

SECTION 3-3: DERIVATIVE RULES

Goals: To establish and justify several derivative rules and use them and to learn some new notation. Just FYI but on Wednesday we will begin with a complete and comprehensive summary of *all* the rules from this section.

1. *typical midterm problem!* Use the definition to find the derivative of $f(x) = x^2$.

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

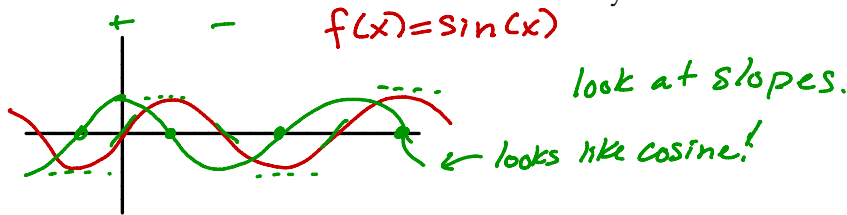
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x+h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x+h = 2x+0 = 2x.$$

Conclusion: If $f(x) = x^2$, then $f'(x) = 2x$.

Notation: $\frac{d}{dx} [x^2] = 2x$

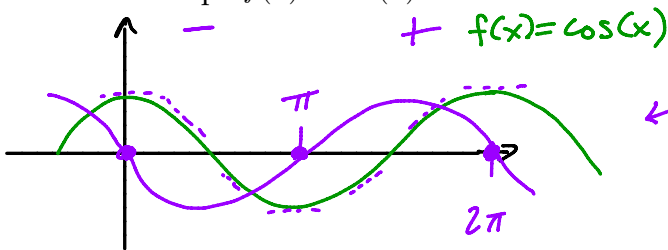
2. Recall that at the end of class on Friday we established:

if $f(x) = \sin(x)$, then $f'(x) = \cos(x)$



$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] = \cos(x)$

3. Graph $f(x) = \cos(x)$ and use the same strategy to guess its derivative.



compare our guess of f' to $f(x) = \sin(x)$ above. It looks like $f'(x) = -\sin(x)$

$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos(x)] = -\sin(x)$

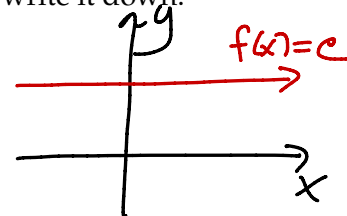
4. If $f(x) = 10$, what should $f'(x)$ be and why?

$f'(x) = 0$ b/c $f(x)$ is a horizontal line; so slope is zero.

$\frac{d}{dx} [10] = 0$

5. Make a conjecture about the derivative of constant functions and write it down.

For any constant c , $\frac{d}{dx} [c] = 0$

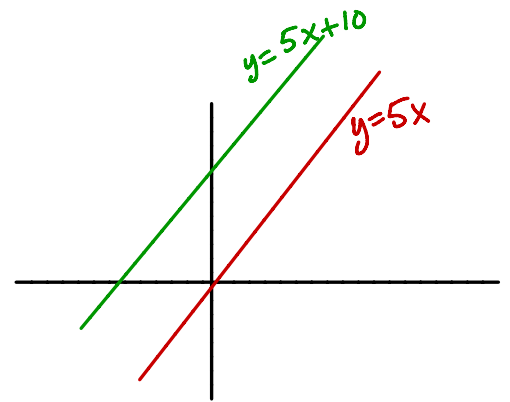


6. If $f(x) = x$, what should $f'(x)$ be and why?

$\frac{d}{dx} [x] = 1$ b/c its graph has slope 1.

7. What about $f(x) = 5x$? Explain.

$\frac{d}{dx} [5x] = 5$ b/c its graph has slope 5.



8. What about $f(x) = 5x + 10$? Explain.

$\frac{d}{dx} [5x + 10] = 5$ b/c its graph has a slope of 5. The "+10" just shifts the graph up, but doesn't change the slope.

