

Rules of Differentiation:

Derivative of a constant:

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{c - c}{\Delta x} = 0$$

Derivative of a constant times a function

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c f(x)) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{c f(x+\Delta x) - c f(x)}{\Delta x} = c \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = c \frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$$

Sum of two functions:

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(f(x) + g(x)) &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) + g(x+\Delta x) - f(x) - g(x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} + \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+\Delta x) - g(x)}{\Delta x} \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) + \frac{d}{dx}(g(x)) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplication of two functions (Product Rule)

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

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

Division of two functions (Quotient Rule)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{g(x) \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) - f(x) \frac{d}{dx}(g(x))}{g^2(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) &= \frac{d}{dx} (f(x) g(x)^{-1}) = f(x) \frac{d}{dx} (g(x)^{-1}) + g(x)^{-1} \frac{d}{dx} (f(x)) \\ &= f(x) \left[-g(x)^{-2} \frac{d}{dx} (g(x)) \right] + g(x)^{-1} \frac{d}{dx} (f(x)) \left[g(x) g(x)^{-1} \right] \\ &= \frac{g(x) \frac{d}{dx} (f(x)) - f(x) \frac{d}{dx} (g(x))}{(g(x))^2} = \frac{g(x) \frac{d}{dx} (f(x)) - f(x) \frac{d}{dx} (g(x))}{g^2(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Chain Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (F(g(x))) = \frac{d}{dx} (F(g(x))) \frac{d}{dx} (g(x))$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (F(g(x))) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(g(x+\Delta x)) - F(g(x))}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (g(x)) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+\Delta x) - g(x)}{\Delta x} \Rightarrow g(x+\Delta x) = g(x) + \frac{d}{dx} (g(x)) \Delta x \quad (1)$$

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$$F(g(x+\Delta x)) = F \left(\underbrace{g(x)}_{\text{"x" in (2)}} + \underbrace{\frac{d}{dx} (g(x)) \Delta x}_{\text{"\Delta x" in eq. (2)}} \right) \quad \text{substitution of eq. (1)}$$

$$F(g(x+\Delta x)) = F(g(x)) + \frac{d}{dx} (F(g(x))) \frac{d}{dx} (g(x)) \Delta x \quad \text{substitution of eq. (2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so} \quad \frac{F(g(x+\Delta x)) - F(g(x))}{\Delta x} &= \frac{d}{dx} (F(g(x))) \frac{d}{dx} (g(x)) \quad \text{rearrange.} \\ &\uparrow \\ &\text{definition of } \frac{d}{dx} (F(g(x))) \end{aligned}$$