

Section 2.3 Product and Quotient Rules and Higher-Order Derivatives

THEOREM 2.7 The Product Rule

The product of two differentiable functions f and g is itself differentiable. Moreover, the derivative of fg is the first function times the derivative of the second, plus the second function times the derivative of the first.

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

PROOF

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x)g(x + \Delta x) - f(x)g(x)}{\Delta x} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x)g(x + \Delta x) - f(x + \Delta x)g(x) + f(x + \Delta x)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{\Delta x} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[f(x + \Delta x) \frac{g(x + \Delta x) - g(x)}{\Delta x} + g(x) \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[f(x + \Delta x) \frac{g(x + \Delta x) - g(x)}{\Delta x} \right] + \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[g(x) \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} f(x + \Delta x) \cdot \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x + \Delta x) - g(x)}{\Delta x} + \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} g(x) \cdot \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \\ &= f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x) \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Note:

The Product Rule can be extended to cover products involving more than two factors. For example, if f , g , and h are differentiable functions of x , then

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

Ex.1 Find the derivative of $g(x) = (-7x + 9)(5x^3 - 4)$.

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= (-7)(5x^3 - 4) + (15x^2)(-7x + 9) \\ g'(x) &= -35x^3 + 28 - 105x^3 + 135x^2 \\ g'(x) &= -140x^3 + 135x^2 + 28 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}[g(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx} [(-7x + 9)(5x^3 - 4)] \\ g'(x) &= (-7x + 9) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [5x^3 - 4] + [5x^3 - 4] \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [-7x + 9] \\ g'(x) &= (-7x + 9) \left[5 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} x^3 - \frac{d}{dx} 4 \right] + [5x^3 - 4] \cdot \left[\frac{d}{dx} (-7x) + \frac{d}{dx} 9 \right] \\ g'(x) &= (-7x + 9) [5 \cdot 3x^2 - 0] + [5x^3 - 4] \cdot [-7 + 0] \\ g'(x) &= (-7x + 9)(15x^2) + (5x^3 - 4)(-7) \\ g'(x) &= -105x^3 + 135x^2 - 35x^3 + 28 \\ g'(x) &= -140x^3 + 135x^2 + 28 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^5 + x^3 = x^3(x^2 + 1)$$

$$t^{-1/2} \cdot t^{3/2} = t^{1/2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

Ex.2 Find the derivative of $h(t) = \sqrt{t} \sin(t)$.

$$\frac{d}{dt}[h(t)] = \frac{d}{dt}[t^{1/2} \cdot \sin(t)]$$

$$h'(t) = (t^{1/2}) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}[\sin(t)] + [\sin(t)] \cdot \frac{d}{dt}[t^{1/2}]$$

$$h'(t) = \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} \cdot \cos(t) + [\sin(t)] \cdot \left[\frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} \right]$$

$$h'(t) = \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} [2 t^{-1/2} \cos(t) + \sin(t)]$$

$$h'(t) = \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} [2 t \cos(t) + \sin(t)]$$

THEOREM 2.8 The Quotient Rule

The quotient f/g of two differentiable functions f and g is itself differentiable at all values of x for which $g(x) \neq 0$. Moreover, the derivative of f/g is given by 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.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}, \quad g(x) \neq 0$$

PROOF

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{f(x + \Delta x)}{g(x + \Delta x)} - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}}{\Delta x} && \text{Definition of derivative} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x)f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)g(x + \Delta x)}{\Delta x g(x)g(x + \Delta x)} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x)f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)g(x) + f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(x + \Delta x)}{\Delta x g(x)g(x + \Delta x)} \\ &= \frac{\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x)[f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)]}{\Delta x} - \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)[g(x + \Delta x) - g(x)]}{\Delta x}}{\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} [g(x)g(x + \Delta x)]} \\ &= \frac{g(x) \left[\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \right] - f(x) \left[\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x + \Delta x) - g(x)}{\Delta x} \right]}{\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} [g(x)g(x + \Delta x)]} \\ &= \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$[-5t+4]^2 = [-(5t-4)]^2 = (5t-4)^2$$

Ex.3 Find the derivative of $g(t) = \frac{3t^2-6}{-5t+4}$.

$$g'(t) = \frac{(-5t+4)(6t) - (3t^2-6)(-5)}{(-5t+4)^2}$$

$$g'(t) = \frac{-30t^2 + 24t + 15t^2 - 30}{(-5t+4)^2}$$

$$g'(t) = \frac{-15t^2 + 24t - 30}{(-5t+4)^2}$$

$$g'(t) = \frac{-3(5t^2 - 8t + 10)}{(5t-4)^2}$$

Ex.4 Find the derivative of $f(a) = \frac{7\cos(a)}{6a^2}$.

