

## I. Differentiation of one variable.

- Definition: The process of finding derivatives is called differentiation.
- Notation: For function  $y = f(x)$ , the first derivative is denoted as  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

### • Summary of differentiation rules.

1. Constant Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0$ ,  $c$  is constant.

Example:  $y = 7$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}[7] = 0$

2. Constant Multiple Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}[cy] = c \frac{dy}{dx}$ ,  $c$  is constant.

Example:  $y = 7x$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}[7x] = 7 \frac{dx}{dx} = 7$

3. Sum and Difference Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}[u \pm v] = \frac{du}{dx} \pm \frac{dv}{dx}$

Example:  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 5x$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}[\frac{1}{2}x] + \frac{d}{dx}[5x] = \frac{1}{2} + 5 = 5\frac{1}{2}$

4. Product Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}[uv] = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$

Example:  $y = 2x(4 + 3x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx}[2x(4 + 3x)] = 2x \frac{d}{dx}(4 + 3x) + (4 + 3x) \frac{d}{dx}(2x) \\ &= 2x * 3 + (4 + 3x) * 2 = 6x + 8 + 6x = 12x + 8 \end{aligned}$$

5. Quotient Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}[\frac{u}{v}] = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}[\frac{x-1}{2x+3}] &= \frac{(2x+3) \frac{d}{dx}[x-1] - (x-1) \frac{d}{dx}[2x+3]}{(2x+3)^2} = \frac{2x+3 - (x-1)*2}{(2x+3)^2} \\ &= \frac{3+2}{(2x+3)^2} = \frac{5}{(2x+3)^2} \end{aligned}$$

6. Power Rules:

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

Example:  $y = x^3$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2$

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

General Power Rules:  $\frac{d}{dx}[u^n] = nu^{n-1} \frac{du}{dx}$ ,  $u$  is a function of  $x$

7. Chain Rule:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$ ,  $u$  is a function of  $x$

Example:  $y = (x^2 + 1)^3$ ,  $u = x^2 + 1$ ,  $y = u^3$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} = 3u^2 \frac{du}{dx} = 3u^2(2x) = 6x(x^2 + 1)^2$$

8. Derivative of logarithmic function:  $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln x] = \frac{1}{x}$

## II. Partial differentiation

- Definition: If  $z = f(x, y)$ , then the first partial derivatives of  $z$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  are the functions  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ , defined as follows:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x}, \text{ } y \text{ is held constant}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+\Delta y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta y}, \text{ } x \text{ is held constant.}$$

- Notation: The first partial derivatives of  $z = f(x, y)$  are denoted by

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$   
 . Example: Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  for the function  $z = 3x - x^2y^2 + 2x^3y$   
 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}[3x] - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}[x^2y^2] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}[2x^3y] = 3 - 2xy^2 + 6x^2y$   
 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}[-x^2y^2] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}[2x^3y] = -2x^2y + 2x^3$

### III. Total differentiation

. Definition: For function  $z = f(x, y)$

$$dz = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$$

. Example:  $z = 10x^{\frac{1}{3}}y^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 dz &= 10 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^{\frac{1}{3}}y^{\frac{2}{3}}] dx + 10 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [x^{\frac{1}{3}}y^{\frac{2}{3}}] dy \\
 &= \frac{10}{3} x^{-\frac{2}{3}} y^{\frac{2}{3}} dx + \frac{20}{3} x^{\frac{1}{3}} y^{-\frac{1}{3}} dy
 \end{aligned}$$