

AP Calculus

Differentiation Rules

Power Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[x^a] = a \cdot x^{a-1}, a \neq 0$

Constant Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0$

Constant Multiple Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[c \cdot f(x)] = c \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)]$

Sum and Difference Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \pm g(x)] = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$

Product Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \cdot g(x)] = f(x) \cdot g'(x) + g(x) \cdot f'(x)$

Quotient Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right] = \frac{g(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}, g(x) \neq 0$

The Chain Rule:

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

In Leibniz notation, if $y = f(u)$ and $u = g(x)$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions:

$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin u] = \cos u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$	$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan u] = \sec^2 u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$	$\frac{d}{dx}[\sec u] = \sec u \tan u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$
$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos u] = -\sin u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$	$\frac{d}{dx}[\cot u] = -\csc^2 u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$	$\frac{d}{dx}[\csc u] = -\csc u \cot u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

Derivatives of Inverse Trigonometric Functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin^{-1} u] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}, |u| < 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos^{-1} u] = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}, |u| < 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\tan^{-1} u] = \frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cot^{-1} u] = -\frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sec^{-1} u] = \frac{1}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}, |u| > 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\csc^{-1} u] = -\frac{1}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}, |u| > 1$$

Derivatives of Exponential Functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^x] = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^u] = e^u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [a^x] = a^x \cdot \ln a$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [a^u] = a^u \cdot \ln a \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln x] = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln u] = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

For $a > 0$ and $a \neq 1$:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_a x] = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_a u] = \frac{1}{u \ln a} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$