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

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

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 $g(x) = (-7x+9)(5x^3-4)$.

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

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.

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

PROOF

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right] = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\dfrac{f(x+\Delta x)}{g(x+\Delta x)} - \dfrac{f(x)}{g(x)}}{\Delta x}$$ Definition of derivative

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{g(x)f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)g(x+\Delta x)}{\Delta x g(x)g(x+\Delta x)}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{g(x)f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)g(x) + f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(x+\Delta x)}{\Delta x g(x)g(x+\Delta x)}$$

$$= \frac{\displaystyle\lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{g(x)[f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)]}{\Delta x} - \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x)[g(x+\Delta x) - g(x)]}{\Delta x}}{\displaystyle\lim_{\Delta x \to 0} [g(x)g(x+\Delta x)]}$$

$$= \frac{g(x)\left[\displaystyle\lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}\right] - f(x)\left[\displaystyle\lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{g(x+\Delta x) - g(x)}{\Delta x}\right]}{\displaystyle\lim_{\Delta x \to 0} [g(x)g(x+\Delta x)]}$$

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

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

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

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

Ex.5 Use of the Constant Multiple Rule:

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

THEOREM 2.9 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

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

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

Ex.6 Find the derivatives of the following functions:

(a) $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left[\tan(x)\right] =$

(b) $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left[\sec(x)\right] =$

(c) $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\cot(x)\right]=$

(d) $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\csc(x)\right]=$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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