

Unit 2: Differentiation: Definition and Fundamental Properties

2.5 - The Power Rule

- power function:** $f(x) = x^n$ where n is a real number
 - examples include: $f(x) = x^5$ $v(t) = t^{\frac{7}{6}}$ $y = x^e$
 - functions can be rewritten in the form of power function
 - examples include: $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} = x^{-2}$ $f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $y = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$
 - if the exponent value isn't a constant, then the function isn't a power function
 - $p(x) = 2^x$ exponent is a variable
 - $y = e^x$ e is a constant, but it is not the exponent value
- power rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$ if $f(x)$ is a power function

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^5 \\f'(x) &= 5x^{5-1} \\f'(x) &= 5x^4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}v(t) &= t^{\frac{7}{6}} \\v'(t) &= \frac{7}{6}t^{\frac{7}{6}-1} \\v'(t) &= \frac{7}{6}t^{\frac{1}{6}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^e \\y' &= ex^{e-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^{-2} \\f'(x) &= -2x^{-2-1} \\f'(x) &= -2x^{-3} = -\frac{2}{x^3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \\f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} \\f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= -1x^{-1-1} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= -1x^{-2} = -\frac{1}{x^2}\end{aligned}$$



Power Function: $f(x) = x^n$
Power Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$

2.6 - Derivative Rules - Constant, Sum, Difference, and Constant Multiple

- constant rule:** the derivative of any constant term is 0
 - average rate of change of a horizontal line is 0
- constant multiple rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}[kx^n] = k \cdot nx^{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -16x^2 \\f'(x) &= -16 \cdot 2x \\f'(x) &= -32x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{4}{3}\pi x^3 \\f'(x) &= \frac{4}{3}\pi \cdot 3x^2 \\f'(x) &= 4\pi x^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -0.75x \\f'(x) &= -0.75 \cdot 1 \\f'(x) &= -0.75\end{aligned}$$

- sum and difference rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) + g(x)] = f'(x) + g'(x)$ where the derivative is equal to the respective sum or difference of the derivatives of each term

$$\begin{aligned}h(t) &= \frac{1}{2}gt^2 + vt + k \\h'(t) &= (\frac{1}{2}g \cdot 2t) + v + 0 \\h'(t) &= gt + v\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) &= 15x - 8\sqrt{x^3} \\g'(x) &= 15 - (8 \cdot \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\g'(x) &= 15 - 12x^{\frac{1}{2}} = 15 - 12\sqrt{x}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{3x^5+2x-7}{x^2} \\y &= \frac{3x^5}{x^2} + \frac{2x}{x^2} - \frac{7}{x^2} \\y &= 3x^3 + 2x^{-1} - 7x^{-2} \\y' &= (3 \cdot 3x^2) + (2 \cdot -1x^{-2}) - (7 \cdot -2x^{-3}) \\y' &= 9x^2 - 2x^{-2} + 14x^{-3}\end{aligned}$$



Constant Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[k] = 0$

Constant Multiple Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[kx^n] = k \cdot nx^{n-1}$

Sum and Difference Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) + g(x)] = f'(x) + g'(x)$

2.7 - Derivatives of $\cos x$, $\sin x$, e^x , and $\ln x$

- **sine:** $\frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] = \cos x$
- **cosine:** $\frac{d}{dx}[\cos x] = -\sin x$
- **e^x :** $\frac{d}{dx}[e^x] = e^x$
- **natural log:** $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln x] = \frac{1}{x}$
- limits can be changed to derivative form to which can be evaluated easier
 - if the function is defined as $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right]$
 - take the first term in the numerator and remove the h
 - if the term has a value plugged in, you are evaluating for the derivative at that value
 - if the term has a variable, evaluate the equation of the derivative
 - if the function is defined as $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \right]$
 - get the equation of the derivative from $f'(x)$
 - evaluate for the derivative at the a value

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{(\sin \frac{\pi}{3} + h) - (\sin \frac{\pi}{3})}{h} \right]$$

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x$$

$$f'(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\frac{1}{h+2} - \frac{1}{2}}{h} \right]$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$$

$$f'(x) = -1x^{-2} = \frac{-1}{x^2}$$

$$f'(2) = \frac{-1}{2^2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{(x+h)^4 - x^4}{h} \right]$$

$$f(x) = x^4$$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 9} \left[\frac{\sqrt{t} - 3}{t - 9} \right]$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$f'(9) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \pi} \left[\frac{\cos \theta - \cos \pi}{\theta - \pi} \right]$$

