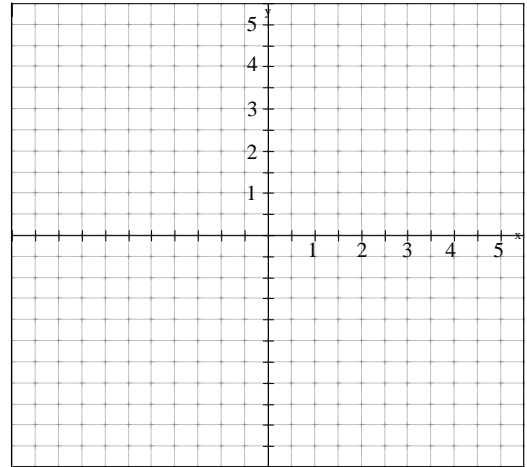


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UNIT 2 – DERIVATIVES

Section 4.1 – The Derivative Function

Ex. 1. Find the slope of the tangent to $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ at any point (x, y) .



We say that _____ is the “*derivative*” of $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$.

∴ The *derivative* is an expression for the *slope of the tangent* to a curve.

Notation:

If $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ then $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x^3}}$ “*f prime at x*”

If $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x^3}}$ “*dy by dx*” or “*the derivative of y with respect to x*”

If $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x^3}}$ “*y prime*”

Note: $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x^3}}$ reads as “*the derivative of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ w.r.t. x*”

The *derivative* of $y = f(x)$ is:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Ex. 2. Find the derivative of the following functions from *first principles*.

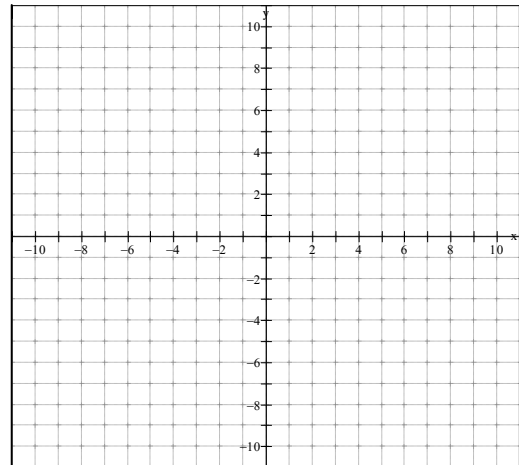
a) $f(x) = x^2$

b) $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$

Ex. 3. An object moves in a straight line with its position at time t seconds given by $s(t) = 8t - t^2$ where s is measured in metres.

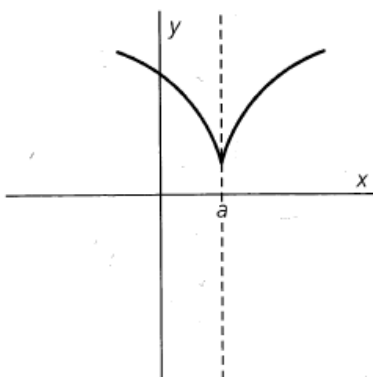
- a) Find the *initial* velocity.
- b) Determine when the object is at rest.
- c) Find the *average* velocity during the third second.

Ex. 4. Show that the derivative of the absolute value function $f(x) = |x|$ does not exist at $x = 0$. Illustrate your solution graphically.

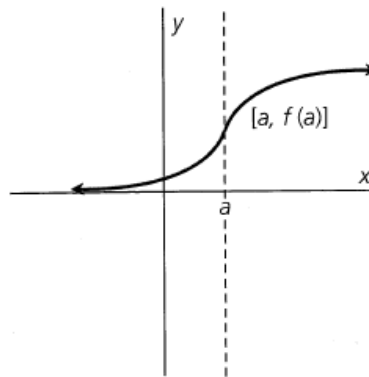


The Existence of Derivatives

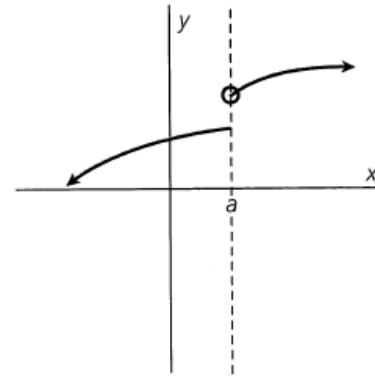
A function f is said to be **differentiable** at a if $f'(a)$ exists. At points where f is not differentiable, we say that the *derivative does not exist*. Three common ways for a derivative to fail to exist are shown.



