

Rules of differentiation

The derivative of a constant is zero: $(c)' = 0$

The derivative of a straight line is constant: $(cx)' = c$

Sums are derived term by term: $(f(x) + g(x))' = f' + g'$

Derivative of a product: $(f(x)g(x))' = f'g + fg'$

Constants are factored out: $(cg(x))' = cg'$

Powers: $(x^2)' = 2x$, $(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$

Derivative of a quotient: $\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$

Chain rule: $(g(f(x)))' = g'(f(x))f'(x)$

Derivatives of logarithmic functions:

$$(\ln x)' = 1/x$$

$$(\ln f(x))' = f'/f \text{ from the chain rule}$$