Comparing the equations in (1), (2), and (3), we see a pattern emerging. It seems to be a reasonable guess that, when n is a positive integer, $(d/dx)(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$. This turns out to be true.

The Power Rule If n is a positive integer, then

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

FIRST PROOF The formula

$$x^{n} - a^{n} = (x - a)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}a + \dots + xa^{n-2} + a^{n-1})$$

can be verified simply by multiplying out the right-hand side (or by summing the second factor as a geometric series). If $f(x) = x^n$, we can use Equation 2.7.5 for f'(a) and the equation above to write

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to a} (x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}a + \dots + xa^{n-2} + a^{n-1})$$
$$= a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}a + \dots + aa^{n-2} + a^{n-1}$$
$$= na^{n-1}$$

SECOND PROOF

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(x+h)^n - x^n}{h}$$

eorem is given on

In finding the derivative of x^4 we had to expand $(x + h)^4$. Here we need to expand $(x + h)^n$ and we use the Binomial Theorem to do so:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\left[x^n + nx^{n-1}h + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \dots + nxh^{n-1} + h^n \right] - x^n}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{nx^{n-1}h + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{n-2}h^2 + \dots + nxh^{n-1} + h^n}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \left[nx^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{n-2}h + \dots + nxh^{n-2} + h^{n-1} \right]$$

$$= nx^{n-1}$$

because every term except the first has h as a factor and therefore approaches 0.

We illustrate the Power Rule using various notations in Example 1.



 $L_2(x)$ for x > 30] doesn't have a continuous second derivative. So you decide to improve the design by using a quadratic function $q(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ only on the interval $3 \le x \le 27$ and connecting it to the linear functions by means of two cubic functions:

$$g(x) = kx^3 + lx^2 + mx + n$$
 $0 \le x < 3$

$$h(x) = px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s$$
 27 < $x \le 30$

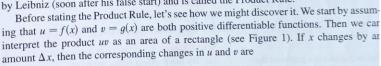
- (a) Write a system of equations in 11 unknowns that ensure that the functions and their first two derivatives agree at the transition points.
- (b) Solve the equations in part (a) with a computer algebra system to find formulas for q(x), g(x), and h(x).
- (c) Plot L_1 , g, q, h, and L_2 , and compare with the plot in Problem 1(c).

3.2 The Product and Quotient Rules

The formulas of this section enable us to differentiate new functions formed from old functions by multiplication or division.

The Product Rule

By analogy with the Sum and Difference Rules, one might be tempted to guess, as Leibniz did three centuries ago, that the derivative of a product is the product of the derivatives. We can see, however, that this guess is wrong by looking at a particular example. Let f(x) = x and $g(x) = x^2$. Then the Power Rule gives f'(x) = 1 and g'(x) = 2x. But $(fg)(x) = x^3$, so $(fg)'(x) = 3x^2$. Thus $(fg)' \neq f'g'$. The correct formula was discovered by Leibniz (soon after his false start) and is called the Product Rule.



$$\Delta u = f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)$$
 $\Delta v = g(x + \Delta x) - g(x)$

and the new value of the product, $(u + \Delta u)(v + \Delta v)$, can be interpreted as the area of th large rectangle in Figure 1 (provided that Δu and Δv happen to be positive).

The change in the area of the rectangle is

$$\Delta(uv) = (u + \Delta u)(v + \Delta v) - uv = u \, \Delta v + v \, \Delta u + \Delta u \, \Delta v$$
= the sum of the three shaded areas

If we divide by Δx , we get

$$\frac{\Delta(uv)}{\Delta x} = u \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x} + v \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x} + \Delta u \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x}$$

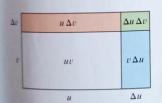


FIGURE 1

The geometry of the Product Rule

Recall that in Leibniz notation the definition of a derivative can be written

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

If we now let $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$, we get the derivative of uv:

where
$$\Delta x \to 0$$
, we get the derivative $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta(uv)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \left(u \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x} + v \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x} + \Delta u \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x} \right)$

$$= u \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x} + v \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x} + \left(\lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \Delta u \right) \left(\lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x} \right)$$

$$= u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} + 0 \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$$

(Notice that $\Delta u \to 0$ as $\Delta x \to 0$ since f is differentiable and therefore continuous.)