Cusp



Vertical Tangent



Discontinuity

Date: _____ **Section 4.2 – The Derivatives of Polynomial Functions**

Ex. 1. From *first principles* find the *derivative* of $y = x^2 - 5x + 1$.

Recall: **i)** if $f(x) = x^2$ then $f'(x) =$ **ii)** if $f(x) = x^3$ then $f'(x) =$ **iii)** if $f(x) = x^4$ then $f'(x) =$ **iv)** if $f(x) = x^n$ then $f'(x) =$

Recall: $a^2 - b^2 =$
 $a^3 - b^3 =$
 $a^4 - b^4 =$
 $a^n - b^n =$

Ex. 2. From *first principles* find the *derivative* of $f(x) = x^n$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{_____}}{h}$$

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POWER RULE

$$\text{If } y = ax^n \text{ then } \frac{dy}{dx} =$$

Note: If $y = k$, where k is a constant, $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

Ex. 3. Differentiate each function using the **Power Rule**. Use either the *Leibniz notation* $\frac{dy}{dx}$ or the *prime notation* $f'(x)$, depending on which is appropriate.

a) $y = 4$

b) $g(x) = 3x^4 + 12x^3 - 8x + 1$

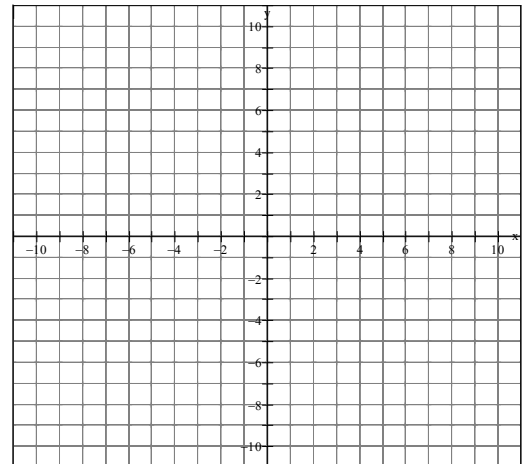
c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

d) $s = \sqrt{t}$

e) $y = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2$

f) $h(t) = -2(t^2 - 3)^2$

Ex. 4. Find the *equations* of the *tangent* and *normal* to the curve $y = (x - 3)^2 - 2$ at $x = 5$.
(**Note:** The *normal line* is *perpendicular* to the *tangent line* at the point of tangency.)



Ex. 5. Find $f'(a)$ for the given function $f(x)$ at the given value of a .

a) $f(x) = \left(1 - \frac{2}{x}\right)\left(3 - \frac{4}{x}\right); a = 1$

b) $f(x) = \frac{2 + \sqrt{x^3}}{\sqrt{4x}}; a = 4$

Date: _____ **Section 4.2 – The Derivatives of Polynomial Functions Continued**

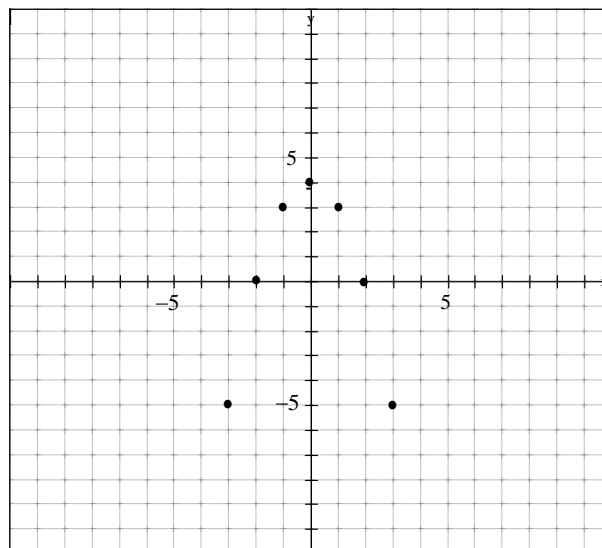
Ex. 1. Find the *slope* of the *tangent* to the curve $y = \sqrt{3x^3}$ at the point $P (3, 9)$.