$$f'(a) = \frac{(6a^2) \cdot \frac{d}{da}[7\cos(a)] - [7\cos(a)] \cdot \frac{d}{da}(6a^2)}{[6a^2]^2}$$

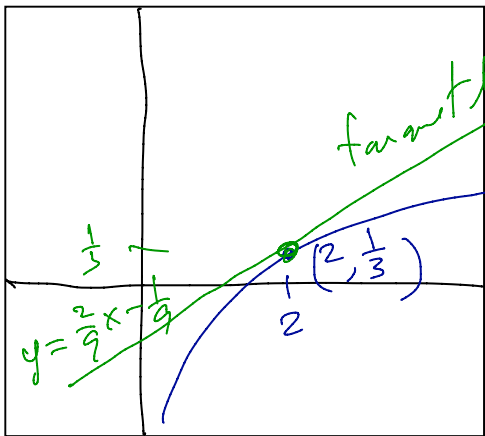
$$f'(a) = \frac{6a^2 \cdot 7[-\sin(a)] - [7\cos(a)] \cdot (12a)}{36a^4}$$

$$f'(a) = \frac{-42a^2 \sin(a) - 84a \cos(a)}{36a^4}$$

$$f'(a) = \frac{-6a[7a \sin(a) + 14 \cos(a)]}{6a \cdot [6a^3]}$$

$$f'(a) = \frac{-7[a \sin(a) + 2 \cos(a)]}{6a^3}$$

Ex.4 Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)}{(x+1)}$ at $(2, \frac{1}{3}) = (x_1, y_1)$



$$y - y_1 = m_{\tan}(x - x_1)$$

$$m_{\tan} = \frac{2}{9}$$

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

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

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

$$m_{\tan} \Big|_{(2, \frac{1}{3})} = f'(2) = \frac{2}{(2+1)^2} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$y - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{2}{9}(x - 2)$$

$$y - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{9}x - \frac{4}{9}$$

$$y - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{9}x - \frac{4}{9} + \frac{2}{9}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{9}x - \frac{1}{9} \quad \text{tangent line at } (2, \frac{1}{3})$$

Ex.5 Use of the Constant Multiple Rule:

Original Function	Rewrite	Differentiate	Simplify
a. $y = \frac{x^2 + 3x}{6}$	$y = \frac{1}{6}(x^2 + 3x)$	$y' = \frac{1}{6}(2x + 3)$	$y' = \frac{2x + 3}{6}$
b. $y = \frac{5x^4}{8}$	$y = \frac{5}{8}x^4$	$y' = \frac{5}{8}(4x^3)$	$y' = \frac{5}{2}x^3$
c. $y = \frac{-3(3x - 2x^2)}{7x}$	$y = -\frac{3}{7}(3 - 2x)$	$y' = -\frac{3}{7}(-2)$	$y' = \frac{6}{7}$
d. $y = \frac{9}{5x^2}$	$y = \frac{9}{5}(x^{-2})$	$y' = \frac{9}{5}(-2x^{-3})$	$y' = -\frac{18}{5x^3}$

THEOREM 2.9 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan x] = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cot x] = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sec x] = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\csc x] = -\csc x \cot x$$

Ex.6 Find the derivatives of the following functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a) } \frac{d}{dx}[\tan(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}\right] = \frac{[\cos(x)] \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[\sin(x)] - [\sin(x)] \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[\cos(x)]}{[\cos(x)]^2} \\
 &= \frac{[\cos(x)] \cdot [\cos(x)] - [\sin(x)] \cdot [-\sin(x)]}{[\cos(x)]^2} \\
 &= \frac{\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = \sec^2(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b) } \frac{d}{dx}[\sec(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{1}{\cos(x)}\right] \\
 &= \frac{[\cos(x)] \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(1) - (1) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[\cos(x)]}{[\cos(x)]^2} \\
 &= \frac{[\cos(x)] \cdot 0 - (1) \cdot (-\sin(x))}{\cos^2(x)} \\
 &= \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos^2(x)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \cdot \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \\
 &= \sec(x) \tan(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \frac{d}{dx} [\cot(x)] = -\csc^2(x)$$

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

Ex.7 Find the derivative of $f(w) = \tan(w) \cot(w)$.

$$\frac{d}{dw} [f(w)] = \frac{d}{dw} \left[\frac{\sin(w)}{\cos(w)} \cdot \frac{\cos(w)}{\sin(w)} \right]$$

$$f'(w) = \frac{d}{dw} (1)$$

$$f'(w) = 0$$

Ex.8 Find the derivative of $h(\theta) = 5\theta \sec(\theta) + \theta \tan(\theta)$.

