

Study with the Prof: Derivative Rules

Problem Set 2: Medium Difficulty Derivatives

Do each problem on your own set of paper. Write out the problem as if you were doing it for an exam. Show all of your steps so that you can compare to the videos if you need to.

Using either the formula associated with the definition of the derivative or the alternative formula, find the derivatives of the following functions. You should **not** use the derivative rules here, the point is to practice using the formula (and memorizing it if needed).

1. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

2. $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$

Using the derivative rules, find the derivative of the following functions:

3. $f(x) = \frac{e^x + \sin x}{4x-1}$

10. $y = \sin^{-1}(e^x)$

4. $g(x) = (3x-4)^{20} \sin 5x$

11. $f(x) = \log_3(\tan^{-1} x)$

5. $h(x) = \ln(\ln(\ln(4x)))$

12. $5xy - 2x + 3y = 8$

6. $y = \sin(e^{4x^2-3})$

13. $4x^2 - 2y^2 + xy = \sin x$

7. $f(x) = \log_5(\sin(2x-1))$

14. $\sin xy = 3$

8. $y = 3^{\cos(5x-1)}$

15. $f(x) = (3 + \sin(4x))^5$

9. $f(x) = \left(\frac{3x+1}{e^x}\right)^{17}$

16. $g(x) = \tan^2(e^{5x})$

17. Find the equation of the tangent and normal lines for $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ at the point $(0,2)$

18. Find the equation of the line tangent to $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ at $x = 4$

19. Find the equation of the line tangent to $f(x) = x + \sqrt{x}$ that has slope 4

20. Find any points on $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x + 8$ where the tangent lines would be horizontal.

21. What is the difference between velocity and speed?

22. A rock is thrown off at 64ft cliff with an initial velocity of 32ft/s. The height (in feet) of the rock above the ground t seconds after the rock is thrown is given by $s(t) = -16t^2 + 32t + 64$. A) When does the rock reach its highest point? B) What is the height of the rock at the highest point? C) What is the velocity of the rock when it strikes the ground? D) When is the speed of the rock increasing?

23. Find the fourth derivative of the following function: $f(x) = \sin 3x - 4x^3 + 2x - e^x$

24. A spherical ball is inflated at the rate of $15 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{min}}$. At what rate is the diameter of the ball increasing when the ball has a diameter of 5 cm?

Answers

$$\begin{aligned}
 1) f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{x^2} \\
 2) g'(x) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+1}} \\
 3) f'(x) &= \frac{(\cos x + e^x)}{4x-1} - \frac{4(\sin x + e^x)}{(4x-1)^2} \\
 4) g'(x) &= 60(3x-4)^{19} \sin 5x + 5(3x-4)^{20} \cos 5x \\
 5) h'(x) &= \frac{1}{x \ln(4x) \ln(\ln(4x))} \\
 6) y' &= 8xe^{4x^2-3} \cos(e^{4x^2-3}) \\
 7) f'(x) &= \frac{2 \cos(2x-1)}{\ln 5 \sin(2x-1)} \\
 8) y' &= -5 \ln 3 \sin(5x-1) 3^{\cos(5x-1)} \\
 9) f'(x) &= \frac{-17(3x+1)^{17} + 51(3x+1)^{16}}{e^{17x}} \\
 10) y' &= \frac{e^x}{\sqrt{1-e^{2x}}} \\
 11) f'(x) &= \frac{1}{\ln 3(x^2+1) \tan^{-1} x} \\
 12) y' &= -\frac{5y-2}{5x+3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 13) y' &= \frac{y - \cos x + 8x}{4y-x} \\
 14) y' &= -\frac{y}{x} \\
 15) f'(x) &= 20(\cos 4x)(\sin 4x + 3)^4 \\
 16) g'(x) &= 10e^{5x} \sec^2(e^{5x}) \tan(e^{5x}) \\
 17) y &= 2, x = 0 \\
 18) y &= \frac{1}{4}x + 1 \\
 19) y &= 4x + \frac{1}{12} \\
 20) x &= 2, x = -1 \\
 21) \text{speed} &= |\text{velocity}| \\
 22) \text{a) } t &= 1 \text{ second, b) } 64 \text{ ft c) } -64 \text{ ft/sec d) after 1 second} \\
 23) f^{(4)}(x) &= 81 \sin(3x) - e^x \\
 24) \frac{dD}{dt} &= \frac{6}{5\pi} \text{ cm/min}
 \end{aligned}$$

In case you need more review, here are other videos to watch (by problem). These videos will give you a much deeper review and/or more examples.

Question 1, 2 Definition formula versus alternative formula <https://youtu.be/S1U5RpgCUos>, alternative formula examples <https://youtu.be/vt9nQQdXkEc>, definition version of the formula <https://youtu.be/BMikWYo3C7w>

Question 3, 4 Chain rule lesson <https://youtu.be/FsxMB-5SDzk>, basic derivative rules lesson (product rule, quotient rule) <https://youtu.be/-gfcRvgT3po>, examples of product rule and quotient rule <https://youtu.be/lZy9UPWMQwE>; examples of trig derivatives <https://youtu.be/zsTWUdSeBXA>

Question 5 Chain rule lesson <https://youtu.be/FsxMB-5SDzk>, examples of derivatives with logarithms https://youtu.be/zXk_LOxap0w

Question 6, 7, 8 Chain rule lesson <https://youtu.be/FsxMB-5SDzk>, basic derivative rules lesson (product rule, quotient rule) <https://youtu.be/-gfcRvgT3po>, examples of product rule and quotient rule <https://youtu.be/lZy9UPWMQwE>; examples of trig derivatives <https://youtu.be/zsTWUdSeBXA>, examples of derivatives with logarithms https://youtu.be/zXk_LOxap0w

Question 9 Chain rule lesson <https://youtu.be/FsxMB-5SDzk>, examples of the chain rule <https://youtu.be/GqtWUdtQ-u0>

Question 10, 11 Chain rule lesson <https://youtu.be/FsxMB-5SDzk>, inverse trig function derivatives lesson <https://youtu.be/vLe18VKxlql>, inverse trig function derivatives examples <https://youtu.be/nFhdOwlbeWM>, examples of derivatives of general exponentials and logarithms https://youtu.be/zXk_LOxap0w

Question 12, 13, 14 Implicit differentiation lesson <https://youtu.be/CTscFbd8ibk>, implicit differentiation examples <https://youtu.be/QMp3IIMaBY0>, step-by-step example implicit differentiation with product rule <https://youtu.be/1L7Da2gxwjM>

Question 15, 16 Chain rule lesson <https://youtu.be/FsxMB-5SDzk>, examples of trig derivatives <https://youtu.be/zsTWUdSeBXA>

Question 17 Implicit differentiation lesson <https://youtu.be/CTscFbd8ibk>, implicit differentiation examples <https://youtu.be/QMp3IIMaBY0>, examples of tangent and normal lines <https://youtu.be/TwNFtqmQikM>

Question 18, 19, 20 Writing equations of tangent lines <https://youtu.be/gW04qcAzWno>

Question 21, 22 An overview of position, velocity, and acceleration <https://youtu.be/fshNoVlkM34>

Question 23 Higher derivatives <https://youtu.be/-CqteLIIEsE>

Question 24 Related rates examples <https://youtu.be/A-qLhhefNQQ>, <https://youtu.be/1aBOI8mAsZA>, and https://youtu.be/9kos-oCV1_U