

3.3 Rules For Differentiation

The Quotient Rule

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If both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are differentiable functions, then if $y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, then

$$y' = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdV2UZV7AoA&feature=related>

Ex.1 Differentiate:

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

$$F'(x) = \frac{(x^3 + 1)(2x + 2) - (x^2 + 2x - 3)(3x^2)}{(x^3 + 1)^2}$$

$$F'(x) = \frac{2x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x + 2 - 3x^4 - 6x^3 + 9x^2}{(x^3 + 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-x^4 - 4x^3 + 9x^2 + 2x + 2}{(x^3 + 1)^2}$$

Ex. 2 Differentiate

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{1+2x}$$

$$= \frac{x^{1/2}}{1+2x}$$

$$y' = \frac{(1+2x) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2x^{1/2}}\right) - x^{1/2}(2)}{(1+2x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2x^{1/2}} \cdot (1+2x) - 2x^{1/2}(2)}{2x^{1/2}(1+2x)^2}$$

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

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

$$\text{Suppose } f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{3x + 2} ;$$

what is the equation of the line
tangent to f at the point $(0, \frac{1}{2})$?

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

$$f'(0) = \frac{(3(0)+2)(2(0)-1) - (0^2-0+1)(3)}{(3(0)+2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2-3}{4} = -\frac{5}{4}$$

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

$$y - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{5}{4}(x - 0)$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{4}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

10. What is the instantaneous rate of change at $x = 2$ of the function f given by $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2}{x - 1}$?

(A) -2

(B) $\frac{1}{6}$

(C) $\frac{1}{2}$

(D) 2

(E) 6

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

$$f'(2) = \frac{(2-1)(2(2)) - (2^2-2)(1)}{(2-1)^2}$$
$$= 4 - 2 = 2$$

3. If $f(x) = \frac{5-x}{x^3+2}$, then $f'(x) =$

(A) $\frac{-4x^3 + 15x^2 - 2}{(x^3 + 2)^2}$

(B) $\frac{-2x^3 + 15x^2 + 2}{(x^3 + 2)^2}$

(C) $\frac{2x^3 - 15x^2 - 2}{(x^3 + 2)^2}$

(D) $\frac{4x^3 - 15x^2 + 2}{(x^3 + 2)^2}$

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

$$= \frac{-x^3 - 2 - 15x^2 + 3x^3}{(x^3 + 2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x^3 - 15x^2 - 2}{(x^3 + 2)^2}$$

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x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	-6	3	2	8
2	2	-2	-3	0
3	8	7	6	2
6	4	5	3	-1

6. The functions f and g have continuous second derivatives. The table above gives values of the functions and their derivatives at selected values of x .

(a) Let $k(x) = f(g(x))$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of k at $x = 3$.

(b) Let $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$. Find $h'(1)$.

$$h'(x) = \frac{f(x)g'(x) - g(x)f'(x)}{[f(x)]^2}$$

$$h'(1) = \frac{f(1)g'(1) - g(1)f'(1)}{[f(1)]^2}$$

$$h'(1) = \frac{(-6)(8) - (2)(3)}{(-6)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-48 - 6}{36} = \frac{-54}{36}$$

$$= \frac{-6}{4} = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

Assignment

Handout #'s 2 a,b,c,e (Just derivative), 3 - 7

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