Ex. 2. Find the *slope* of the *normal* to the curve $y = (\sqrt{x} - 2)(3\sqrt{x} + 8)$ at the $x = 4$.

Ex. 3. Find the values of x so that the tangent to the function $y = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$ is parallel to the line $x + 16y + 3 = 0$.

Ex. 4. Find the equation(s) of the tangent(s) to the curve $y = 4 - x^2$ that pass through the following points and illustrate graphically.

- a)** $(-1,1)$ **b)** $(-1,3)$ **c)** $(-1, 12)$



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Section 4.3 – THE PRODUCT RULE



POWER RULE

If $y = ax^n$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

Ex. 1. Differentiate each function.

a) $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 8$
 b) $g(x) = \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^4$
 c) $f(x) = (x^2 + 3x - 1)(2x + 7)$

Ex. 2. Develop the **PRODUCT RULE** for differentiation from *first principles*.

ie. If $f(x) = p(x) \cdot q(x)$, find $f'(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{_____}}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{_____}}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{_____}}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\text{_____}}{h} + \frac{\text{_____}}{h} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\text{_____}}{h} \right] + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\text{_____}}{h} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\text{_____} \cdot \frac{\text{_____}}{h} \right] + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\text{_____} \cdot \frac{\text{_____}}{h} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \text{_____} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{_____}}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \text{_____} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{_____}}{h} \\
 &= \\
 &=
 \end{aligned}$$

PRODUCT RULE

$$\text{If } y = f(x) \cdot g(x) \text{ then } \frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + g'(x) \cdot f(x)$$

“The derivative of a product is the derivative of the first times the second, plus the derivative of the second times the first.”

Ex. 3. Use the *Product Rule* to differentiate each function. Simplify your answers.

a) $y = (x^2 + 3x - 1)(2x + 7)$

b) $s(t) = t^4 \cdot (2t - t^3)$

Ex. 4. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the given value of x for the function below.

(Note: There is no need to simplify the expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ before substituting the given value.)

$$y = (3 - 4x^3)(2x + x^2) \text{ at } x = -1$$

Ex. 5. Find the equation of the *normal line* to the curve $y = (x^3 - 3x + 1)(2x^2 - 5x)$ at $x = 1$

Ex. 6. Differentiate $y = f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x)$ with respect to x .

$$y = [f(x) \cdot g(x)] \cdot h(x)$$

Using the **Product Rule**,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = [\quad] \cdot h(x) + h'(x) \cdot [\quad]$$

EXTENDED PRODUCT RULE

If $y = f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x)$ then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} =$$

Ex. 7. Find the *slope* of the *tangent* to $y = (2x - 3)(x^2 + 1)(x^3 - x)$ at $x = 1$.

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Section 4.4 – THE QUOTIENT RULE



Recall:

Power Rule: If $y = ax^n$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

Product Rule: If $y = f(x) \cdot g(x)$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

Extended Product Rule: If $y = f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x)$ then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} =$$

Ex. 1. Use the *limit definition of derivative* to differentiate $f(x) = \frac{2x}{1-x}$.

Ex. 2. Develop the *QUOTIENT RULE* for derivatives. **ie.** If $y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)},$$

$$\frac{y}{1} = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \underline{\hspace{10cm}}$$

$$f(x) = y \cdot g(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \underline{\hspace{10cm}}$$

Using the *product rule*,

$$f'(x) =$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \cdot g(x) =$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \underline{\hspace{10cm}}$$

QUOTIENT RULE

If $y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ then

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

“The derivative of a quotient is the derivative of the numerator times the denominator, minus the derivative of the denominator times the numerator, all over the denominator squared.”

