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## Basic Differentiation Rules Day 3

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$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{3x+3h} - \sqrt{3x})(\sqrt{3x+3h} + \sqrt{3x})}{h(\sqrt{3x+3h} + \sqrt{3x})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x+3h - 3x}{h(\sqrt{3x+3h} + \sqrt{3x})}$$

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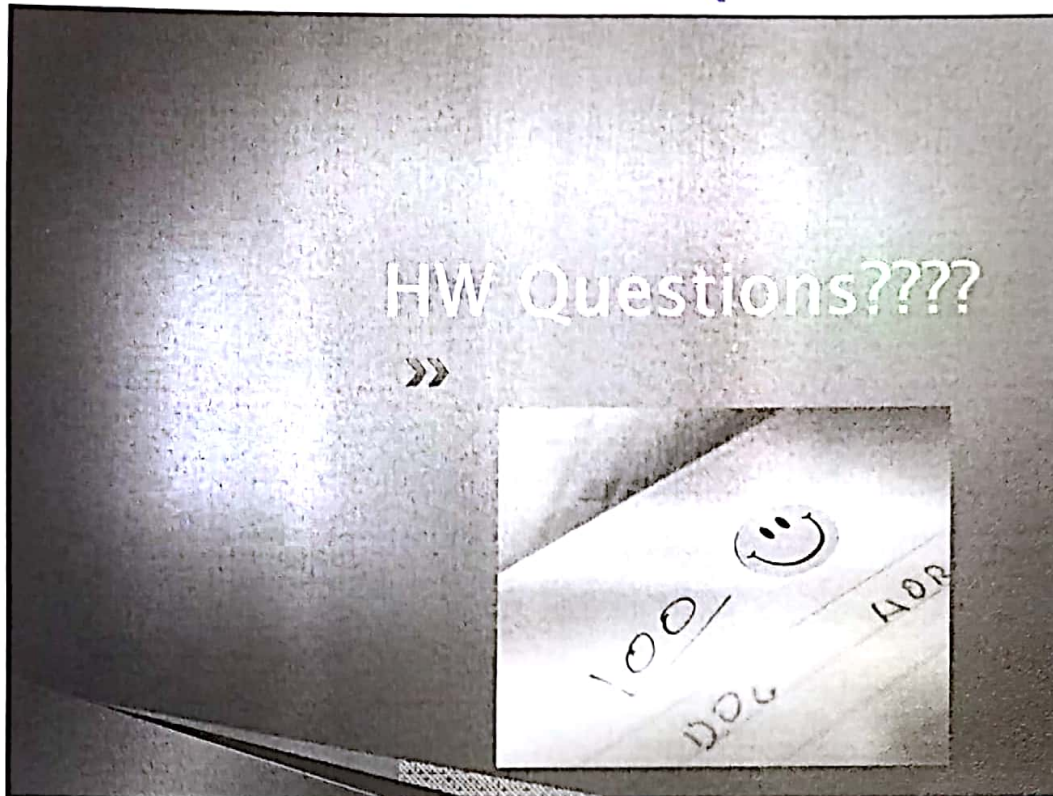
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# Notes Day 3: Power Rule and Tangent Equations

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Intro- Do you see the pattern?

$$f(x) = 7$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$g(x) = x^3$$

$$g'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$h(x) = 2x^4$$

$$h'(x) = 8x^3$$

$$f(x) = -3x^5 - 2x^3$$

$$f'(x) = -15x^4 - 6x^2$$



## The Constant Rule

- ▶ The derivative of a constant function is 0. That is, if  $c$  is a real number, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0$$

$$Ex: f(x) = -4$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

- ▶ What type of lines do constants make?  
Constants are horizontal lines - and their slope is zero. Remember, derivatives come from slope. ☺

## The Power Rule

- ▶ If  $n$  is a rational number, then the function  $f(x) = x^n$  is differentiable and

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$$

$$Ex: f(x) = 5x^3$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = 15x^2$$

Differentiable  
means you  
can take the  
derivative!

## Examples

Write answers with only positive exponents!

► Find each derivative using the power rule.

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

$$2. f(x) = 3x^6 + 7 \quad \boxed{18x^5}$$

$$3. f(x) = \frac{2}{x^2} = 2x^{-2} \quad \boxed{\frac{-4}{x^3}}$$

$$4. f(x) = -\frac{7}{x^3} = -7x^{-3} \quad \boxed{\frac{21}{x^4}}$$

$$5. g(x) = 3\sqrt{x} = 3x^{1/2} = \frac{3}{2}x^{-1/2} \quad \boxed{\frac{3}{2\sqrt{x}}}$$

$$6. f(x) = 2\sqrt[3]{x^4} = 2x^{4/3} = \frac{8\sqrt[3]{x}}{3} \text{ or } \frac{8x^{1/3}}{3}$$

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## The Sum and Difference Rules

- ▶ The sum (and difference) of two differentiable functions is differentiable and is the sum (or difference) of their derivatives.

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

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

Find each derivative:

Write answers with only **positive** exponents!

7.  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 2x^3$

$$\boxed{12x^3 - 6x^2}$$

8.  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x + 5$

$$\boxed{3x^2 - 4}$$

9.  $f(x) = -\frac{x^4}{2} + 3x^3 - 2x$

$$\frac{-4x^3}{2} + 9x^2 - 2$$
$$\boxed{-2x^3 + 9x^2 - 2}$$

10.  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 4\sqrt{x}$

$$4x^3 - 6x^2 + \frac{4}{2}x^{-1/2}$$
$$\boxed{4x^3 - 6x^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}}$$

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$$= 3x^2 - 4$$

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$$= -2x^3 + 9x^2 - 2$$

$$10. f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 4\sqrt{x}$$

$$= 4x^3 - 6x^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$$

What does the derivative tell us?

▶ The equation for the slope of the line tangent to the curve.

← Write this down!

▶ Is the slope of the line the same as we go across a curve?

No! ↘

▶ We can substitute in different x-values for our derivative equation to find the slope at specific points.



# Know the difference!

▶ Question 1:

Slope of a graph at a *specific point, c*.

-> Find the derivative (difference quotient) by substituting in c for x and simplify.

▶ Question 2:

Finding a *formula* for the slope at *any point* on the graph is derivative

$$y - y_1 = \frac{dy}{dx}(x - x_1)$$

## Find the slope at a point

▶ Find the slope of the graph of  $f(x) = x^4$  when:

a.  $x = -1$

▶  $f'(x) = 4x^3$

▶ a.  $f'(-1) = 4(-1)^3$   
 $-4$

b.  $x = 0$

$f'(x) = 4x^3$

b.  $f'(0) = 4(0)^3$   
 $0$

c.  $x = 1$

$f'(x) = 4x^3$

c.  $f'(1) = 4(1)^3$   
 $4$

Remember  
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c.  $f'(1)=4$

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## Writing Equations of Tangent Lines

Given  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x$ . Write the equation of the tangent line at  $x = 2$ .

▶ We could say  $f'(x) = \underline{6x + 5}$ .

▶ We could say  $f'(2) = 17$ .

▶ The derivative of  $f(x)$  is  $6x + 5$ . The slope of the tangent line at  $x = 2$  is 17.

▶ Can you find the equation of the tangent line??

\*Substitute the x-value into the original equation to find y!!

$$y - 22 = 17(x - 2)$$

$$y = 17x - 12$$

$$f(2) = 3(2)^2 + 5(2)$$

$$(2, 22)$$

$x_1 \quad y_1$

$$y = 17x - 12$$

Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x) = -2x^2 + 9x + 1$  at  $x = 3$ .

First, find the derivative of the function.

$$f(x) = -2x^2 + 9x + 1$$

$$f'(x) = -4x + 9$$

Next, find the slope of the tangent line at  $x = 3$ .

$$f'(3) = -4(3) + 9$$

$$-12 + 9$$

$$m = -3$$

Finally, find the equation of the tangent line at the point  $(3, 10)$ .

$$y - 10 = -3(x - 3)$$

$$f(3) = -2(3)^2 + 9(3) + 1$$

$$-18 + 27 + 1$$

$$10$$

$$y = -3x + 19$$

## How to find equation of tangent line when not given a point:

1. Take the derivative of the function
2. Substitute the given  $x$ -value into the derivative to find the slope
3. Substitute the given  $x$ -value into the ORIGINAL function to find the  $y$ -value of the point
4. Use point-slope formula with the slope and point that you found!

## You Try: Equation of a Tangent Line

Ex. Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x) = x^2$  when  $x = -2$ .

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

$$f'(-2) = 2(-2) = -4 = m$$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^2 = 4$$

$(-2, 4)$

$$y - 4 = -4(x + 2)$$

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\*Substitute the  $x$  value into the original equation to find  $y$ !!

Write this down!

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