

1. Compute the derivative of the following functions:

(a)  $f(x) = 20x - 1$

(b)  $f(x) = 5x^2 + 2$

(c)  $f(x) = 5x^4 + x^4 - 4x^3 + 8x^2 - 3x + 1$

(d)  $f(x) = (x - 3)(x + 4)$

(e)  $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$

(f)  $f(x) = \cos(x)e^{-x}$

(g)  $f(x) = (x^2 - 2)^{10}$

(h)  $f(x) = (3x^4 + 6x^2 - 3x + 8)^6$

(i)  $f(x) = x^2/(x - 1)$

(j) (Challenge Problem)  $f(x) = x^2(x + 2)^2(x - 1)^4$

2. What does the derivative of a function represent?