

Sum or Difference

If the expression to be differentiated contains more than one term just differentiate, separately, each term in the expression.

Example ▼

(i) If $y = 3x^2 - 5x + 4$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

(ii) If $f(x) = 4x^3 + x^2 - x - 6$, find $f'(x)$.

Solution:

(i) $y = 3x^2 - 5x + 4$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x - 5$

(ii) $f(x) = 4x^3 + x^2 - x - 6$
 $f'(x) = 12x^2 + 2x - 1$

Exercise 10.2 ▼

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if:

1. $y = x^4$

2. $y = x^6$

3. $y = 3x^2$

4. $y = -5x^4$

5. $y = 4x$

6. $y = -3x$

7. $y = 8$

8. $y = -5$

9. $y = \frac{1}{x^3}$

10. $y = \frac{1}{x}$

11. $y = x^4 + 2x^3$

12. $y = 2x^3 + 5x^2$

13. $y = 3x^2 + 4x$

14. $y = 2x^2 - 6x$

15. $y = 5x - 2x^2$

16. $y = 3x - 1$

17. $y = x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x$

18. $y = x - 3x^2 - 4x^3$

19. $y = 4 - 5x^2 - 6x^4$

Find $f'(x)$ if:

20. $f(x) = x^2 - x - 6$

21. $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4$

22. $f(x) = 20x - 2x^2$

23. $f(x) = 2x^3 - 8x^2 + 7x - 6$

24. $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1$

25. $f(x) = 8 + 2x - 3x^2 - x^3$

26. $f(x) = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$

27. $3x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$

28. $f(x) = x^4 + 4 + \frac{1}{x^4}$

Evaluating Derivatives

Often we may be asked to find the value of the derivative for a particular value of the function.

Example ▼

(i) If $y = 2x^3 - 4x + 3$, find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 1$.

(ii) If $s = 4t^2 + 10t - 7$, find the value of $\frac{ds}{dt}$ when $t = -2$.

Solution:

(i) $y = 2x^3 - 4x + 3$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - 4$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=1} = 6(1)^2 - 4$$

$$= 6 - 4 = 2$$

(ii) $s = 4t^2 + 10t - 7$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 8t + 10$$

$$\left. \frac{ds}{dt} \right|_{t=-2} = 8(-2) + 10$$

$$= -16 + 10 = -6$$

Exercise 10.3 ▼

1. If $y = 3x^2 + 4x + 2$, find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 1$.

2. If $y = 2x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x - 5$, find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 2$.

3. If $y = 4x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 3$, find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = -1$.

4. If $s = 3t - 2t^2$, find $\frac{ds}{dt}$ when $t = 2$.

5. If $s = t^3 - 2t^2 - t + 1$, find $\frac{ds}{dt}$ when $t = -1$.

6. If $A = 3r^2 - 5r$, find $\frac{dA}{dr}$ when $r = 3$.

7. If $V = 3h - h^2 - 3h^3$, find $\frac{dV}{dh}$ when $h = 2$.

8. If $h = 20t - 5t^2$, find $\frac{dh}{dt}$ when $t = 4$.

9. If $A = \pi r^2$, find $\frac{dA}{dr}$ when $r = 5$, leaving your answer in terms of π .

10. If $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$, find $\frac{dV}{dr}$ when $r = 3$, leaving your answer in terms of π .

Rule 2: Product Rule

Suppose u and v are functions of x .

If $y = uv$,

$$\text{then } \frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

In words:

First by the derivative of the second + second by the derivative of the first.

Note: The word ‘product’ refers to quantities being multiplied.

Example ▼

If $y = (x^2 - 3x + 2)(x^2 - 2)$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. Hence, evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = -1$.

Solution:

Let $u = x^2 - 3x + 2$ and let $v = x^2 - 2$.