$$h'(\theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta} [5\theta \cdot \sec(\theta) + \theta \cdot \tan(\theta)]$$

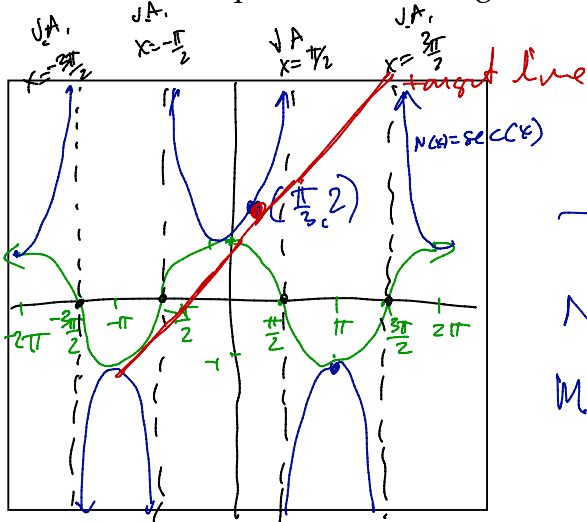
$$h'(\theta) = 5 \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} [\theta \cdot \sec(\theta)] + \frac{d}{d\theta} [\theta \cdot \tan(\theta)]$$

$$h'(\theta) = 5 \cdot \left[(\theta) \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} [\sec(\theta)] + [\sec(\theta)] \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} (\theta) \right] + \left[(\theta) \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} [\tan(\theta)] + [\tan(\theta)] \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} (\theta) \right]$$

$$h'(\theta) = 5 \left[\theta \cdot \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) + \sec(\theta) \cdot 1 \right] + \left[\theta \cdot \sec^2(\theta) + \tan(\theta) \cdot 1 \right]$$

$$h'(\theta) = 5\theta \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) + 5\sec(\theta) + \theta \sec^2(\theta) + \tan(\theta)$$

Ex.9 Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $N(x) = \sec(x)$ at $(\frac{\pi}{3}, 2) = (x_1, y_1)$



$$y - y_1 = m_{\tan} (x - x_1)$$

$$m_{\tan} =$$

$$N'(x) = \sec(x)\tan(x)$$

$$m_{\tan} \Big|_{(\frac{\pi}{3}, 2)} = N'(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \sec(\frac{\pi}{3}) \cdot \tan(\frac{\pi}{3})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos(\frac{\pi}{3})} \cdot \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi}{3})}{\cos(\frac{\pi}{3})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$m_{\tan} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{3}$$

$$y - (2) = 2\sqrt{3} [x - (\frac{\pi}{3})]$$

$$y - 2 = 2\sqrt{3}x - \frac{2\pi\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$y - 2 + 2 = 2\sqrt{3}x - \frac{2\pi\sqrt{3}}{3} + \frac{6}{3}$$

$$y = 2\sqrt{3}x + \frac{6 - 2\pi\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

Higher-Order Derivatives

NOTE The second derivative of f is the derivative of the first derivative of f .

Ex.10 Find the second derivative of $f(x) = 8x^6 - 10x^5 + 5x^3$.

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [8x^6 - 10x^5 + 5x^3]$$

$$f'(x) = 8 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[x^6] - 10 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[x^5] + 5 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[x^3]$$

$$f'(x) = 8 \cdot [6x^5] - 10[5x^4] + 5[3x^2]$$

$$f'(x) = 48x^5 - 50x^4 + 15x^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f'(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [48x^5 - 50x^4 + 15x^2]$$

$$f''(x) = 48 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[x^5] - 50 \frac{d}{dx}[x^4] + 15 \frac{d}{dx}[x^2]$$

$$f''(x) = 48 \cdot [5x^4] - 50 \cdot [4x^3] + 15 \cdot [2x]$$

$$f''(x) = 240x^4 - 200x^3 + 30x$$

$$f(x) = 8x^6 - 10x^5 + 5x^3$$

$$f'(x) = 48x^5 - 50x^4 + 15x^2$$

$$f''(x) = 240x^4 - 200x^3 + 30x$$

Ex.11 Find the third derivative of $f(x) = 2 - \frac{2}{x}$.

