

Questions From Homework  $\frac{-3}{4} - \frac{4}{4} = -\frac{7}{4}$   $\frac{-4}{4}x^5 = -x^5 = -6$

e)  $y = \frac{1}{x^4} = 1x^{-4}$     d)  $g(t) = 8t^{-3/4}$   
 $y' = -4x^{-5} = -\frac{4}{x^5}$      $g'(t) = -6t^{-7/4} = -\frac{6}{t^{7/4}}$

i)  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{1/3}$      $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$   
 $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3} = \frac{1}{3x^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$

k)  $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} = 1x^{-1/2}$      $-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}$   
 $y' = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} = -\frac{1}{2x^{3/2}} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^3}}$

l)  $y = \frac{3}{\sqrt[4]{x}} = \frac{3}{x^{1/4}} = 3x^{-1/4}$      $3 \cdot -\frac{1}{4} = -\frac{3}{4}$   
 $y' = -\frac{3}{4}x^{-5/4} = -\frac{3}{4x^{5/4}}$      $-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{4}{4} = -\frac{5}{4}$

m)  $y = \sqrt{3}x^{\sqrt{2}}$      $\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{6}$   
 $y' = \sqrt{6}x^{\sqrt{2}-1}$

③ e)  $y = \sqrt{x^3}$ ,  $x = 8$

w) Find  $y'$     (ii) Sub in  $x=8$   
 $y = x^{3/2}$      $y' = \frac{3\sqrt{8}}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}}{2}$   
 $y' = \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2} = \frac{3\sqrt{x}}{2}$      $y' = \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{2} = 3\sqrt{2}$  ← m

f)  $y = \frac{6}{x}$ ,  $x = -3$

w) Find  $y'$     (ii) Sub in  $x = -3$   
 $y = \frac{6}{x} = 6x^{-1}$      $y' = \frac{-6}{(-3)^2} = \frac{-6}{9} = -\frac{2}{3}$  ← m  
 $y' = -6x^{-2} = -\frac{6}{x^2}$

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

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x}}{h}$      $x(x+h)$

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - 1(x+h)}{xh(x+h)}$

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

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{xh(x+h)} = \frac{-1}{x^2}$

**Example:**

Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of the given function at the given  $x$  value.

$$g(x) = \sqrt[5]{x} \quad x = 32$$

① find  $g'(x)$

$$g(x) = \sqrt[5]{x} = x^{1/5}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{5} x^{-4/5} = \frac{1}{5x^{4/5}}$$

② sub in  $x=32$

$$g'(32) = \frac{1}{5(32)^{4/5}} = \frac{1}{5(6)} = \frac{1}{30}$$

$m$  ↓

**Example:**

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

Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $f(x) = x^6$  at the point  $(-2, 64)$

Remember that the equation of a line is found by using the point-slope formula...  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

The curve is the graph of the function  $f(x) = x^6$  and we know that the slope of the tangent line at  $(-2, 64)$  is the derivative  $f'(-2)$

- Find derivative
- Fill in x value and solve for slope
- Use equation of a line formula and solve

$$x_1 = -2 \quad m = -192$$

$$y_1 = 64$$

(i) find  $f'(x)$

$$f(x) = x^6$$

$$f'(x) = 6x^5$$

(ii) sub in  $x = -2$

$$f'(-2) = 6(-2)^5$$

$$= 6(-32)$$

$$= -192$$

↑  
m

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

$$y - 64 = -192(x - (-2))$$

$$y - 64 = -192(x + 2)$$

$$y - 64 = -192x - 384$$

$$y = -192x - 320$$

or

$$192x + y + 320 = 0$$

## Sums and Differences

- These next rules say that the derivative of a sum (difference) of functions is the sum (difference) of the derivatives:

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

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

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

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

## Demonstrate what this all means...

Differentiate each of the following:

$$1. f(x) = 2x^4 + \sqrt{x} = 2x^4 + x^{1/2}$$

$$f'(x) = 8x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = 8x^3 + \frac{1}{2x^{1/2}}$$

$$2. f(x) = 6x^4 - 5x^3 - 2x + 17$$

$$f'(x) = 24x^3 - 15x^2 - 2$$

$$3. f(x) = (2x^3 - 5)^2 = (2x^3 - 5)(2x^3 - 5)$$

$$f(x) = 4x^6 - 10x^3 - 10x^3 + 25$$

$$f(x) = 4x^6 - 20x^3 + 25$$

$$f'(x) = 24x^5 - 60x^2$$

# Homework

$$\textcircled{1} \quad g) \quad y = \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{x+1}{x^{1/2}} = x^{-1/2} (x+1) = x^{1/2} + x^{-1/2}$$

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

