

3.1 Power Rule

NOTES

CALCULUS

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Notation	<i>Euler</i> $D_{x,y}$	<i>Newton</i> f'	y'	$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$d\left(\frac{y}{dx}\right)$
	f'	$f'(x)$			
	<i>f prime</i>	<i>f prime of x</i>	<i>y prime</i>		

POWER RULE

$$x^n = n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

Find the derivative of the following.

$$f(x) = 3x^7 - 4x^5 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 7$$

$$f'(x) = 21x^6 - 20x^4 - x^2 + 2x - 3$$

$$y = 2x^{-3} + 4x + \pi$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -6x^{-4} + 4$$

Rewrite and then take the derivative.

$$y = \sqrt[3]{x^7} - \sqrt{x} + 2\sqrt[5]{x^2}$$

$$y = x^{\frac{7}{3}} - x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2x^{\frac{2}{5}}$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{7}{3}x^{-4/3} - \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} + \frac{4}{5}x^{-3/5}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{7}{3}\sqrt[3]{x^4} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{4}{5\sqrt[5]{x^3}}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(3x)^2}$$

$$g(x) = x^{-1} + 4x^{-2} - \frac{1}{9}x^{-2}$$

$$\frac{dg}{dx} = -x^{-2} - 8x^{-3} + \frac{2}{9}x^{-3}$$

$$\frac{dg}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{8}{x^3} + \frac{2}{9x^3}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{-16x^2 + 5x - 1}{2x}$$

$$f(x) = -8x + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x^{-1}$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = -8 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-2}$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = -8 + \frac{1}{2x^2}$$

Evaluate

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^4 - 4x^{-2} + e$$

Find $f'(3)$ $f'(x) = 2x^3 + 8x^{-3}$

$$f'(3) = 2(3)^3 + \frac{8}{(3)^3}$$

$$f'(3) = 2(27) + \frac{8}{27}$$

$$f'(3) = 54 + \frac{8}{27}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + 4x$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}\bigg|_{x=4}$

$$y = x^{-1/2} + 4x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} + 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^3}} + 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}\bigg|_{x=4} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{(4)^3}} + 4$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2(8)} + 4$$

$$= \frac{-1}{16} + 4$$

$$= \frac{-1}{16} + \frac{64}{16}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}\bigg|_{x=4} = \frac{63}{16}$$

Higher Order Derivatives

$$f(x) = x^7 - 2x^4 + 5x^2 - 3x + 9$$

$$f'(x) = 7x^6 - 8x^3 + 10x - 3$$

$$f''(x) = 42x^5 - 24x^2 + 10$$

$$f'''(x) = 210x^4 - 48x$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 840x^3 - 48$$

$$y = \sqrt{x} + x^{-2} = x^{1/2} + x^{-2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} - 2x^{-3} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - \frac{2}{x^3}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{4}x^{-3/2} + 6x^{-4} = \frac{-1}{4\sqrt{x^3}} + \frac{6}{x^4}$$



Find Derivative on the Calculator

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

$$f'(4) = 2.079$$

$$f'(e) = 1.698$$

$$f(\theta) = 1 + \csc \theta$$

$$f'(\pi) = \text{DNE}$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

Derivative means...

Slope at a point

Given $y = \frac{1}{2}x^4 - x + 2$ find the slope at $x = 2$

$$y' = 2x^3 - 1$$

$$y'(2) = 2(2)^3 - 1$$

$$= 2(8) - 1$$

$$= 16 - 1$$

$$y'(2) = 15$$

The slope is 15 at $x = 2$

Slope of the tangent line

Write the equation of the line tangent to $y = \frac{1}{2}x^4 - x + 2$ at $x = 2$

Point

$$y(2) = \frac{1}{2}(2)^4 - (2) + 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(16) + 0$$

$$y(2) = 8$$

$$(2, 8)$$

Slope
 $m = 15$

Point-slope form

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 8 = 15(x - 2)$$

Instantaneous rate of change

What is the instantaneous rate of change at 3 seconds?

$$s(t) = -4.9t^2 + 40t + 6$$

$$s'(t) = -9.8t + 40$$

$$s'(3) = -9.8(3) + 40$$

$$= -29.4 + 40$$

$$s'(3) = 10.6 \text{ units/second}$$

\perp to tangent line =

Normal Line

Write the equation of the normal line at $x = 3$ and then graph it!

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

Point

$$f(3) = (3)^3 - 4(3)^2 + (3) + 3$$

$$= 27 - 4(9) + 6$$

$$= 33 - 36$$

$$f(3) = -3 \quad (3, -3)$$

Slope

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 8x + 1$$

$$f'(3) = 3(3)^2 - 8(3) + 1$$

$$= 3(9) - 24 + 1$$

$$= 27 - 23$$

$$f'(3) = 4$$

$$\perp m = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Point-slope

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - (-3) = -\frac{1}{4}(x - 3)$$

$$y + 3 = -\frac{1}{4}(x - 3)$$



Derivative Rules

Constant Rule $\frac{d}{dx}c = 0$

Constant Multiple Rule $\frac{d}{dx}(cu) = c \frac{du}{dx}$

Power Rule $\frac{d}{dx}x^n = nx^{n-1}$

Sum/Difference Rule $\frac{d}{dx}(u \pm v) = \left(\frac{du}{dx} \pm \frac{dv}{dx}\right)$

SUMMARY:

