

**A. Product Rule**

$$f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x) \text{ then } f'(x) = g'(x) \cdot h(x) + g(x) \cdot h'(x)$$

Alternative Notation:  $\frac{d(g \cdot h)}{dx} = \left(\frac{dg}{dx}\right) \cdot (h) + (g) \cdot \left(\frac{dh}{dx}\right)$

In Plain English: The derivative of the product of two functions (which we will call the “first” function and the “second” function) is equal to the **derivative of the first, times the second, plus the first, times derivative of the second.**

Examples

1.)  $f(x) = (2x^3 + 8x) \cdot (5x^4 + 17)$

We see that  $f(x)$  consists of the product of two smaller functions, in this case  $(2x^3 + 8x)$  “the first” and  $(5x^4 + 17)$  “the second”. So, the derivative then is:

$$f'(x) = \underbrace{(6x^2 + 8)}_{\text{Derivative of the first}} \times \underbrace{(5x^4 + 17)}_{\text{The second}} + \underbrace{(2x^3 + 8x)}_{\text{The first}} \times \underbrace{(20x^3)}_{\text{Derivative of the second}}$$

Note: You should leave the answer in this form unless we are asked to “clean up”  
Again, do not forget to label your derivative

2.)  $g(x) = x \cdot \sin(x)$

We see that  $g(x)$  consists of the product of two smaller functions, in this case  $x$  “the first” and  $\sin(x)$  “the second”.  
So, the derivative then is:  $g'(x) = (1) \cdot \sin(x) + x \cdot \cos(x) = \sin(x) + x \cdot \cos(x)$

More Examples: Find and LABEL the derivatives of each of the following functions.

1.)  $f(x) = (x^4 + \sqrt{x}) \cdot (5x - 1)$

2.)  $f(x) = x^2 \cos(x)$

3.)  $f(x) = \sin(x)\cos(x)$

## B. Quotient Rule

$$f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)} \text{ then } f'(x) = \frac{g'(x) \cdot h(x) - g(x) \cdot h'(x)}{[h(x)]^2}$$

Book Notation:  $\frac{d\left(\frac{g}{h}\right)}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{dg}{dx}\right) \cdot (h) - (g) \cdot \left(\frac{dh}{dx}\right)}{h^2}$

In Plain English: The derivative of the quotient of two functions (which we will call the “top” function and the “bottom” function) is equal to the **derivative of the top, times the bottom, minus the top, times derivative of the bottom, all over the bottom squared.**

Examples

1.)  $f(x) = \frac{(2x^3 + 8x)}{(5x^4 + 17)}$

We see that  $f(x)$  consists of the quotient of two smaller functions, in this case  $(2x^3 + 8x)$  “the top” and  $(5x^4 + 17)$  “the bottom”. So, the derivative then is:

$$f'(x) = \frac{\overbrace{(6x^2 + 8)}^{\text{Derivative of the top}} \times \overbrace{(5x^4 + 17)}^{\text{The bottom}} - \overbrace{(2x^3 + 8x)}^{\text{The top}} \times \overbrace{(20x^3)}^{\text{Derivative of the bottom}}}{\underbrace{(5x^4 + 17)^2}_{\text{The bottom squared}}}$$

Note: You should leave the answer in this form unless we are asked to “clean up”  
Again, do not forget to label your derivative

2.)  $g(x) = \frac{x}{\sin(x)}$

We see that  $g(x)$  consists of the product of two smaller functions, in this case  $x$  “the top” and  $\sin(x)$  “the bottom”.

So, the derivative then is:  $g'(x) = \frac{(1) \cdot \sin(x) - x \cdot \cos(x)}{[\sin(x)]^2} = \frac{\sin(x) - x \cdot \cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)}$

More Examples: Find and LABEL the derivatives of each of the following functions.

1.)  $f(x) = \frac{(x^4 - 8x)}{(2x - 1)}$

2.)  $g(x) = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$

3.)  $l(x) = \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}} \cdot (x^2 + 2x)$

4.) Suppose  $f(\pi/6) = 7$  and  $f'(\pi/6) = -5$ , and let  $g(x) = f(x) \cos x$  and  $h(x) = \frac{\sin x}{f(x)}$   
 $g'(\pi/6) =$

$h'(\pi/6) =$

5.)

$x$	1	0	7	-2	-1
$f(x)$	-5	-1	-407	7	1
$g(x)$	-3	-2	-9	0	-1
$f'(x)$	-7	-2	-163	-10	-3
$g'(x)$	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

a.  $(fg)'(-1)$

b.  $f(-1)/(g(-1)+5)$

c.  $(f+g)'(-1)$

d.  $(f-g)'(-1)$

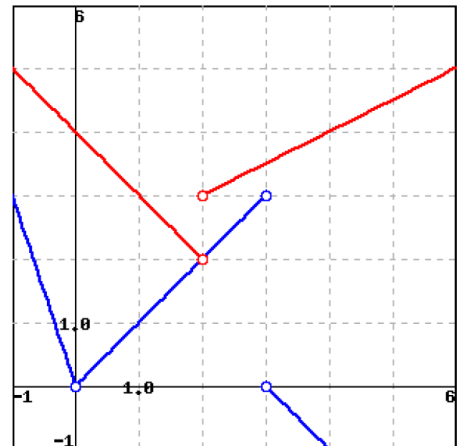
e.  $(fg)'(7)$

f.  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)'(0)$

6.) The graphs of the function  $f$  (given in blue) and  $g$  (given in red) are plotted above. Suppose that  $u(x) = f(x)g(x)$  and  $v(x) = f(x)/g(x)$ . Find each of the following:

$u'(1) =$

$v'(1) =$



$f$  is the bottom function  
 $g$  is the top function

7.) Given that

$$f(x) = x^{12}h(x)$$

$$h(-1) = 3$$

$$h'(-1) = 6$$

Calculate  $f'(-1)$