniz notation, if y = f(u) and u = g(x) are both differentiable functions then:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du}\frac{du}{dx}$$

Theorem 1. Power Rule Combined With Chain Rule If n is any real number and u = g(x) is differentiable then,

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u^n) = nu^{n-1}\frac{du}{dx}$$

As such,  $\frac{d}{dx}[g(x)]^n = n[g(x)]^{n-1} * g'(x)$ 

#### Implicit Differentiation 3.5

#### Definition 1. Implicit Differentiation:

The process of differentiating both sides of the equation with respect to x and then solving the resulting equation for y'

Essentially, if the function says to take the derivative with respect to x, and there is a variable other than x present in the equation, derive the equation using normal differentiation rules, and at a  $\frac{dn}{dx}$  where n is the variable letter present in the equation

#### 3.6 Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions

General Form:  $\frac{d}{dx}(log_b x) = \frac{1}{x \ln b}$  Proof: Let  $y = \log_b x$  Then

$$b^y = x$$

Using the general form for taking the derivative, you get:

$$b^{y}(\ln b)\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{b^{y} \ln b} = \frac{1}{x \ln b}$$

Taking the Derivative of  $y = \ln x$ :

Using the above General Form, you can solve for the derivative of  $y = \ln x$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

#### IMPORTANT:

When taking the derivative of a logarithmic function, such as the derivative of  $y = \ln x^3 + 1$  you will have to use chain rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln u) = \frac{1}{u}\frac{du}{dx}$$
 and  $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln g(x)] = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$ 

Another Derivative to remember is the derivative of  $\ln |x|$  which derives to  $\frac{1}{x}$ 

## 3.6.1 Using Logarithmic Differentiation

- 1. Take natural logarithms of both sides of an equation y=f(x) and use the Laws of Logarithms to simplify
- 2. Differentiate implicitly with respect to x.
- 3. Splve the resulting equation for y' For example, let  $y = x^n$

$$\ln |y| = \ln |x|^n = n \ln x$$
 when  $x \neq 0$ 

For Logarithmic differentiation to be used, both the **base** and the **exponent** must not be constants

**Definition 2.** 
$$e = \lim_{x\to 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$
 which when evaluated, defines  $e$  as  $e \approx 2.7182818$  Another form to define  $e$  is:  $e = \lim_{n\to\infty} (1+\frac{1}{n})^n$ 

# 3.7 Rates of Change in the Natural and Social Sciences

Rates of change:

If x changes from  $\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$ 

Which means the change in y is  $\Delta y = f(x_2) - f(x_1)$ 

The difference quotient, which will give us the average rate of change in y with respect to x is defined as

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Finding the instantaneous rate of change of y with respect to x is defined as:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

## 3.8 Exponential Growth and Decay

If y(t) is the value of a quantity y at time t and if the rate of change of y with respect to t is proportional to its size y(t) at any time, then:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

 $y'(t) = C(ke^{kt}) = k(Ce^{kt}) = ky(t)$  where k is the rate at which the function is growing or decaying

C is a constant

T is time

## 3.9 Related Rates

General Process for solving related rates problems:

- 1. Read the problem carefully
- 2. Draw a diagram if possible
- 3. Introduce notation. Assign symbols to all quantities that are functions of time
- 4. Express the given information and the required rates in terms of derivatives
- 5. Write an equation that relates the various quantities of the problems. If necessary, use the geometry of the situation to eliminate one of the variable by substitution
- 6. Use the Chain Rule to differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to t
- 7. Substitute the given information into the resulting equation and solve for the unknown rate.