$$f(x) = 2 - 2x^{-1}$$
$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[2] - 2 \frac{d}{dx}[x^{-1}]$$

$$f'(x) = 0 - 2[x^{-2}]$$

$$f'(x) = 2x^{-2}$$

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

$$f''(x) = 2 \cdot [-2x^{-3}]$$

$$f''(x) = -4x^{-3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f''(x)] = -4 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[x^{-3}]$$

$$f'''(x) = -4 \cdot [-3x^{-4}]$$

$$f'''(x) = 12x^{-4}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{12}{x^4}$$

Ex.12 Determine the point(s) at which the graph of $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2+1}$ has a horizontal tangent line.

$$\frac{d}{dx} [g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{x^2}{x^2+1} \right]$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{(x^2+1) \frac{d}{dx} [x^2] - (x^2) \frac{d}{dx} [x^2+1]}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{(x^2+1)[2x] - (x^2)[2x]}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

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

$$g'(x) = \frac{2x}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

$g'(x)$ tells us the slope of tangent line (m_{tan}) at a point on a curve.

Horizontal tangent line has slope of zero. ($m_{tan} = 0$)

$$g'(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{2x}{(x^2+1)^2} = 0$$

$$2x = 0$$

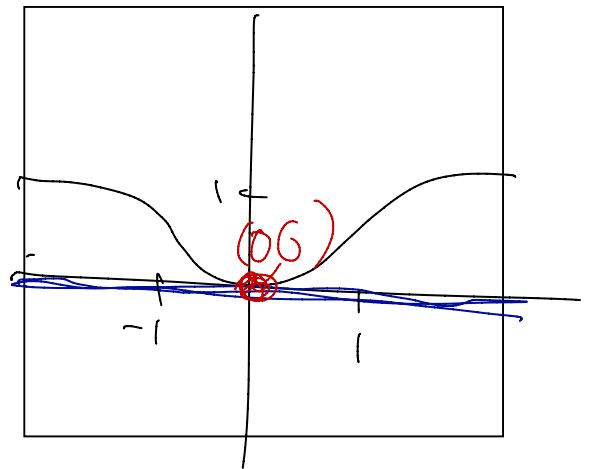
$$x = 0$$

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

$$g(0) = \frac{0^2}{0^2+1}$$

$$g(0) = 0$$

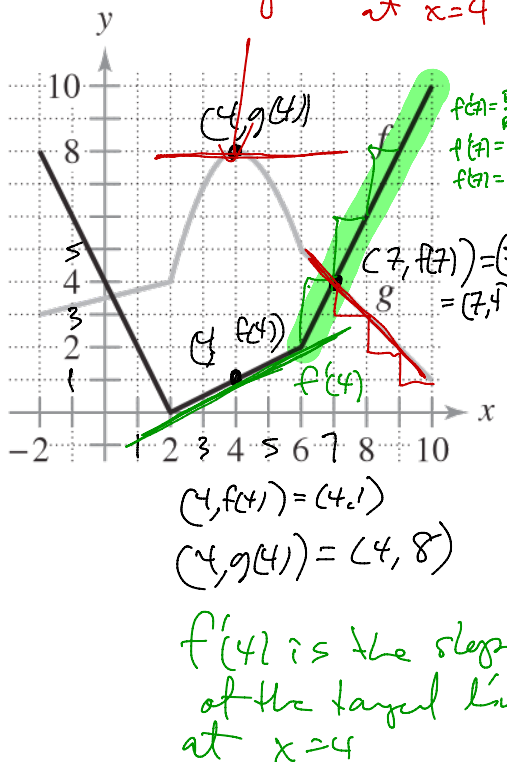
$$(0, 0)$$



Ex.13 Given $p(x) = f(x)g(x)$ and $q(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, use the graphs of f and g to find the following derivatives:

(a) Find $p'(4)$.

(b) Find $q'(7)$.



(a) $p(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$
 $p'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \cdot g(x)]$
 $p'(x) = f(x) \cdot g'(x) + g(x) \cdot f'(x)$
 $p'(4) = f(4) \cdot g'(4) + g(4) \cdot f'(4)$
 $p'(4) = (1)(0) + (8)(\frac{1}{2})$

$p'(4) = 4$
 $g'(7) = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$
 $g'(7) = -1$
 $g'(7) = 1$

$f'(4)$ is the slope of the tangent line at $x=4$
 $f(7) = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{1}{2}$
 $f'(7) = -\frac{1}{2}$

$q'(x) = \frac{g(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$

$q'(7) = \frac{g(7) \cdot f'(7) - f(7) \cdot g'(7)}{[g(7)]^2}$

$q'(7) = \frac{(4)(2) - (4)(-1)}{(4)^2}$

$q(7) = \frac{8 + 4}{16}$

$q'(7) = \frac{12}{16}$

$q(7) = \frac{3}{4}$

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