

1. Find y' for the following functions. [Do *not* simplify your answers.]

[2] (a) $y = 3x^{1/3} - 2x^{1/2}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= 3 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) x^{1/3-1} - 2 \left(\right) x^{1/2-1} \\ &= \underbrace{x^{-2/3}}_{[1]} - \underbrace{x^{-1/2}}_{[1]} \end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 4x^5 - 2x^{-2} + x^{1/2} \\ y' &= 4(5)x^{5-1} - 2(-2)x^{-2-1} + \frac{1}{2}x^{1/2-1} \\ y' &= \underbrace{20x^4}_{[1]} + \underbrace{4x^{-3} + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}}_{[1]} \end{aligned}$$

[3] (c) $y = (x^3 + x)(x + e)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= f(x)g(x) & y' &= f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x) & [1] \\ y &= \underbrace{(3x^2)(1)}_{[1]} + \underbrace{(x^3 + x)(1)}_{[1]} \end{aligned}$$

Students need not write the rule, but give one mark for the pattern of the derivative.

[3] (d) $y = (2x^2 + e) \left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{x} \right)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= f(x)g(x) & y' &= f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x) & [1] \\ y &= \underbrace{(4x) \left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{x} \right)}_{[1]} + \underbrace{(2x^2 + e) \left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} - x^{-2} \right)}_{[1]} \end{aligned}$$

Students need not write the rule, but give one mark for the pattern of the derivative.

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

Solution:

$$y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad y' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} \quad [1]$$

$$y' = \frac{\overbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}\right)}^{[1]} \underbrace{(x^3 + 1)}_{[1]} - \overbrace{\left(x^{1/2}\right)}^{[1]} \underbrace{(3x^2)}_{[1]}}{\underbrace{(x^3 + 1)^2}_{[1]}}$$

Students need not write the rule, but give one mark for the pattern of the derivative.

[4] (f) $y = \frac{4x^3 - 6x}{3x - 5}$

Solution:

$$y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad y' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} \quad [1]$$

$$y' = \frac{\overbrace{(12x^2 - 6)}^{[1]} \underbrace{(3x - 5)}_{[1]} - \overbrace{(4x^3 - 6x)}^{[1]} \underbrace{(3)}_{[1]}}{\underbrace{(3x - 5)^2}_{[1]}}$$

Students need not write the rule, but give one mark for the pattern of the derivative.

[4] 2. Let $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$. Write the equation of the line tangent to f at the point where $x = 1$.

Solution:

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2 \quad [1]$$

$$m = f'(1) = 2(1) + 2 = 4 \quad [1]$$

$$y_0 = f(1) = (1)^2 + 2(1) = 3 \quad [1]$$

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

$$y - 3 = 4(x - 1) \quad [1]$$

[4] 3. Let $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 1$. Write the equation of the line tangent to f at the point where $x = 1$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= 3x^2 + 6x & [1] \\m = f'(1) &= 3(1)^2 + 6(1) = 9 & [1] \\y_0 = f(1) &= (1)^3 + 3(1)^2 + 1 = 5 & [1] \\y - y_0 &= m(x - x_0) \\y - 5 &= 9(x - 1) & [1]\end{aligned}$$

[7] 4. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x}$. Using *only* the definition of the derivative, find $f'(x)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} & [1] \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1-(x+h)} - \sqrt{1-x}}{h} & [1] \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1-(x+h)} - \sqrt{1-x}}{h} \times \frac{\sqrt{1-x-h} + \sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1-x-h} + \sqrt{1-x}} & [1] \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1-x-h) - (1-x)}{h(\sqrt{1-x-h} + \sqrt{1-x})} & [1] \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h(\sqrt{1-x-h} + \sqrt{1-x})} & [1] \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x-h} + \sqrt{1-x}} & [1] \\&= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x-0} + \sqrt{1-x}} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{1-x}} & [1]\end{aligned}$$

[7] 5. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{2+3x}$. Using *only* the definition of the derivative, find $f'(x)$.

Solution:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad [1]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2+3(x+h)} - \sqrt{2+3x}}{h} \quad [1]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2+3(x+h)} - \sqrt{2+3x}}{h} \times \frac{\sqrt{2+3x+3h} + \sqrt{2+3x}}{\sqrt{2+3x+3h} + \sqrt{2+3x}} \quad [1]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+3x+3h) - (2+3x)}{h(\sqrt{2+3x+3h} + \sqrt{2+3x})} \quad [1]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3h}{h(\sqrt{2+3x+3h} + \sqrt{2+3x})} \quad [1]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{\sqrt{2+3x+3h} + \sqrt{2+3x}} \quad [1]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2+3x+0} + \sqrt{2+3x}} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{2+3x}} \quad [1]$$