

1. CHAPTER 3 SECTION 1: FORMULAS - POWERS AND POLYNOMIALS

Recall the formulas from section 2.3 For the following k , m , b and n represents constant real numbers.

(1) **Constant Function:** $\frac{d}{dx}(k) =$

(2) **Linear Function:** $\frac{d}{dx}(mx + b) =$

(3) **Power Function:** $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) =$

We want to extend these formulas to include polynomials, but first explore the effect that scaling a function has on slope using the desmos site:

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/gtbervbhpx>. Use the slide for b to change the scaling. Use the slider for a to change the point the slope is calculated. From the experiment, you may be able to guess the next formula.

(4) **Scale a function:** $\frac{d}{dx}(cf(x)) =$

Example 1.1. *Prove formula 4 using the definition of a derivative.*

2. SUM AND DIFFERENCE FORMULAS

$$(5) \frac{d}{dx}(f(x) + g(x)) =$$

$$(6) \frac{d}{dx}(f(x) - g(x)) =$$

Example 2.1. $\frac{d}{dx}(x^\pi + \pi^2) = ?$

Example 2.2 (3.1 Text 27 and 28). *Differentiate the function $f(\theta) = 3\theta^2 - \frac{1}{3\theta^2}$.*

Example 2.3 (3.1 Text Problem 40). *Differentiate the function $f(t) = \frac{\sqrt{t}(1+t)}{t^2}$.*

3. APPLICATIONS

Example 3.1 (3.1 Text 51 and 64). *Let $f(3) = 5$ and $f'(3) = 6$.*

(1) Find the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 3$.

(2) Use the tangent line at $x = 3$ to approximate $f(3.01)$.

(3) Use the tangent line at $x = 3$ to approximate $f(2.98)$.

Example 3.2 (3.1 WP Homework Question 10 , Text 80). *A ball is dropped from the top of the Empire State building to the ground below. The height, y , of the ball above the ground (in feet) is given as a function of time, t (in seconds), by*

$$y = 1250 - 16t^2.$$

(1) *Find the velocity of the ball at time t . What is the sign of the velocity? Why is this to be expected?*

(2) *Show that the acceleration of the ball is constant. What are the value and sign of this constant?*

(3) *When does the ball hit the ground, and how fast is it going at that time? Give your answer in feet per second and in miles per hour ($1\text{ft/sec} = 15/22\text{ mph}$).*