Calculus I

Derivative of reciprocal of linear polynomial

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

Example

Compute the derivative. Use the quotient rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2x - 1} \right) = \frac{(1)'(2x - 1) - 1 \cdot (2x - 1)'}{(2x - 1)^2} \quad | \text{ Product rule}$$

$$= \frac{0 \cdot (2x - 1) - 2}{(2x - 1)^2}$$

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