

The product rule

- The product rule is used to differentiate a function that is the multiplication of two functions.

$$f(x) = u(x) \times v(x)$$



$$f'(x) = u'v + v'u$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{du}{dx} \times v \right) + \left(\frac{dv}{dx} \times u \right)$$

Example

$$f(x) = (3x - 5) \times (4x + 7)$$

$$u = 3x - 5 \quad v = 4x + 7$$

$$u' = 3 \quad v' = 4$$

$$f'(x) = 3(4x + 7) + 4(3x - 5)$$

$$f'(x) = 12x + 21 + 12x - 20 = 24x + 1$$

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The quotient rule

- The **quotient rule** is used to differentiate a function that is the division of two functions.

$$f(x) = \frac{u(x)}{v(x)}$$



$$f'(x) = \frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{du}{dx} \times v \right) + \left(\frac{dv}{dx} \times u \right)$$

Example

$$f(x) = \frac{3x-5}{4x+7}$$

$$u = 3x-5 \quad v = 4x+7$$

$$u' = 3 \quad v' = 4$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{3(4x+7) - 4(3x-5)}{(4x+7)^2} = \frac{12x+21-12x+20}{(4x+7)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{41}{(4x+7)^2}$$

Differentiation questions

- Find the derivative: $f(x) = (x^2 + x)(3x - 1)$

$$f'(x) = u'v + v'u$$

Example

$$u = x^2 + x, \quad u' = 2x + 1$$

$$v = 3x + 1, \quad v' = 3$$

$$f'(x) = (2x + 1)(3x - 1) + 3(x^2 + x)$$

$$f'(x) = (6x^2 + x + 1) + (3x^2 + 3x)$$

$$f'(x) = 9x^2 + 4x + 1$$

Differentiation questions (2)

- Find the derivative: $y = \sqrt{5x^2 - 6}$

$$y = \sqrt{u} = u^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad u = 5x^2 - 6$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{2} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 10x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 10x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} (5x^2 - 6)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 10x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{10x}{2\sqrt{5x^2 - 6}} = \frac{5x}{\sqrt{5x^2 - 6}}$$

Recall:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

Differentiation questions (3)

• Find the derivative: $y = \frac{2x}{(x-6)^2}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2}$$

$$u = 2x, \quad v = (x-6)^2$$

$$u' = 2, \quad v' = 2(x-6)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2} = \frac{2(x-6)^2 - 2(x-6)(2x)}{((x-6)^2)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2(x-6)^2 - 4x(x-6)}{(x-6)^4} = \frac{2(x-6) - 4x}{(x-6)^3} = \frac{2x - 12 - 4x}{(x-6)^3}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-2(x+6)}{(x-6)^3}$$