

Section 3.2 Differentiation formulas

Table of derivatives

1. $(C)' = 0$, C is a constant,
2. $(x)' = 1$,
3. $(x^2)' = 2x$,
4. $(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$,
5. $\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)' = -\frac{1}{x^2}$

Differentiation formulas

Suppose c is a constant and both functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are differentiable.

1. $(cf(x))' = cf'(x)$,
2. $(f(x) + g(x))' = f'(x) + g'(x)$,
3. $(f(x) - g(x))' = f'(x) - g'(x)$,
4. $(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$,
5. $\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}$.

Find the derivative

Example 1. Differentiate each function.

(a.) $f(x) = x^5 - 4x^3 + 2x - 3$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (x^5 - 4x^3 + 2x - 3)' = (x^5)' - (4x^3)' + (2x)' - (3)' \\ &= 5x^4 - 4(x^3)' + 2(x)' \\ &= 5x^4 - 4(3x^2) + 2 \\ &= \boxed{5x^4 - 12x^2 + 2} \end{aligned}$$

(b.) $f(x) = 3x^{2/3} - 2x^{5/2} + x^{-3}$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (3x^{2/3} - 2x^{5/2} + x^{-3})' = 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)x^{2/3-1} - 2\frac{5}{2}x^{5/2-1} + (-3)x^{-3-1} \\ &= \boxed{2x^{-1/3} - 5x^{3/2} - 3x^{-4}} \end{aligned}$$

(c.) $f(x) = (x^2\sqrt[3]{x^2}) = x^2 \cdot x^{2/3} = x^{2+2/3} = x^{8/3}$

$$f'(x) = (x^{8/3})' = \frac{8}{3}x^{8/3-1} = \boxed{\frac{8}{3}x^{5/3}}$$

$$(d.) f(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} - \frac{1}{x\sqrt[3]{x}} = \frac{2}{x^{2/3}} - \frac{1}{x \cdot x^{1/3}} = \frac{2}{x^{2/3}} - \frac{1}{x^{4/3}} = 2x^{-2/3} - x^{-4/3}$$

$$f'(x) = (2x^{-2/3} - x^{-4/3})' = 2\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)x^{-2/3-1} - \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)x^{-4/3-1}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{4}{3}x^{-5/3} + \frac{4}{3}x^{-7/3}}$$

$$(e.) f(x) = (x^5 + 3x^2 + 2x - 3)(x^2 + 3x + 5) \quad \text{Product Rule} \quad [fg]' = f'g + g'f$$

$$f'(x) = (x^5 + 3x^2 + 2x - 3)(x^2 + 3x + 5)' + (x^5 + 3x^2 + 2x - 3)'(x^2 + 3x + 5)$$

$$= \boxed{(5x^4 + 6x + 2)(x^2 + 3x + 5) + (x^5 + 3x^2 + 2x - 3)(2x + 3)} \quad \text{DO NOT SIMPLIFY !!!}$$

$$(f.) g(x) = \frac{2x + 3}{x^2 - 5x + 5} \quad \text{Quotient Rule} \quad \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - g'f}{g^2}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{(2x+3)'(x^2-5x+5) - (2x+3)(x^2-5x+5)'}{(x^2-5x+5)^2} = \frac{2(x^2-5x+5) - (2x+3)(2x-5)}{(x^2-5x+5)^2}$$

$$(g.) f(z) = \frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} = \frac{1 + z^{1/2}}{1 - z^{1/2}}$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{(1+z^{1/2})'(1-z^{1/2}) - (1+z^{1/2})(1-z^{1/2})'}{(1-z^{1/2})^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}z^{-1/2}(1-z^{1/2}) - (1+z^{1/2})(-\frac{1}{2})z^{-1/2}}{(1-z^{1/2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}z^{-1/2} - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1/2}z^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1/2} + \frac{1}{2}z^{1/2}z^{-1/2}}{(1-z^{1/2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{z^{-1/2}}{(1-z^{1/2})^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{z^{1/2}(1-z^{1/2})^2}}$$

Example 2. Find the equation to the tangent line to the curve $y = x + \sqrt{x}$ at the point (1,2)

$$f(x) = x + x^{1/2}, \quad f'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}$$

$$f'(1) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Tangent line: $y = \underbrace{f'(1)}_{\frac{3}{2}}(x-1) + \underbrace{f(1)}_2$

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

Find the values of m and b that make $f(x)$ differentiable everywhere.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 7 \\ mx + b & \text{if } x > 7 \end{cases}, \quad f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } x \leq 7 \\ m, & \text{if } x > 7 \end{cases}$$



- $f'(x)$ must be continuous everywhere

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} f'(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7} (2x) = 14$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} m = m$$

$$m = 14$$

$f(x)$ must be continuous everywhere

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} (x^2) = 49; \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} (mx + b) = 7m + b$$

$$49 = 7m + b \Rightarrow b = 49 - 7m$$

$$= 49 - 7(14)$$

$$b = -49$$

Find equations of both lines through the point (2, -3) that are tangent to the parabola $y = x^2 + x$.