

3.1 Derivatives of Polynomials and Exponential

definition of derivative

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

The Power Rule

if $f(x) = x^n$ then $f'(x) = n x^{n-1}$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)(x^n) = n x^{n-1}$$

↳ "derivative of —"

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad (2)$$

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x^2} + 2xh + h^2 - \cancel{x^2}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x+h)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x+h)$$

$$= 2x'$$

$$f(x) = x^3 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

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$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x^3} + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - \cancel{x^3}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x} (3x^2 + 3xh + h^2)}{\cancel{h}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3x^2 + 3xh + h^2)$$

$$= \textcircled{3}x^2$$

$$f(x) = x^4$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^4 - x^4}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x^4} + 4x^3h + 6x^2h^2 + 4xh^3 + h^4 - \cancel{x^4}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x} (4x^3 + 6x^2h + 4xh^2 + h^3)}{\cancel{x}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (4x^3 + 6x^2h + 4xh^2 + h^3)$$

$$= \boxed{4x^3}$$

example

$$\frac{d}{dx} (X^{10,000}) = 10,000 X^{9,999}$$

example

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{1/2} \quad \text{in } x^n \text{ form!}$$

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

example

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = x^{-1/3}$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^1) = 1 \cdot x^0 = 1$$

if c is a constant, then

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0}$$

because

$$\frac{d}{dx}(1) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^0)$$

$$= 0 \cdot x^{-1} = 0$$

We know $\frac{d}{dx} (x^2) = 2x$

$\frac{d}{dx} (3x^2) = 3 \frac{d}{dx} (x^2) = 3 \cdot 2x = 6x$

constant-multiple

Example : $\frac{d}{dx} \left(-\frac{2}{x^5} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{d}{dx} (2x^{-5}) = 2 \frac{d}{dx} (x^{-5}) = 2 \cdot (-5) \\ &= -10x^{-6} = \frac{-10}{x^6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (3x^2) = 6x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + x^2 + x^2)$$

separated by + / -
→ split

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (x^2) + \frac{d}{dx} (x^2) + \frac{d}{dx} (x^2)$$

$$= 2x + 2x + 2x = 6x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \pm \frac{d}{dx} g(x)$$

± only!

Example

derivative of $\frac{9x^2+3x+5}{\sqrt{x}}$?

$$y = \frac{9x^2+3x+5}{x^{1/2}} = \frac{9x^2}{x^{1/2}} + \frac{3x}{x^{1/2}} + \frac{5}{x^{1/2}}$$

$$y = 9x^{3/2} + 3x^{1/2} + 5x^{-1/2}$$

$$y' = 9 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}x^{1/2}\right) + 3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}\right) + 5 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}\right)$$

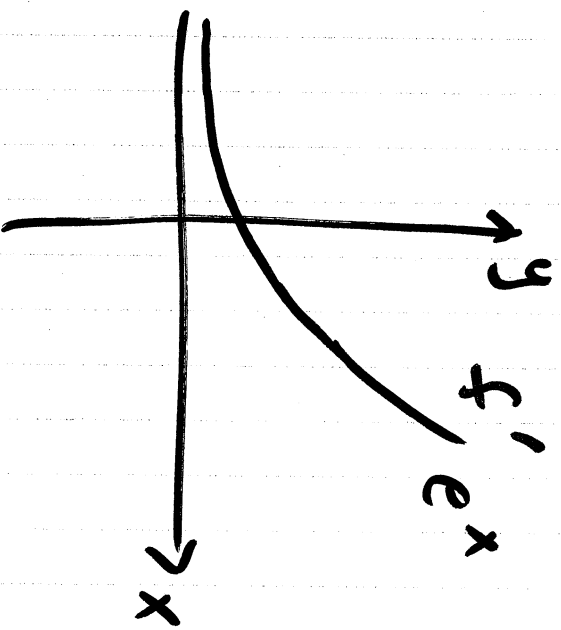
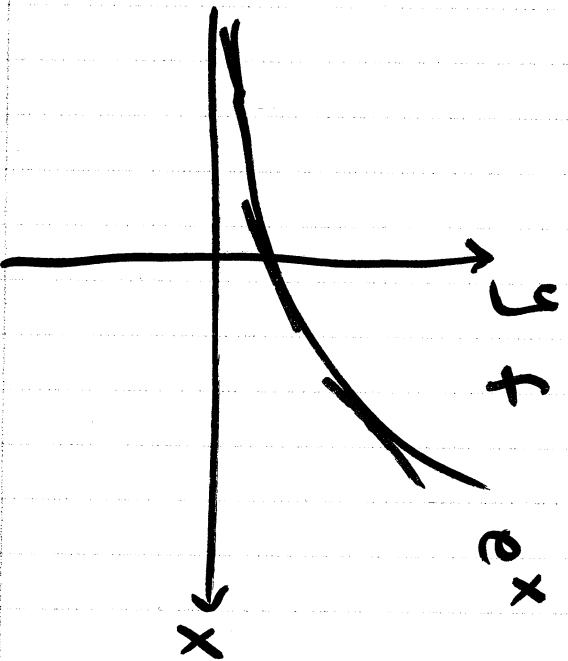
$$y' = \frac{27}{2}x^{1/2} + \frac{3}{2}x^{-1/2} - \frac{5}{2}x^{-3/2}$$

Exponential Function

if $f(x) = e^x$ then $f'(x) = e^x$

e^x is its own derivative

(NOT true for any other a^x if $a \neq e$)



Higher Derivatives

derivatives of derivatives

$$\text{distance } y = f(x)$$

$$\text{velocity } y' = f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\text{acceleration } y'' = f''(x) = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$\text{jerk } y''' = f'''(x) = \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$$

$$y^{(4)} = f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{d^4y}{dx^4}$$

Leibniz notation

first derivative

2nd deriv.

3rd deriv.

4th deriv.