Although we started by assuming (for the geometric interpretation) that all the quantities are positive, we notice that Equation 1 is always true. (The algebra is valid whether $u, v, \Delta u$, and Δv are positive or negative.) So we have proved Equation 2, known as the Product Rule, for all differentiable functions u and v.

In prime notation:

$$(fg)' = fg' + gf'$$

The Product Rule If f and g are both differentiable, then

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

In words, the Product Rule says that the derivative of a product of two functions is the first function times the derivative of the second function plus the second function limes the derivative of the first function.

EXAMPLE 1

- (a) If $f(x) = xe^x$, find f'(x).
- (b) Find the *n*th derivative, $f^{(n)}(x)$.

(a) By the Product Rule, we have

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(xe^{x})$$

$$= x\frac{d}{dx}(e^{x}) + e^{x}\frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

$$= xe^{x} + e^{x} \cdot 1 = (x+1)e^{x}$$

(b) Using the Product Rule a second time, we get

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [(x+1)e^x]$$

$$= (x+1)\frac{d}{dx} (e^x) + e^x \frac{d}{dx} (x+1)$$

$$= (x+1)e^x + e^x \cdot 1 = (x+2)e^x$$

Figure 2 shows the graphs of the function f of Example 1 and its derivative f'. Notice that f'(x) is positive when f is increasing and negative when f is decreasing.

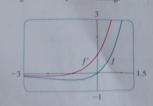


FIGURE 2

by amounts Δx , Δu , and Δv , then the corresponding change in the quotient u/v is

$$\Delta x, \Delta u, \text{ and } \Delta v, \text{ then are}$$

$$\Delta \left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{u + \Delta u}{v + \Delta v} - \frac{u}{v} = \frac{(u + \Delta u)v - u(v + \Delta v)}{v(v + \Delta v)}$$

$$= \frac{v\Delta u - u\Delta v}{v}$$

so

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta(u/v)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{v \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x} - u \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x}}{v(v + \Delta v)}$$

As $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$, $\Delta v \rightarrow 0$ also, because v = g(x) is differentiable and therefore continuous. Thus, using the Limit Laws, we get

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x} - u \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x}}{v \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} (v + \Delta v)} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

rime notation

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{gf' - fg'}{g^2}$$

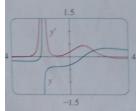
The Quotient Rule If f and g are differentiable, then

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

In words, the Quotient Rule says that the derivative of a quotient is the denominator times the derivative of the numerator minus the numerator times the derivative of the denominator, all divided by the square of the denominator.

The Quotient Rule and the other differentiation formulas enable us to compute is derivative of any rational function, as the next example illustrates.

e can use a graphing device to eck that the answer to Example 4 plausible. Figure 3 shows the graphs the function of Example 4 and its rivative. Notice that when y grows pidly (near -2), y' is large. And hen y grows slowly, y' is near 0.



IGURE 3

EXAMPLE 4 Let $y = \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^3 + 6}$. Then $y' = \frac{(x^3 + 6)\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + x - 2) - (x^2 + x - 2)\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + 6)}{(x^3 + 6)^2}$ $= \frac{(x^3 + 6)(2x + 1) - (x^2 + x - 2)(3x^2)}{(x^3 + 6)^2}$ $= \frac{(2x^4 + x^3 + 12x + 6) - (3x^4 + 3x^3 - 6x^2)}{(x^3 + 6)^2}$ $= \frac{-x^4 - 2x^3 + 6x^2 + 12x + 6}{(x^3 + 6)^2}$

EXAMPLE 5 Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = e^x/(1 + x^2)$ at the point $(1, \frac{1}{2}e)$.