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2x - 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} \quad (\text{product rule})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x^2 - 3x + 2)(2x) + (x^2 - 2)(2x - 3) \\ &= 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x + 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 6 \\ &= 4x^3 - 9x^2 + 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=-1} = 4(-1)^3 - 9(-1)^2 + 6 = -4 - 9 + 6 = -7$$

Exercise 10.4 ▼

Use the product rule to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if:

1. $y = (2x + 4)(3x + 5)$
2. $y = (x^2 + 2)(2x^2 + 7)$
3. $y = (2x + 3)(x^2 + 3x + 4)$
4. $y = (x^2 + 3x)(x^3 - 3x + 4)$
5. $y = (3x^2 - 5x + 3)(3x - 2)$
6. $y = (x + 3)(x - 2)$
7. $y = (x^3 - 2x)(3 - 2x)$
8. $y = (x - 4)(x^3 - 5)$
9. $y = (x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2)$
10. $y = (2x - x^3 - x^4)(x^2 - 3)$
11. $y = (x^3 - x^2 - x)(x^3 + 2x)$
12. $y = (5x^3 - 6x)(x^2 - 3x - 1)$

13. Let $f(x) = (x^2 - 2x)(3x + 2)$. Find $f'(x)$, the derivative of $f(x)$.
14. Let $f(x) = (x^3 - 1)(2x - x^2)$. Find $f'(x)$, the derivative of $f(x)$.
15. If $y = (2x - x^2)(x^2 - x - 1)$, evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 0$.
16. If $s = (3t^2 - 4t)(t^2 - 4)$, find $\frac{ds}{dt}$ and evaluate it when $t = 1$.
17. If $x = (2h^2 - 3h + 5)(h - 2)$, evaluate $\frac{dx}{dh}$ when $h = 2$.
18. Find the coefficient of x^3 in the derivative of $(2x^2 - x - 3)(1 - 2x^2)$ with respect to x .

Rule 3: Quotient Rule

Suppose u and v are functions of x .

$$\text{If } y = \frac{u}{v},$$

$$\text{then } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}.$$

In words:

Bottom by the derivative of the top – Top by the derivative of the bottom

$$\frac{(Bottom)^2}{(Bottom)^2}$$

Note: Quotient is another name for a fraction. The quotient rule refers to one quantity divided by another.

Example ▼

If $y = \frac{x^2}{x+2}$ find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and, hence, find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 2$.

Solution:

$$y = \frac{x^2}{x+2}$$

$$\text{Let } u = x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad v = x + 2$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2x \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2} \quad (\text{quotient rule})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(x+2)(2x) - (x^2)(1)}{(x+2)^2} \\ &= \frac{2x^2 + 4x - x^2}{(x+2)^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2 + 4x}{(x+2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Note: It is usual practice to simplify the top but **not** the bottom.

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=2} = \frac{(2)^2 + 4(2)}{(2+2)^2} = \frac{4+8}{(4)^2} = \frac{12}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Exercise 10.5 ▾

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if:

1. $y = \frac{3x+2}{x+1}$

2. $y = \frac{2x+1}{x+3}$

3. $y = \frac{x}{x-1}$

4. $y = \frac{5x+2}{x+4}$

5. $y = \frac{1}{x+2}$

6. $y = \frac{1}{x-3}$

7. $y = \frac{3}{x+4}$

8. $y = \frac{x^2}{x-1}$

9. $y = \frac{2x+3}{5x-4}$

10. $y = \frac{2x-3}{x^2+1}$

11. $y = \frac{2x^2}{3x^2-1}$

12. $y = \frac{x^2+2}{4-x^2}$

13. If $y = \frac{3x+2}{x-2}$, evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = 1$.

14. If $y = \frac{2x^2-1}{x+5}$, evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = 2$.

15. If $y = \frac{x^2-4x}{5x-1}$, evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = 0$.

Rule 4: Chain Rule

The chain rule is used when the given function is raised to a power, e.g. $y = (x^2 - 3x + 4)^4$.

To differentiate using the chain rule, do the following in one step:

- Treat what is inside the bracket as a single variable and differentiate this (multiply by the power and reduce the power by one).
- Multiply this result by the derivative of what is inside the bracket.

If $y = (\text{function})^n$,
then $\frac{dy}{dx} = n(\text{function})^{n-1}$ (derivative of the function).

Example ▼

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if: (i) $y = (x^2 + 3x)^5$ (ii) $y = (2x^2 - 5x + 3)^{20}$.

