

Derivatives (turev) ($f(t) \rightarrow f'(t)$ or $f(t) \rightarrow \dot{f}(t)$ or $f(t) \rightarrow df(t)/dt$)

Table: Derivatives Rules

Rule	Formula	Example
	$(af(t))' = af'(t)$	$(at^2)' = 2at$
	$(f(at))' = af'(at)$	$\cos(at)' = a \cos(at)$
Sum rule	$(f_1(t) + f_2(t))' = f_1'(t) + f_2'(t)$	$(t^2 + t^4)' = (t^2)' + (t^4)' = 2t + 4t^3$
Product rule	$(f_1(t)f_2(t))' = f_1'(t)f_2(t) + f_1(t)f_2'(t)$	$(t^2 \sin t)' = (2t) \sin t + t^2(\cos t)$
Chain rule	$(f_1[f_2(t)])' = f_1'[f_2(t)]f_2'(t)$	$(\sin[t^2])' = \cos[t^2] \cdot (2t)$
Division rule	$(\frac{f_1(t)}{f_2(t)})' = \frac{f_1'(t)f_2(t) - f_1(t)f_2'(t)}{f_2(t)^2}$	$(\frac{\sin t}{t})' = \frac{t(\cos t) - (1) \cdot \sin t}{t^2}$

For vectors, the derivative just means taking derivatives of every component, $\vec{r}' = (r'_x, r'_y, r'_z)$.

Table: Derivatives of Simple Functions

name	$f(t)$	$f'(t)$	name	$f(t)$	$f'(t)$
constant	1	0	exponential	e^t	e^t
linear	t	1	nat. logarithm	$\ln t$	$1/t$
quadratic	t^2	$2t$		$a^t = e^{\ln(a)t}$	$\ln(a)a^t$
cubic	t^3	$3t^2$	logarithm	$\log_a t = \ln t / \ln a$	$1/(\ln(a)t)$
power	t^n	nt^{n-1}	inverse power	t^{-n}	$-nt^{-n-1}$
sinus	$\sin(t)$	$a \cos(t)$			
cosinus	$\cos(t)$	$-\sin(t)$			
tangent	$\tan(t)$	$1/\cos(t)^2$			

Derivatives practice

Example: $(4t^5 - \sin t)' = (4t^5)' - (\sin t)' = 4(t^5)' - (\sin t)' = 4 \cdot 5t^4 - \cos t = 20t^4 - \cos t$.

Example: (vector) $(t^3, t^2 + 2 \cos t, 5)' = ((t^3)', (t^2 + 2 \cos t)', 5') = (3t^2, 2t - 2 \sin t, 0)$.

Example: (composite function) $(\sin t^4)'$;

For composite functions it is most important to first understand what $f_1(t)$ and $f_2(t)$ are.

In this example, $f_1(t) = \sin t$ and $f_2(t) = t^4$, so that you have $\sin t^4 = \sin[f_1(t^4)]$.

Then, $f_1'(t) = \cos t$, $f_2'(t) = 4t^3$, then the full derivative is written as

$$f_1'(f_2(t))f_2'(t) = \{f_1' = \cos\}(f_2(t) = t^4) \cdot (f_2'(t) = 4t^3) = \cos(t^4) \cdot 4t^3.$$

Find derivatives of the following functions:

1. t^6
2. $t^3 + t^6$
3. $\frac{1}{3}t^3 + \frac{1}{4}t^4$
4. $t + 1/t$ (use the fact that $1/t = t^{-1}$)
5. $t^3 + 1/t^2$ (use the fact that $1/t = t^{-1}$)
6. $4 \cos(3t) + 3 \sin(3t)$
7. $2 \sin(4t) + \tan(4t)$
8. $\cos(3t + 1)$
9. $t \cos(3t)$
10. $5 \sin(3t) \cos(3t)$
11. $\cos(5t) \tan(5t)$
12. $t^2 \sin(3t) + 2t \cos(3t)$
13. $(\sin(3t))^3$ (use chain rule, $f_1(t) = t^3$ and $f_2(t) = \sin(3t)$)
14. $\cos(t^4)$ (use chain rule ...)
15. $\sin(t^4 + 4t^3) + \cos(t^4 + 2t^2)$
16. $(\cos(t))^2 + \cos(t^2)$
17. $(2 + t - t^2/2, 4t^3 + \sin(t), \cos(\pi t))$ (THIS IS A VECTOR)
18. $(\cos(\pi t), -\sin(\pi t), \pi t^3)$
19. $4 \cdot (\cos(\pi t), 3t^2, 3)$
20. $(12t^2, 8t^3, 6t^4)$