SOLUTION According to the Quotient Rule, we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(1+x^2)\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) - e^x \frac{d}{dx}(1+x^2)}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1+x^2)e^x - e^x(2x)}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{e^x(1-2x+x^2)}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^x(1+x^2)^2}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

So the slope of the tangent line at $(1, \frac{1}{2}e)$ is

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=1} = 0$$

This means that the tangent line at $(1, \frac{1}{2}e)$ is horizontal and its equation is $y = \frac{1}{2}e$. [See Figure 4. Notice that the function is increasing and crosses its tangent line at $(1, \frac{1}{2}e)$.]

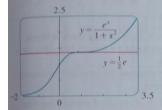


FIGURE 4

NOTE Don't use the Quotient Rule *every* time you see a quotient. Sometimes it's easier to rewrite a quotient first to put it in a form that is simpler for the purpose of differentiation. For instance, although it is possible to differentiate the function

$$F(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 2\sqrt{x}}{x}$$

using the Quotient Rule, it is much easier to perform the division first and write the function as

$$F(x) = 3x + 2x^{-1/2}$$

before differentiating.

We summarize the differentiation formulas we have learned so far as follows.

Table of Differentiation Formulas

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0 \qquad \qquad \frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1} \qquad \qquad \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

$$(cf)' = cf' \qquad \qquad (f+g)' = f'+g' \qquad \qquad (f-g)' = f'-g'$$

$$(fg)' = fg' + gf' \qquad \qquad \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{gf' - fg'}{g^2}$$

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EXERCISES 3.1

- 1. (a) How is the number e defined?
 - (b) Use a calculator to estimate the values of the limits

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{2.7^h - 1}{h} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{2.8^h - 1}{h}$$

correct to two decimal places. What can you conclude about the value of e?

- **2.** (a) Sketch, by hand, the graph of the function $f(x) = e^x$, paying particular attention to how the graph crosses the y-axis. What fact allows you to do this?
 - (b) What types of functions are $f(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = x^e$? Compare the differentiation formulas for f and g.
 - (c) Which of the two functions in part (b) grows more rapidly when x is large?
- 3-32 Differentiate the function.
- 3. f(x) = 186.5
- **4.** $f(x) = \sqrt{30}$
- **5.** f(x) = 5.2x + 2.3
- **6.** $g(x) = \frac{7}{4}x^2 3x + 12$
- 7. $f(t) = 2t^3 3t^2 4t$
- **8.** $f(t) = 1.4t^5 2.5t^2 + 6.7$
- **9.** $g(x) = x^2(1-2x)$
- **10.** H(u) = (3u 1)(u + 2)
- 11. $y = x^{-2/5}$
- **12.** $B(y) = ay^{-3}$
- 13. $F(r) = \frac{5}{3}$
- **14.** $y = x^{5/3} x^{2/3}$
- **15.** $R(a) = (3a + 1)^2$
- **16.** $h(t) = \sqrt[4]{t} 4e^t$
- **17.** $S(p) = \sqrt{p} p$
- **18.** $y = \sqrt[3]{x}(2 + x)$
- **19.** $y = 3e^x + \frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$
- **20.** $V(R) = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$
- **21.** $h(u) = Au^3 + Bu^2 + Cu$ **22.** $y = \frac{\sqrt{x} + x}{x^2}$
- 23. $y = \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{\sqrt{x}}$ 24. $G(t) = \sqrt{5t} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{t}$ 25. $j(x) = x^{2^4} + e^{2^4}$ 26. $y = ae^x + \frac{b}{v} + \frac{c}{v^2}$
- **26.** $y = ae^{v} + \frac{b}{v} + \frac{c}{v^2}$
- **27.** $G(q) = (1 + q^{-1})^2$
- **28.** $F(z) = \frac{A + Bz + Cz^2}{z^2}$
- **29.** $f(v) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{v} 2ve^{v}}{v}$
- **31.** $z = \frac{A}{y^{10}} + Be^{y}$
- 33-36 Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point.
- **33.** $y = 2x^3 x^2 + 2$, (1, 3)