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f'(\pi) = -\sin \pi = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left[\frac{2x^2 - 5x - 3}{x - 3} \right]$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left[\frac{(2x+1)(x-3)}{(x-3)} \right]$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} [2x + 1]$$

$$f'(x) = 2(3) + 1 = 7$$



$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos x] = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[e^x] = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln x] = \frac{1}{x}$$

2.8 - The Product Rule

- **product rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \cdot g(x)] = g(x)f'(x) + f(x)g'(x)$ if f and g are differentiable at x
 - $\frac{d(uv)}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$
 - can distribute first and then differentiate

$$h(x) = (5x^2 - 2)(8x + 3)$$

$$h'(x) = (8x + 3) \cdot 10x + (5x^2 - 2) \cdot 8$$

$$h'(x) = 80x^2 + 30x + 40x^2 - 16$$


$$h'(x) = 120x^2 + 30x - 16$$

$$g(x) = (4x - 1)(2x^3 + 7)$$

$$g'(x) = (2x^3 + 7) \cdot 4 + (4x - 1) \cdot 6x^2$$

$$g'(x) = 8x^3 + 28 + 24x^3 - 6x^2$$

$$g'(x) = 32x^3 - 6x^2 + 28$$

 **Product Rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \cdot g(x)] = g(x)f'(x) + f(x)g'(x)$

2.9 - The Quotient Rule


- quotient rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x)-f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$ if f and g are differentiable at x and if $g(x) \neq 0$
 - $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{u}{v}\right] = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx}-u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
 - quotient rule song: *lo dee hi mine hi dee lo o' lo lo*
 - sometimes you can simplify the equations so that you don't need the quotient rule

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) &= \frac{5x^2+2}{8x-3} \\g'(x) &= \frac{(8x-3) \cdot 10x + (5x^2+2) \cdot 8}{(8x-3)^2} \\g'(x) &= \frac{80x^2-30x+40x^2+16}{(8x-3)^2} \\g'(x) &= \frac{120x^2-30x+16}{(8x-3)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) &= \frac{5x^2+2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}(5x^2 + 2) \\g'(x) &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot 10x \\g'(x) &= \frac{10}{3}x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{5x+\frac{2}{x}}{8-\frac{3}{x}} = \frac{5x^2+2}{8x-3} \\f'(x) &= \frac{(8x-3) \cdot 10x - (5x^2+2) \cdot 8}{(8x-3)^2} \\f'(x) &= \frac{80x^2-30x-40x^2-16}{(8x-3)^2} \\f'(x) &= \frac{40x^2-30x-16}{(8x-3)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}h(x) &= \frac{3}{5x^2} = \frac{3}{5}x^{-2} \\h'(x) &= \frac{3}{5} \cdot -2x^{-3} \\h'(x) &= \frac{-6}{5x^3}\end{aligned}$$

 **Quotient Rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x)-f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$


2.10 - Derivatives of $\tan x$, $\cot x$, $\sec x$, and $\csc x$

- tangent:** $\frac{d}{dx}[\tan x] = \sec^2 x$
 - use $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ and the *quotient rule* to get the derivative of tangent
- cosecant:** $\frac{d}{dx}[\csc x] = -\csc x \cdot \cot x$
- secant:** $\frac{d}{dx}[\sec x] = \sec x \cdot \tan x$
- cotangent:** $\frac{d}{dx}[\cot x] = -\csc^2 x$
- point-slope form $y - f(a) = f'(a)(x - a)$ can be used to determine slope of the line tangent to a point

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) &= \frac{\tan x+4}{\sec x} \\g'(x) &= \frac{\tan x}{\sec x} + \frac{4}{\sec x} \\g'(x) &= \sin x + 4 \cos x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}h(x) &= \frac{7}{5\sec x} \\h'(x) &= \frac{7}{5} \sec^{-1} x \\h'(x) &= -\frac{7}{5}(\sec x \tan x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 3 \cot x + \ln x \csc x \\f'(x) &= 3(-\csc^2 x) + (\csc x)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + (\ln x)(-\csc x \cot x) \\f'(x) &= -3 \csc^2 x + \frac{\csc x}{x} - \ln x \csc x \cot x\end{aligned}$$


$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[\tan x] &= \sec^2 x \\\frac{d}{dx}[\csc x] &= -\csc x \cdot \cot x \\\frac{d}{dx}[\sec x] &= \sec x \cdot \tan x \\\frac{d}{dx}[\cot x] &= -\csc^2 x\end{aligned}$$