

# Topic 5 Outline

## 1 Derivative Rules

- Calculating the Derivative Using Derivative Rules
- Marginal Cost, Revenue and Profit
- Implicit Functions

## Topic 5 Learning Objectives

- 1 calculate the derivative of:
  - ▶ polynomials and basic exponentials
  - ▶ products
  - ▶ quotients
  - ▶ composite functions
  - ▶ exponential and logarithmic functions
- 2 use logarithmic differentiation
- 3 calculate marginal cost, revenue, and profit
- 4 distinguish when and how to use each of the rules above, including combinations of them
- 5 calculate the derivative of implicit functions

## Derivative Rules

We can find derivatives in a faster way than using the limit definition of the derivative, which can be tedious and nearly impossible even for simple functions!

Check out this link for a video on the shortcut derivative rules!

<https://www.educreations.com/lesson/embed/9725600/?ref=app>

# Derivatives of Polynomials and an Exponential

①  $\frac{d}{dx}(c) =$

②  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) =$  Find the derivatives of the following:

①  $f(x) = x^6$

②  $f(x) = x^{100}$

③  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

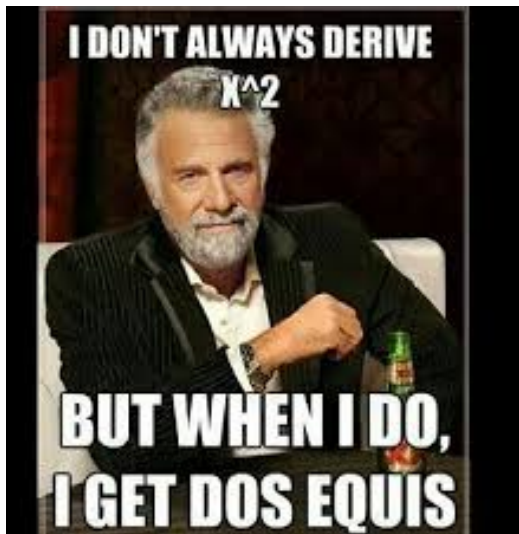
④  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

⑤  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^4}$

③  $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) =$

④ What is the slope of the tangent line to the curve  $y = e^x$  at  $x = 0$ ?

# Derivatives of Polynomials and Exponentials



## Derivative Laws

There are also two basic laws for calculating derivatives, they say that:

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

# Examples

Find the derivatives of the following:

①  $f(x) = 186.5 + \pi$

②  $y = 3e^x + e^2$

③  $g(t) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{t}} + \left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)^5$

④  $p(r) = \frac{r^2+4r+3}{\sqrt{r}}$

⑤ Find the points on the curve  $y = x^4 - 6x^2 + 4$  where the tangent line is horizontal.

## The Product Rule

If the derivative law tells us that  $[f(x) \pm g(x)]' = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$ , we might also assume that  $[f(x)g(x)]' = f'(x)g'(x)$ .

Is this true?? Let's check using  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ ...

**The Product Rule:**  $[f(x)g(x)]' = f'(x)g(x) + g'(x)f(x)$



## The Quotient Rule

If the derivative law tells us that  $[f(x) \pm g(x)]' = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$ , we might also assume that  $[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}]' = \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ .

Is this true?? Let's check using  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ ...

**The Quotient Rule:** 
$$[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}]' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - g'(x)f(x)}{g(x)^2}$$

# Examples

Find the derivatives of the following:

①  $f(x) = xe^x$

②  $y = \frac{3x^2 + 2\sqrt{x}}{x}$

③  $g(t) = \frac{t^3 e^t}{3t + t^e}$

④ Suppose  $f(5) = 1$ ,  $f'(5) = 1$ ,  $f''(5) = 1$  and  $f'''(5) = 1$ , find

①  $(f + g)'(5)$

②  $(fg)'(5)$

③  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)'(5)$

## Marginal Cost, Revenue and Profit

We noted before that the marginal cost function is the derivative of the cost function,  $C(x)$ :

$$\text{Marginal Cost} = C'(x)$$

$$\text{Marginal Revenue} = R'(x) = \text{price}(x)$$

$$\text{Marginal Profit} = P'(x) = [R(x) - C(x)]' = R'(x) - C'(x)$$

## Example

If the cost function is  $C(x) = 2x^3 + x + 9$  and revenue  $R(x) = 5x^3 + x$ , find the average cost function, marginal average cost function, and marginal profit function. What is the marginal average profit on 10 units?

