

the wk 5

Power Rule

$$(x+h)^2 = x^2 + 2xh + h^2$$

$$(x+h)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2h + \dots$$

$$\begin{matrix} & & 1 & & 1 & & \\ & & & 2 & & 1 & \\ & 1 & & 3 & & 3 & 1 \\ & & 1 & & 4 & & 6 & & 4 & & 1 \\ & & & 1 & & 5 & & 10 & & 10 & & 5 & & 1 \end{matrix}$$

Recall, on Exam 1 #2

$$f(x) = 2x^3, \quad f'(x) = 6x^2$$

work

Let $f(x) = x^n$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ integer $\xrightarrow{\text{recall}}$ $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

$$\binom{n}{1} = n$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^n - x^n}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^n + n \cdot x^{n-1} \cdot h + \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} h^2 + \binom{n}{3} x^{n-3} h^3 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} x h^{n-1} + h^n - x^n}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h [n x^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} h + \binom{n}{3} x^{n-3} h^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} x h^{n-2} + h^{n-1}]}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} n x^{n-1} + \underbrace{\binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} h}_{\xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0} + \underbrace{\binom{n}{3} x^{n-3} h^2}_{\xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} x h^{n-2} + h^{n-1} = n x^{n-1}$$

Power Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^n) = n x^{n-1} \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{R}$$

derivative with respect to x

Ex 1

$f(x) = x^5$ $f'(x) = 5x^4$	$f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{1/2}$ $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$	$f(x) = x^\pi$ $f'(x) = \pi x^{\pi-1}$
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Properties of $\frac{d}{dx}$ _____

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

(reason?) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f(x+h) + g(x+h) - (f(x) + g(x))}{h} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) + g(x+h) - f(x) - g(x)}{h}$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} + \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right)$$

$\overset{\text{"}}{\underset{f'(x)}{\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}}}$
+
 $\overset{\text{"}}{\underset{g'(x)}{\frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h}}}$

Not true for $\frac{1}{2}$:

with addition and subtraction, you can take derivatives piece by piece

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

with derivatives, multiplicative constants come along for the ride

You can now differentiate any polynomial

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 15x + 7x^0$$

$$f'(x) = 3 \cdot 4x^3 + 15 + \underbrace{7 \cdot \underbrace{0}_{=0} x^{-1}}_{=0} = 12x^3 + 15$$

Radicals & powers

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \sqrt[3]{x^2} = \text{pre-process } x^{-1} + x^{2/3}$$

$$f'(x) = -1 \cdot x^{-2} + \frac{2}{3} x^{2/3 - 1} = -x^{-2} + \frac{2}{3} x^{-1/3}$$

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

Key Fact

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x(e^h - 1)}{h} \\ &= e^x \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = e^x \cdot 1 = e^x \end{aligned}$$