

Mathematics 31 – Derivative Rules

Name of Rule	Rule
Power Rule	If $y = x^n$, then $y' = nx^{n-1}$ or If $y = x^n$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$.
Constant Multiple Rule	For $g(x) = cf(x)$, $g'(x) = cf'(x)$ or $\frac{d}{dx}[cf(x)] = c \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$
Constant Rule	For $g(x) = c$, $g'(x) = 0$
Sum Rule	$[f(x) + g(x)]' = f'(x) + g'(x)$ or $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) + g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) + \frac{d}{dx}g(x)$
Difference Rule	$[f(x) - g(x)]' = f'(x) - g'(x)$ or $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) - g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) - \frac{d}{dx}g(x)$
Product Rule	$(fg)' = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$ or $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \cdot g(x)] = f(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[g(x)] + \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] \cdot g(x)$
Quotient Rule	$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$ or $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right] = \frac{g(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] - f(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[g(x)]}{[g(x)]^2}$
Chain Rule	$\frac{d}{dx}f(g(x)) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$ or $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

Mathematics 31 – Trigonometric Derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \csc x = -\csc x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\csc^2 x$$