

Chapter 3

Differentiation Rules

Differentiation Rules:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = n x^{n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c x^n) = c n x^{n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{f(x)}) = \frac{f'(x)}{2\sqrt{f(x)}}$$

Example: Find the derivative:

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

(2) $y = x^{1000}$

(3) $y = t^4$

(4) $\frac{d}{dr}(r^3) =$

(5) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$

(6) $y = \sqrt[3]{x^2}$

(7) $\frac{d}{dx}(-3x^4) =$

(8) $\frac{d}{dx}(x\sqrt{x}) =$

(9) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^8 + 12x^5 - 4x^4 + 10x^3 - 6x + 5)$
=

(10) $\frac{d}{dt}(7x^5) =$

(11) $\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x}) =$

(12) $\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{6x^3 - 4x}) =$

Exponential Functions

Derivatives of Exponential Functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \cdot \ln a$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^{f(x)}) = a^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) \cdot \ln a$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{f(x)}) = e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x)$$

Example: Find the derivative:

(1) $f(x) = e^x + 10$

(2) $y = e^{x^2-3x}$

(3) $f(x) = e^7$

(4) $y = 5^{6x^4}$

Example: If $f(x) = e^x - x$, find f' , f'' and f''' .

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Differentiate the function.

9. $g(x) = x^2(1 - 2x)$

15. $R(a) = (3a + 1)^2$

16. $h(t) = \sqrt[4]{t} - 4e^t$

22. $y = \frac{\sqrt{x} + x}{x^2}$