

MATH 160 Session #23

Using Patterns or Rules to Find Derivatives of Selected Functions

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are functions whose derivatives exist, and C and r are real numbers, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(C) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^r) = rx^{r-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(Cf(x)) = C \frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$$

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}([f(x)]^r) = r[f(x)]^{r-1} \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

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

Use the above patterns (rules) to find the specified derivatives.

1. $\frac{d}{dx}(3x^7 - 12x^4 + 5x^2 + 4x - 23)$

2. $\frac{d}{dx}(2x + 6)^2$

3. $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{0.25x})$

4. $\frac{d}{dx}(100e^{0.07x})$

5. $\frac{d}{dx}(3xe^{0.25x})$

6. $\frac{d}{dx}(5)$

7. $\frac{d}{dx}(20x^2 + 5)^3$

8. $\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{4x^2 + 3x}$

9. $\frac{d}{dx}20\sqrt{x+3}$

10. $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)$