- **34.** $y = 2e^x + x$, (0, 2)
- **35.** $y = x + \frac{2}{x}$. (2, 3)
- **36.** $y = \sqrt[4]{x} x$, (1,0)
- 37-38 Find equations of the tangent line and normal line to the curve at the given point.
- **37.** $y = x^2 x^4$, (1, 0)
- **38.** $y^2 = x^3$, (1, 1)
- 39-40 Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point. Illustrate by graphing the curve and the tangent line on the same screen.
 - **39.** $y = 3x^2 x^3$, (1, 2)
- **40.** $y = x \sqrt{x}$, (1,0)
- 41-42 Find f'(x). Compare the graphs of f and f' and use them to explain why your answer is reasonable.
 - **41.** $f(x) = x^4 2x^3 + x^2$
 - **42.** $f(x) = x^5 2x^3 + x 1$
- 43. (a) Graph the function

$$f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 - 6x^2 + 7x + 30$$

- in the viewing rectangle [-3, 5] by [-10, 50].
- (b) Using the graph in part (a) to estimate slopes, make a rough sketch, by hand, of the graph of f'. (See Example 2.8.1.)
- (c) Calculate f'(x) and use this expression, with a graphing device, to graph f'. Compare with your sketch in part (b)
- \mathbb{R} 44. (a) Graph the function $g(x) = e^x 3x^2$ in the viewing rect angle [-1, 4] by [-8, 8].
 - (b) Using the graph in part (a) to estimate slopes, make a rough sketch, by hand, of the graph of g'. (See Example 2.8.1.)
 - (c) Calculate g'(x) and use this expression, with a graphing device, to graph g'. Compare with your sketch in part (b)
 - **45–46** Find the first and second derivatives of the function
 - **45.** $f(x) = 0.001x^5 0.02x^3$
- **46.** $G(r) = \sqrt{r} + \sqrt{r}$
- 47-48 Find the first and second derivatives of the function. Check to see that your answer. to see that your answers are reasonable by comparing the graphs of f, f', and f''
 - **47.** $f(x) = 2x 5x^{3/4}$
- **48.** $f(x) = e^x x^3$

The Power Rule enables us to find tangent lines without having to resort to the definition of a derivative. It also enables us to find *normal lines*. The **normal line** to a curve C at a point P is the line through P that is perpendicular to the tangent line at P. (In the study of optics, one needs to consider the angle between a light ray and the normal line to a lens.)

EXAMPLE 3 Find equations of the tangent line and normal line to the curve $y = x\sqrt{x}$ at the point (1, 1). Illustrate by graphing the curve and these lines.

SOLUTION The derivative of $f(x) = x\sqrt{x} = xx^{1/2} = x^{3/2}$ is

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^{(3/2)-1} = \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2} = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x}$$

So the slope of the tangent line at (1, 1) is $f'(1) = \frac{3}{2}$. Therefore an equation of the tangent line is

$$y-1=\frac{3}{2}(x-1)$$
 or $y=\frac{3}{2}x-\frac{1}{2}$

The normal line is perpendicular to the tangent line, so its slope is the negative reciprocal of $\frac{3}{2}$, that is, $-\frac{2}{3}$. Thus an equation of the normal line is

$$y - 1 = -\frac{2}{3}(x - 1)$$
 or $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{5}{3}$

We graph the curve and its tangent line and normal line in Figure 4.

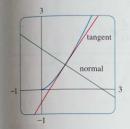


FIGURE 4 $y = x\sqrt{x}$

New Derivatives from Old

When new functions are formed from old functions by addition, subtraction, or multiplication by a constant, their derivatives can be calculated in terms of derivatives of the old functions. In particular, the following formula says that the derivative of a constant times a function is the constant times the derivative of the function.

The Constant Multiple Rule If c is a constant and f is a differentiable function, then

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

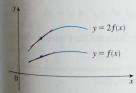
PROOF Let g(x) = cf(x). Then

$$g'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{cf(x+h) - cf(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} c \left[\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right]$$

$$= c \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$
 (by Limit Law 3)
$$= cf'(x)$$

Geometric Interpretation of the Constant Multiple Rule



Multiplying by c=2 stretches the graph vertically by a factor of 2. All the rises have been doubled but the rans stay the same. So the slopes are doubled too.