Ex. 3. Using the *Quotient Rule*, differentiate each function and simplify.

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

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

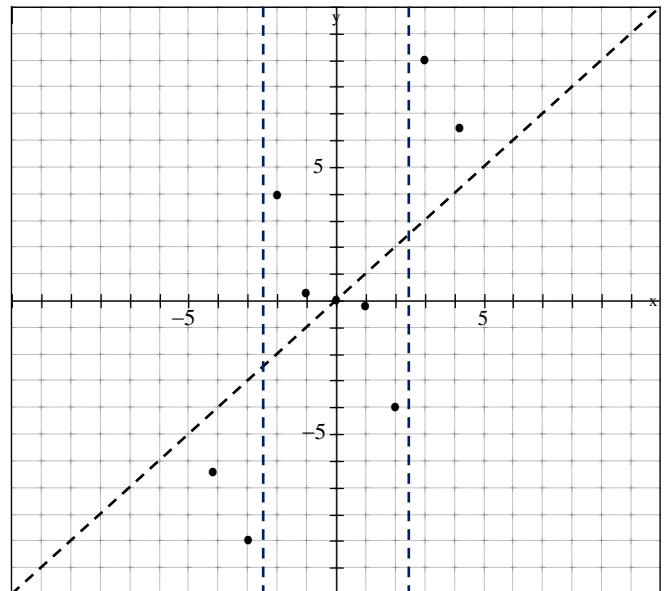
c) $y = \frac{1}{x^2-4}$

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

Ex. 4. Find the *slope* of the *tangent line* to the curve $y = \frac{x^3}{x^2 - 6}$ at $x = 3$.

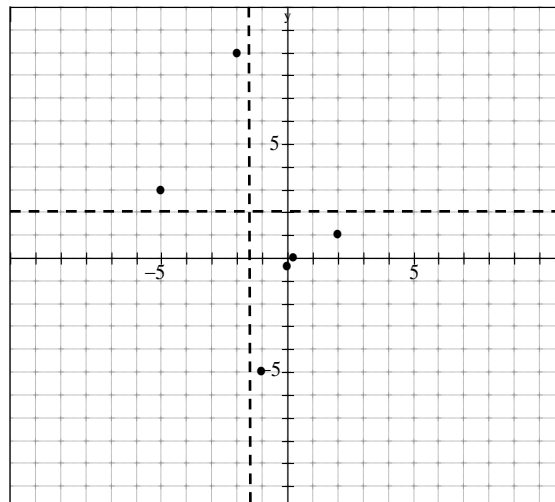
Illustrate graphically.

Graph $y = \frac{x^3}{x^2 - 6}$.



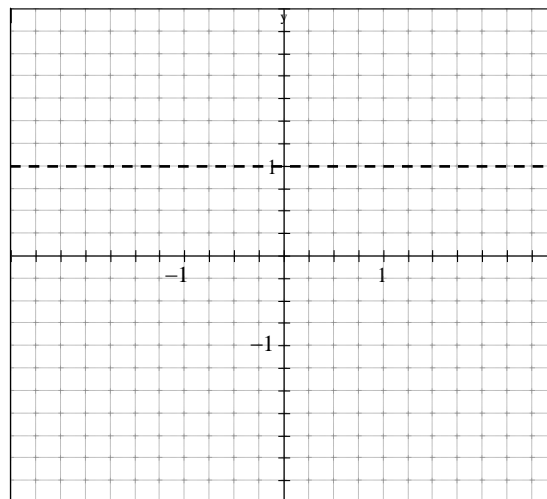
Ex. 5. Find the *equation* of the *normal line* to the curve $y = \frac{4x-1}{2x+3}$ at $x = -1$.

Illustrate graphically.



Ex. 6. Find the *point(s)* where the *tangent line* to the curve $f(x) = \frac{x^2-1}{x^2+1}$ is *horizontal*.