# The Chain Rule

So far, we can calculate the derivatives of most functions (polynomials, sums, differences, products, quotients...). However, we have not yet seen how to find the derivative of a function that is *inside* another function - a composite function!

Examples:

So, if  $f$  and  $g$  are both differentiable and  $F = f \circ g$  is the composite function defined by  $F(x) = f(g(x))$ , then  $F$  is differentiable and the **Chain Rule** is:

$$[f(g(x))] = F'(x) = f'[g(x)]g'(x)$$

# Examples

Differentiate:

①  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x+1}$

②  $g(t) = \sqrt{5e^x + 1}$

# Derivatives of Logs and Exponentials

$$① \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a g(x)) = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x) \ln a}$$

$$② \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

$$③ \frac{d}{dx}(\ln g(x)) = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$④ \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$⑤ \frac{d}{dx}(a^{g(x)}) = a^{g(x)} g'(x) \ln a$$

$$⑥ \frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \ln a$$

$$⑦ \frac{d}{dx}(e^{g(x)}) = e^{g(x)} g'(x)$$

$$⑧ \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

Check out this link for a video on the log functions and their derivatives!

<https://www.educreations.com/lesson/embed/9773346/?ref=app>

# Examples

Find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) =$

①  $\ln(4x + 4)$

②  $10^{x^2} + 3^x$

③  $\log_{10}\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right)$

④  $\sqrt{\ln x}$

⑤  $\ln|x|$



# Logarithmic Differentiation

Sometimes, the calculation of derivatives of complex functions can be made easier by taking logarithms! Steps:

- 1 Take natural logs (or any other base would also do) of both sides of an equation that is in the form  $y = f(x)$  and use the log laws to simplify it.
- 2 Use implicit differentiation with respect to  $x$  to differentiate.
- 3 Solve for  $y'$ , and this is the derivative we were looking for!

Example: Differentiate  $y = \frac{x^{\frac{3}{4}} \sqrt{x^2+1}}{(3x+2)^5}$

# Logarithmic Differentiation

In other cases, Logarithmic differentiation is necessary because none of the other rules will do!

This happens in cases where our function has the form  $y = f(x)^{g(x)}$ .

Example: Differentiate  $y = 3x^{\ln x}$

# Steps for Derivatives

1 Which rule(s) do I need to use?

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

2  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$

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

4 Product Rule  $(fg)' = f'g + g'f$

5 Quotient Rule  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - g'f}{g^2}$

6 Chain Rule  $[f(g(x))]' = f'[g(x)]g'(x)$

7 Rules for Exponentials and Logs  $\frac{d}{dx}(\log_a g(x)) = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)\ln a}$ ,  
 $\frac{d}{dx}(a^{g(x)}) = a^{g(x)}g'(x)\ln a$

8 Logarithmic differentiation for  $f(x)^{g(x)}$

2 Start with the "Big Picture" rules first, then work your way inside!

## Examples

Let's put everything together to work through some more complex examples:

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

$$② g(t) = (3t + \pi)^4(t^7 - t - 9)^5$$

$$③ h(t) = e^{\frac{3t}{t+1}} + \ln\left(\frac{3t}{t+1}\right)$$

$$④ p(t) = \sqrt[3]{1 + 2^t}$$

## Five in Five!

Solve the following in 5 minutes or less!

① Find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = 2x^9 + x^e + e^x + e^3$

② Find  $y'$  if  $y = \ln(e^x x^3)$

③ Find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = \frac{4x^6 - 1}{\sqrt{9 + 17x}}$

④ Differentiate  $y = 3^x + x^3 + \log_3 x$ .

⑤ Differentiate  $y = x^x$

# Flex the Mental Muscle!

① Differentiate  $y = x^{x^2} + 7^{x^2}$ ,  $x > 0$ .

② Differentiate

$$y = \frac{\sqrt[3]{x-4}(1+2x^3)^5}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

once without logarithmic differentiation, and once with.  
Simplify your final answers until they match.