

REAL POLYNOMIAL DERIVATIVES

Why

The real polynomials are differentiable on all of ${\bf R},$ and have simple derivatives.

Results

Proposition 1. Suppose $p: \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$ is a real polynomial with coefficients $c_0, \ldots, c_1, \ldots, c_m$. Then p is differentiable and its derivative $p': \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$ satisfies

$$p'(x) = c_1 + 2c_2x + 3c_3x^2 + \dots + mc_nx^{m-1}$$