EXERCISES 3.2

- **1.** Find the derivative of $f(x) = (1 + 2x^2)(x x^2)$ in two ways: by using the Product Rule and by performing the multiplication first. Do your answers agree?
- 2. Find the derivative of the function

$$F(x) = \frac{x^4 - 5x^3 + \sqrt{x}}{x^2}$$

in two ways: by using the Quotient Rule and by simplifying first. Show that your answers are equivalent. Which method do you prefer?

3-26 Differentiate.

- 3. $f(x) = (3x^2 5x)e^x$
- **4.** $g(x) = (x + 2\sqrt{x})e^x$
- **6.** $y = \frac{e^x}{1 + r}$
- 7. $g(x) = \frac{3x-1}{2x+1}$
- **8.** $f(t) = \frac{2t}{4-t^2}$
- 9. $H(u) = (u \sqrt{u})(u + \sqrt{u})^{3}$
- **10.** $J(v) = (v^3 2v)(v^{-4} + v^{-2})$
- **11.** $F(y) = \left(\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{3}{y^4}\right)(y + 5y^3)$
- **12.** $f(z) = (1 e^z)(z + e^z)^{-1}$

- **21.** $f(t) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{t}}{t-3}$ **22.** $V(t) = \frac{4+t}{te^t}$
- **23.** $f(x) = \frac{x^2 e^x}{x^2 + e^x}$
 - **24.** $F(t) = \frac{At}{Bt^2 + Ct^3}$
- **25.** $f(x) = \frac{A}{B + Ce^x}$
- $26. \ f(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$
- **27–30** Find f'(x) and f''(x).
- **27.** $f(x) = (x^3 + 1)e^x$
- **28.** $f(x) = \sqrt{x} e^x$

- **29.** $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1 + e^x}$
- **30.** $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 1}$

31-32 Find an equation of the tangent line to the given curve at the specified point.

- **31.** $y = \frac{x^2 1}{x^2 + x + 1}$, (1, 0) **32.** $y = \frac{1 + x}{1 + e^x}$, $(0, \frac{1}{2})$

33-34 Find equations of the tangent line and normal line to the given curve at the specified point.

- **33.** $y = 2xe^x$, (0,0)
- **34.** $y = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1}$, (1, 1)

35. (a) The curve $y = 1/(1 + x^2)$ is called a witch of Maria Agnesi. Find an equation of the tangent line to this curve at the point $\left(-1,\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

- (b) Illustrate part (a) by graphing the curve and the tangent line on the same screen.
- **36.** (a) The curve $y = x/(1 + x^2)$ is called a serpentine. Find an equation of the tangent line to this curve at the point (3, 0.3).
- (b) Illustrate part (a) by graphing the curve and the tangent line on the same screen.
- **37.** (a) If $f(x) = (x^3 x)e^x$, find f'(x).
- (b) Check to see that your answer to part (a) is reasonable by comparing the graphs of f and f'
- **38.** (a) If $f(x) = e^x/(2x^2 + x + 1)$, find f'(x).
 - (b) Check to see that your answer to part (a) is reasonable by comparing the graphs of f and f'
- **39.** (a) If $f(x) = (x^2 1)/(x^2 + 1)$, find f'(x) and f''(x).
 - (b) Check to see that your answers to part (a) are reasonable by comparing the graphs of f, f', and f''.
- **40.** (a) If $f(x) = (x^2 1)e^x$, find f'(x) and f''(x).
 - (b) Check to see that your answers to part (a) are reasonable by comparing the graphs of f, f', and f''.
- **41.** If $f(x) = x^2/(1 + x)$, find f''(1).
- **42.** If $g(x) = x/e^x$, find $g^{(n)}(x)$.
- **43.** Suppose that f(5) = 1, f'(5) = 6, g(5) = -3, and g'(5) = 2. (a) (6.3)(6)
- (b) (f/g)'(5) (c) (g/f)'(5)**44.** Suppose that f(4) = 2, g(4) = 5, f'(4) = 6, and g'(4) = -3.
 - (a) h(x) = 3f(x) + 8g(x) (b) h(x) = f(x)g(x)
 - (c) h(x) = f(x)
- (d) $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x) + g(x)}$