

## **Subject for this video: Derivatives of Products**

### **Reading:**

- **General:** Section 3.3 Derivatives of Products and Quotients
- **More Specifically:** Pages 196 – 198, Examples 1,2,3

### **Homework:**

**H45: Differentiating Products (3.3#17,19,21,55)**

Recall the Derivative Rules that we learned about in previous videos.

<b>The Constant Function Rule:</b> $\frac{d}{dx} c = 0$
<b>The Power Rule:</b> $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$
<b>The Sum and Constant Multiple Rule:</b> $\frac{d}{dx} (af(x) + bg(x)) = a\frac{d}{dx} f(x) + b\frac{d}{dx} g(x)$
<b>Exponential Function Rule #1:</b> $\frac{d}{dx} e^{(x)} = e^{(x)}$
<b>Exponential Function Rule #2:</b> $\frac{d}{dx} e^{(kx)} = ke^{(kx)}$
<b>Exponential Function Rule #3:</b> $\frac{d}{dx} b^{(x)} = b^{(x)} \cdot \ln(b)$
<b>Logarithmic Function Rule #1</b> $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
<b>Logarithmic Function Rule #2</b> $\frac{d}{dx} \log_b(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(b)}$

## **New Rule: The Product Rule**

Consider a product of functions,  $f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$ .

Question: How is  $f'(x)$  related to  $g'(x)$  and  $h'(x)$ ?

The good news is that there is an obvious relationship.

The bad news is that the obvious relationship is wrong.

The obvious relationship: ~~If  $f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$  then  $f'(x) = g'(x) \cdot h'(x)$~~  Wrong!

How do we know it is wrong? Consider this easy example.

[Example 1] Let  $f(x) = 5x^2$

If we find  $f'(x)$  using our established derivative rules, we find

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} 5x^2 = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{constant multiple rule}}}{5} \frac{d}{dx} \overset{\substack{\text{power function} \\ \text{with } n=1}}{x^2} = 5(2x^{2-1}) = 10x$$

power rule with  $n=1$

But if we compute  $f'(x)$  using the obvious (bad) method, we find

~~$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} 5x^2 = \left(\frac{d}{dx} 5\right) \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dx} x^2\right) = (0)(2x) = 0 \text{ clearly wrong!}$$~~

The correct relationship between  $f'(x)$  and  $g'(x)$  and  $h'(x)$  is given by the Product Rule.

### **The Product Rule**

This rule is used for finding the derivative of a *product of functions*.

**Two equation form:** If  $f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$  then  $f'(x) = g'(x) \cdot h(x) + g(x) \cdot h'(x)$

**Single equation form:**  $\frac{d}{dx} g(x) \cdot h(x) = g'(x) \cdot h(x) + g(x) \cdot h'(x)$

[Example 2] (Similar to 3.3#21)  $f(x) = (-3x^2 + 13x - 5)(3x - 2)$ .

Find  $f'(x)$  using the product rule. Simplify your answer.

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( (-3x^2 + 13x - 5)(3x - 2) \right)$$

Product rule

$$= \left( \frac{d}{dx} (-3x^2 + 13x - 5) \right) \cdot (3x - 2) + (-3x^2 + 13x - 5) \left( \frac{d}{dx} (3x - 2) \right)$$

used the power rule and the constant functions rule

$$= (-6x + 13)(3x - 2) + (-3x^2 + 13x - 5)(3)$$

$$= -18x^2 + 39x + 12x - 26 - 9x^2 + 39x - 15$$

$$= -27x^2 + 90x - 41$$

**[Example 3]** (Similar to 3.3#55) Let  $f(x) = (-3x^2 + 13x - 5)e^{(x)}$

(A) Find  $f'(x)$  and simplify.

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( (-3x^2 + 13x - 5)e^{(x)} \right)$$

product rule

$$= \left( \frac{d}{dx} (-3x^2 + 13x - 5) \right) \cdot e^{(x)} + (-3x^2 + 13x - 5) \frac{d}{dx} e^{(x)}$$

$$= (-6x + 13) \cdot \underline{e^{(x)}} + (-3x^2 + 13x - 5) \left( \underline{e^{(x)}} \right)$$

$$= \left[ (-6x + 13) + (-3x^2 + 13x - 5) \right] \underline{e^{(x)}}$$

$$= \left[ -3x^2 + 7x + 8 \right] e^{(x)}$$

(B) Find  $f'(0)$  and simplify.

$$f'(x) = [-3x^2 + 7x + 8]e^{(x)}$$

$$f'( ) = [-3( )^2 + 7( ) + 8]e^{( )}$$

$$f'(0) = [-3(0)^2 + 7(0) + 8]e^{(0)} = [8]e^{(0)} = 8 \cdot 1 = 8$$

↑  
substitute  $x=0$  into  $f'(x)$

(C) Find  $f'(1)$  and simplify.

$$f'(1) = [-3(1)^2 + 7(1) + 8]e^{(1)} = [-3(1) + 7 + 8] \cdot e$$

↑  
sub  $x=1$  into  $f'(x)$

$$= [12]e$$

$$= 12e$$



**[Example 4]** (Similar to 3.3#19) Let  $f(x) = 5x^7 \ln(x)$

(A) Find  $f'(x)$  and simplify.

note: don't do this  $f'(x) = \left(\frac{d}{dx} 5x^7\right) \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x)\right) !!$

use product rule

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (5x^7 \cdot \ln(x)) = \left(\frac{d}{dx} 5x^7\right) \cdot \ln(x) + 5x^7 \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x)\right)$$

↑  
Product rule

$$= (5 \cdot (7x^{7-1})) \ln(x) + 5x^7 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$= 35x^6 \ln(x) + 5x^6$$

$$= \underline{5x^6} \cdot 7 \ln(x) + \underline{5x^6} \cdot 1$$

$$= 5x^6 [7 \ln(x) + 1]$$

(B) Find  $f'(1)$  and simplify.

$$f'(x) = 5x^6 [7 \ln(x) + 1]$$

$$f'(1) = 5(1)^6 [7 \ln(1) + 1] = 5 \cdot 1 [7 \cdot 0 + 1] = 5[1] = 5$$

↑  
sub  $x=1$  into  $f'(x)$

↑  
 $\ln(1) = 0$

(because  $e^{(0)} = 1$ )

(C) Find  $f'(e)$  and simplify.

$$f'(e) = 5(e)^6 [7 \ln(e) + 1] = 5e^6 [7 \cdot 1 + 1] = 5e^6 [8]$$

↑  
sub  $x=e$  into  $f'(x)$

↑  
 $\ln(e) = 1$   
(because  $e^{(1)} = e$ )

$$= 40e^6$$