

DERIVATIVES II

Product Rule and Quotient Rule

Product Rule:

The derivative of the product of two differentiable functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is given by:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] = f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x)$$

Quotient Rule:

The derivative of the quotient of two differentiable functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is given by:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

Tips for Remembering:

call $f(x) \rightarrow$ Hi
the derivative of Hi called dHi
call $g(x) \rightarrow$ Ho
the derivative of Ho called dHo

So the new way is:

Product Rule $\frac{d}{dx}(Hi)(Ho) = (dHi)(Ho) + (Hi)(dHo)$

Quotient Rule $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{(Hi)}{(Ho)}\right] = \frac{(Ho)(dHi) - (Hi)(dHo)}{(Ho)^2}$

Example 1:

$$y = (3x^2 - 5x)^5 \cdot \ln(x)$$

Let,
 $Hi = (3x^2 - 5x)^5$ and $Ho = \ln(x)$.

Then,
 $dHi = 5(3x^2 - 5x)^4 (6x - 5)$, and $dHo = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5(3x^2 - 5x)^4 \cdot (6x - 5) \cdot \ln(x) + (3x^2 - 5x)^5 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

Example 2:

$$y = \frac{4x}{3x^2 + 2}$$

Let,

$$Hi = 4x \text{ and } Ho = 3x^2 + 2$$

Then,

$$dHi = 4 \text{ and } dHo = 6x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(3x^2 + 2)(4) - (4x)(6x)}{(3x^2 + 2)^2}$$

Example 3:

Let,

$$y = (2x^4 - 3x^3 + x)(x^2 - x + 5)$$

Then,

$$Hi = 2x^4 - 3x^3 + x \text{ and } Ho = x^2 - x + 5$$

$$dHi = 8x^3 - 9x^2 + 1 \text{ and } dHo = 2x - 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (8x^3 - 9x^2 + 1)(x^2 - x + 5) + (2x^4 - 3x^3 + x)(2x - 1)$$

Example 4:

Let,

$$y = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 1}{x^2 - 1}$$

Then,

$$Hi = x^2 - 3x + 1 \text{ and } Ho = x^2 - 1$$

$$dHi = 2x - 3 \text{ and } dHo = 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x^2 - 1)(2x - 3) - (x^2 - 3x + 1)(2x)}{(x^2 - 1)^2}$$