

Section 3.3 & 3.4:
Rules for Differentiation
&
Velocity and Other Rates
of Change

Quick Review: "Derivative" means _____.

Now, I know you loved the limit definition of the derivative, but let's go ahead and learn some shortcuts to finding derivatives. The rest of this chapter is dedicated to those shortcuts. To be successful in this course, you **MUST** learn these rules. That means a lot of memorizing and practicing! Are you ready. . .

The Constant Rule: The derivative of a constant function is 0.

$$\frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0$$

(1) $y = 7$

$y' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(2) $f(x) = 0$

$f'(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(3) $g(x) = \pi^2$

$g'(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

The Single Variable Rule: The derivative of a single variable is 1.

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x] = 1$$

(1) $y = x$

$y' =$ _____

(2) $f(y) = y$

$f'(y) =$ _____

(3) $s(t) = t$

$g'(t) =$ _____

The Power Rule: If n is a rational number, then

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^n] = nx^{n-1}$$

(1) $y = x^6$

$y' =$ _____

(2) $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

$f'(x) =$ _____

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

$f'(x) =$ _____

(4) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$

$f'(x) =$ _____

(5) $f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{t}}$

$f'(t) =$ _____

(6) $f(t) = \frac{1}{t^{3/4}}$

$f'(t) =$ _____

The Constant Multiple Rule: If f is differentiable and c is a real number, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}[c \cdot f(x)] = c \cdot f'(x)$$

(1) $y = 3x^2$

$y' =$ _____

(2) $f(x) = 4\sqrt{x}$

$f'(x) =$ _____

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

$f'(x) =$ _____

The Sum/Difference Rule: The derivative of a sum/difference is the sum/difference of the derivatives.

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

(1) $y = x^2 + 5x - 3$

$y' =$ _____

(2) $f(x) = 6\sqrt{x}(\sqrt[3]{x} - 2x + 6)$

$f'(x) =$ _____

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

$f'(x) =$ _____

The Product Rule: The derivative of the product of two function is the first times the derivative of the second plus the second times the derivative of the first.

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \cdot g(x)] = f(x) \cdot g'(x) + g(x) \cdot f'(x)$$

(1) $y = (4x - 2x^2)(3x - 5)$

$y' =$ _____

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

$y' =$ _____

The Quotient Rule: The derivative of the quotient of two function can be found by

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

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

$y' =$ _____

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

$y' =$ _____

Use the chart to find $f'(3)$.

$g(3)$	$g'(3)$	$h(3)$	$h'(3)$
4	-2	3	π

(1) $f(x) = 4g(x) - \frac{1}{2}h(x) + 1$

(2) $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$

(3) $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{4h(x)}$

(4) $f(x) = \frac{g(x) - h(x)}{g(x)}$

Use the definition of the derivative and your derivative rules to evaluate the following limits.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - 2}{h} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x + \Delta x} - \frac{1}{x}}{\Delta x} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Determine if the function is differentiable at $x = 2$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 & x < 2 \\ 3x + 2 & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 - 4x^2 + 2 & x \leq 2 \\ -4x + 2 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$