9. In the 3.2 notes on the definition of the derivative, we found that if $f(x) = \sqrt{x+5}$, then its derivative was:

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+5}} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}$

Use this to determine the derivative of $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

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

$\parallel (x+5)^{1/2}$

" $x^{1/2}$ "

$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{1/2}] = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}$

10. The Power Rule

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

See examples

$\frac{d}{dx} [x^3] = 3x^{3-1} = 3x^2$

$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-15}] = -15x^{-15-1} = -15x^{-16}$

$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{8/3}] = \frac{8}{3} x^{8/3-1} = \frac{8}{3} x^{5/3}$

11. The Sum (and Difference) Rule

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

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

• If $H(x) = x + \sin(x)$, then $H'(x) = 1 + \cos(x)$.

• If $K(x) = x^2 - x^3$, then $K'(x) = 2x - 3x^2$.

12. The Constant Multiple Rule

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

If $f(x) = 10 \sin(x)$,
then $f'(x) = 10 \cos(x)$.

If $g(x) = 7x^5$, then
 $g'(x) = 7 \cdot 5x^4 = 35x^4$.

13. Apply the rules to find the derivative of: (Simplify. Write w/ pos. exponents.)

(a) $f(x) = e^3$ ← a constant.

$$f'(x) = 0$$

(b) $f(x) = x^{-4}$

$$f'(x) = -4x^{-5} = \frac{-4}{x^5}$$

Why is the constant 4 treated differently than the constant 15?

(c) $H(x) = 4x^{3/2} + 15$

$$H'(x) = 4\left(\frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{3}{2}-1}\right) + 0 = \frac{6}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

2
2.3
18.4

(d) $j(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + x - 8x^{2.3}$

$$j'(x) = 0 + 1 - 8(2.3)x^{2.3-1} = 1 - 18.4x^{1.3}$$

14. Notation

given $y = f(x)$

derivative: $f'(x)$, y' , $y'(x)$, $\frac{dy}{dx}$, $\frac{df}{dx}$, $\frac{d}{dx}(f)$

15. Higher Order Derivatives

$$y = x^3 + x$$

$$y' = 3x^2 + 1$$

$$y'' = 6x$$

$$y''' = 6$$

fourth
 $y^{(4)} = 0$

$$f', f'', f''', f^{(4)}, \dots$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}, \dots$$

first
second
third

16. Find examples of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ that demonstrate that the rules below are WRONG.

INCORRECT: If $H(x) = f(x)g(x)$, then $H'(x) = f'(x)g'(x)$.

Pick $f(x) = 10$, $g(x) = x^2$
 $H(x) = 10x^2$
 So $H'(x) = 20x$.

**If* you try to use the incorrect rule:*
 $f'(x) \cdot g'(x) = 0 \cdot x^2 = 0$
 ← Wrong!

INCORRECT: If $H(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, then $H'(x) = \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$.

$H(x) = \frac{10}{x^2} = 10x^{-2}$
 $H'(x) = 10(-2x^{-3})$
 $= \frac{-20}{x^3}$

**If* you try to use the incorrect rule:*
 $\frac{f'}{g'} = \frac{0}{3x^2} = 0$ ← Wrong!

17. Product and Quotient Rules

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

$H(x) = 10x^2$
 $H'(x) = 10 \cdot 2x + 0 \cdot x^2$
 $= 20x$

You would never do this normally!

$K(x) = x \sin(x)$
 $K'(x) = x \cdot \cos(x) + 1 \cdot \sin(x)$
 $= x \cos(x) + \sin(x)$

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

$K(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{x^2 + 5}$; $K'(x) = \frac{(x^2 + 5)(-\sin(x)) - (\cos(x))(2x + 0)}{(x^2 + 5)^2}$
 $= \frac{-((x^2 + 5)\sin(x) + 2x \cos(x))}{(x^2 + 5)^2}$