Illustrate graphically.



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Section 4. 4 – THE POWER OF A FUNCTION RULE



Power Rule: If $y = ax^n$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

Product Rule: If $y = f(x) \cdot g(x)$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

Extended Product Rule: If $y = f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x)$ then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} =$$

Ex. 1. Differentiate each of the following using the **Product Rules** and **Power Rule**.

a) $y = (3x^3 - 2x^2 - 1)^3$

Solution:

$$y = (3x^3 - 2x^2 - 1) \cdot (3x^3 - 2x^2 - 1) \cdot (3x^3 - 2x^2 - 1)$$

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

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

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

b) $y = [f(x)]^4$

Solution:

$$y = [f(x) \cdot f(x) \cdot f(x)] \cdot f(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = [f'(x) \cdot [f(x)]^2 + f'(x) \cdot [f(x)]^2 + f'(x) \cdot [f(x)]^2] \cdot f(x) + f'(x) \cdot [f(x)]^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3f'(x) \cdot [f(x)]^2 \cdot f(x) + f'(x) \cdot [f(x)]^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3f'(x) \cdot [f(x)]^3 + f'(x) \cdot [f(x)]^3$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 4[f(x)]^3 \cdot f'(x)$$

POWER OF A FUNCTION RULE: If $y = [f(x)]^n$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

If $y = au^n$ **then** $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

Ex. 2. Differentiate each of the following using the **Power of a Function Rule**.

a) $y = [f(x)]^4$

b) $y = (3x^3 - 2x^2 - 1)^3$

POWER OF A FUNCTION RULE

$$\text{If } y = a[f(x)]^n \text{ then } \frac{dy}{dx} =$$

Ex. 2. Use the **Power Rule** or **Power of a Function Rule** to find the derivative.

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

b) $y = (2x+1)^6$

c) $f(x) = (-x^4 - \pi^4)^4$

d) $y = [(3-x)^3 - x]^2$

e) $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-1}}$

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

Ex. 3. Use the **Power Rule**, **Power of a Function Rule** and **Product Rule** to differentiate each function. Express your answer in *simplified factored form*.

a) $s = t^4(1-4t^2)^3$

b) $f(x) = (2x-1)^5 (2-3x)^3$

c) $y = \frac{(3-x)^2}{(3x-2)^3}$

d) $y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1+x^2}{1-2x^2}}$

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Section 4.6 – THE CHAIN RULE



$$\text{If } y = ax^n \quad \text{then } \frac{dy}{dx} =$$

$$\text{If } y = a[f(x)]^n \quad \text{then } \frac{dy}{dx} =$$

$$\text{If } y = au^n \quad \text{then } \frac{dy}{dx} =$$

Ex. 1. Find the rate of change of $f(t) = \left(\frac{\pi - t}{6\pi + t}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ at $t = 2\pi$.

Ex. 2. The radius of a circular oil slick on a body of water is increasing at a rate of 2 m/min. Find the *rate of change of area* of the oil slick when its radius is 50 m.

THE CHAIN RULE IN LEIBNIZ NOTATION

If y is a function of u and u is a function of x , then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

If y is a function of u and u is a function of v and v is a function of x , then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}$$

Ex. 3. Use the *chain rule* to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = 1$ if $y = 2u^3 + 3u^2$ and $u = x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$.

Ex. 4. Use the *chain rule* to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = 4$ if $y = \frac{12}{(1+2u)^3}$, $u = 1 - \frac{2}{v^2}$ and $v = 2x - 3\sqrt{x}$.

THE CHAIN RULE FOR A COMPOSITE FUNCTION

$$\text{If } y = f(g(x)) \text{ then } \frac{dy}{dx} = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

"The derivative of a composite function is the derivative of the outer function with respect to the inner function times the derivative of the inner function with respect to x."

Ex. 5. Let $y = g(h(x))$ where $h(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+2}$. If $g'\left(\frac{9}{5}\right) = -2$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 3$.

