

# Differentiation Rules

## Product Rule:

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**The Product Rule** If  $f$  and  $g$  are both differentiable, then

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

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Express the product rule verbally if you are considering a function of the form...

$$f(x) = (\text{First}) \times (\text{Second})$$

In words, *the Product Rule* says that the *derivative of a product of two functions is: the first function times the derivative of the second function, plus the derivative of the first function times the second function*

*Get in the habit of verbalizing the rule as you differentiate...it will help when the functions get more complicated.*

② Find the equation of the tangent line

$$y = (2 - \sqrt{x})(1 + \sqrt{x} + 3x) \text{ at } (1, 5)$$

① Differentiate

$$y = (2 - x^{1/2})(1 + x^{1/2} + 3x)$$

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

$$y' = (2 - \sqrt{x})\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + 3\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)(1 + \sqrt{x} + 3x)$$

② Sub in x-value and solve for slope

$$y' = (2 - \sqrt{1})\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1}} + 3\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1}}\right)(1 + \sqrt{1} + 3(1))$$

$$y' = \left(\frac{1}{1}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{5}{1}\right)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{-5}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = \boxed{1} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{slope of} \\ \text{tangent} \\ \text{"m"} \end{array}$$

③ Find the equation:

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

$$y - 5 = 1(x - 1)$$

$$y - 5 = x - 1$$

$$\boxed{0 = x - y + 4}$$

$$\textcircled{2} f(t) = (6 + t^{-2})(8t^{10} - 5t^3)$$

$$f'(t) = (6 + t^{-2})(80t^9 - 15t^2) + (-2t^{-3})(8t^{10} - 5t^3)$$

$$= 480t^9 - 90t^2 + 80t^7 - 15t^0 - 16t^7 + 10t^0$$

$$= \boxed{480t^9 + 64t^7 - 90t^2 - 5}$$

Differentiate the following function and simplify your answer:

$$h(t) = (t^3 - 5t)(6\sqrt{t} - t^{-5}) = (t^3 - 5t)(6t^{1/2} - t^{-5})$$

$$h'(t) = (t^3 - 5t)(3t^{-1/2} + 5t^{-6}) + (3t^2 - 5)(6t^{1/2} - t^{-5})$$

$$h'(t) = 3t^{5/2} + 5t^{-3} - 15t^{1/2} - 25t^{-5} + 18t^{5/2} - 3t^{-3} - 30t^{1/2} + 5t^{-5}$$

$$h'(t) = 21t^{5/2} - 45t^{1/2} + 2t^{-3} - 20t^{-5}$$

$$h'(t) = 21t^{5/2} - 45t^{1/2} + \frac{2}{t^3} - \frac{20}{t^5}$$

$$f(x) = (7x^3 - x^2 + 5)(x^9 + 3x - 5)$$

## Quotient Rule:

**The Quotient Rule** If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable, then

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

Express the quotient rule verbally if you are considering a function of the form...

$$f(x) = \frac{\text{(First)}}{\text{(Second)}}$$

In words, *the Quotient Rule* says that the *derivative of a quotient is: the denominator times the derivative of the numerator, minus the numerator times the derivative of the denominator, all divided by the square of the denominator.*

## Examples:

Differentiate the following functions and simplify your answers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Differentiate the following functions, do not simplify your answers:

$$f(x) = \frac{8 - 9x^7}{3x - 7}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(3x-7)(-63x^6) - (8-9x^7)(3)}{(3x-7)^2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 7x^2 + 2}{x^8 - 4x^5}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x^8 - 4x^5)(3x^2 - 14x) - (x^3 - 7x^2 + 2)(8x^7 - 20x^4)}{(x^8 - 4x^5)^2}$$

# Homework

$$f(x) = \frac{(10x^{-5} + x)(3x^3 + 5)}{(-2x^6 + \sqrt[3]{x})}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{(x-7)(2x^6 - x^4 + 5)}{(6x - x^5)(4x^3 + 2)}$$