

2.3 Differentiation rules!

Just checking. . . .

- ① Differentiate whichever functions you can using the differentiation rules we've discussed so far.

a. $f(x) = 3/x^2$

b. $g(x) = 3/(x + 1)^2$

c. $h(x) = (3x^2 + 1)/x^3$

d. $i(x) = 3x^3/(x^3 + 2)$

e. $j(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

f. $k(x) = \sqrt{x + 1}$

g. $\ell(x) = \sqrt[4]{x} + 3$

h. $m(x) = 2e^x$

i. $n(x) = e^{2x}$

j. $p(x) = xe^2$

k. $q(x) = \ln(x^2)$

l. $r(x) = 2 \sin x$

m. $s(x) = \sin(2x)$

n. $t(x) = \sin x \cos x$

- ② Where does the line that is tangent to $f(x) = e^x + 3$ at $x = 0$ intersect the x -axis?
- ③ Approximate $e^{0.1}$ using an appropriate tangent line.

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Example

Find the derivatives of the following functions.

① $f(x) = 3x \sin x$

$f'(x) =$ _____

② $f(x) = xe^x$

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③ $f(x) = x \ln x - x$

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$$f'(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 2$$

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② $f'(x) =$ _____

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④ $f'(x) =$ _____

⑤ $f(x) = x^2/(x + 1)$

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Example

Find the derivatives of the following functions.

① $f(x) = (x^2 + 3)/x$

② $f'(x) = 1 - 3/x^2$

③ $f(x) = (x^2 + 3)/(x + 1)$

④ $f'(x) = \frac{x^2+2x-3}{(x+1)^2}$

⑤ $f(x) = x^2/(x + 1)$

⑥ $f'(x) = \frac{x^2+2x}{(x+1)^2}$

⑦ $f(x) = \tan x$

⑧ $f'(x) = \sec^2 x$

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Derivatives of trigonometric functions

① $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$

② $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$

③ $\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$

④ $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$

⑤ $\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$

⑥ $\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$

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- ① True or false. The derivatives of the trigonometric “co-” functions (i.e. the ones that start with “co-”) have minus signs in them.
- ② Find the values of x in $[-1, 1]$ where the tangent line to $f(x) = x \sin x$ is horizontal.
- ③ Find an equation of the normal line to $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x-1}$ at $(2, 4)$.
- ④ Find the derivative of $xe^x \sin x$.
- ⑤ Find the derivative of $\sin x \csc x$.

2.5 The chain rule

Example

Find the derivatives of the following functions.

- ① $F_2(x) = (1 - x)^2$. $F_2'(x) =$ _____
- ② $F_3(x) = (1 - x)^3$. $F_3'(x) =$ _____
- ③ $F_4(x) = (1 - x)^4$. $F_4'(x) =$ _____

Remark

Notice that each of the functions is a composition $F_n(x) = f_n(g(x))$, where the “inner piece” is $g(x) = 1 - x$ and the “outer piece” is $f_n(x) = x^n$ (for $n = 2, 3, 4$). Notice, too, that we can differentiate each “piece.” The chain rule tells us how to put the derivatives of these pieces together to get the derivative of a composition.