Solution:

(i) $y = (x^2 + 3x)^5$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5(x^2 + 3x)^4(2x + 3)$$

(ii) $y = (2x^2 - 5x + 3)^{20}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 20(2x^2 - 5x + 3)^{19}(4x - 5)$$

Exercise 10.6 ▼

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if:

1. $y = (2x + 3)^5$

2. $y = (5x - 1)^4$

3. $y = (x^2 + 3x)^3$

4. $y = (x^2 - 5x - 6)^7$

5. $y = (4 - 5x)^6$

6. $y = (3 - 2x)^5$

7. $y = (1 + x^2)^4$

8. $y = (5 - 2x^2)^7$

9. $y = (4 - 3x - x^2)^8$

10. $y = \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^5$

11. $y = \left(x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^4$

12. $y = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{10}$

13. If $y = (x^2 - 1)^4$, evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 1$.

14. If $y = (2x^2 - 3x + 1)^{10}$, find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 0$.

15. If $y = (h^2 - h + 1)^2$, find the value of $\frac{dy}{dh}$ when $h = 1$.

16. If $y = (x^2 + 1)^3$, find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 1$.

Exercise 10.11 ▾

1. If $s = t^3 - 2t^2$, evaluate:
(i) $\frac{ds}{dt}$ at $t = 3$ (ii) $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$ at $t = 2$.
2. If $h = 4t^3 - 12t + 8$, evaluate:
(i) $\frac{dh}{dt}$ at $t = 1$ (ii) $\frac{d^2h}{dt^2}$ at $t = \frac{1}{2}$.
3. A ball bearing rolls along the ground. It starts to move at $t = 0$ seconds.
The distance that it has travelled at t seconds is given by $s = t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t$.
Find:
 - (i) $\frac{ds}{dt}$ and $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$, its speed and acceleration, in terms of t
 - (ii) the speed of the ball bearing when $t = 4$ seconds
 - (iii) the acceleration of the ball bearing when $t = 3$ seconds
 - (iv) the times at which the speed is zero
 - (v) the time at which the acceleration is zero
 - (vi) the time at which the acceleration is 6 m/s^2
 - (vii) the time at which the speed is 24 m/s .
4. A particle moves along a straight line such that, after t seconds, the distance s metres from a fixed point o is given by $s(t) = t^3 - 9t^2 + 24t$, $t \geq 0$.
Find:
 - (i) $\frac{ds}{dt}$ and $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$, its speed and acceleration, in terms of t
 - (ii) the speed of the particle after 6 seconds
 - (iii) the times when the speed is zero
 - (iv) the acceleration of the particle after 4 seconds
 - (v) the time at which the acceleration is zero
 - (vi) the time at which the acceleration is 6 m/s^2 .
5. The distance, s metres, travelled in t seconds by a train after its brakes are applied is given by $s = 18t - 1.5t^2$.
Find:
 - (i) the distance travelled when $t = 2$ seconds
 - (ii) the train's speed, in terms of t
 - (iii) the speed of the train when $t = 4$ seconds
 - (iv) the time at which the train comes to rest
 - (v) the distance travelled by the train after it applied its brakes
 - (vi) the constant deceleration of the train.
6. The distance, s metres, travelled by a car in t seconds after the brakes are applied is given by $s = 10t - t^2$. Show that its deceleration is constant. Find:
 - (i) the speed of the car when the brakes are applied
 - (ii) the distance the car travels before it stops.

7. A ball is thrown vertically up in the air. The height, h metres, reached above the ground t seconds after it was thrown is given by $h = 16t - 2t^2$.

Find:

- (i) the height of the ball after 6 seconds
- (ii) the speed of the ball in terms of t
- (iii) the speed of the ball after 3 seconds
- (iv) the height of the ball when its speed is 12 m/s.
- (v) After how many seconds does the ball just begin to fall back downwards?
How far above the ground is it at this time?

8. A ball is thrown vertically up in the air. Its height, h metres, above ground level varies with the time, t seconds, such that $h = 1 + 30t - 5t^2$.

Find:

- (i) $\frac{dh}{dt}$, its speed
- (ii) its speed after $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds
- (iii) its acceleration.
- (iv) After how many seconds does the ball just begin to fall back downwards?
How far above the ground is it at this time?

9. The speed, v , in metres per second, of a body after t seconds is given by $v = 2t(6 - t)$.

- (i) Find the acceleration at each of the two instants when the speed is 10 m/s.
- (ii) Find the speed at the instant when the acceleration is zero.

10. The speed, v , in metres per second, of a body after t seconds is given by $v = 3t(5 - t)$.

- (i) Find the acceleration at each of the two instants when the speed is 12 m/s.
- (ii) Find the speed at the instant when the acceleration is zero.

11. An automatic valve controls the flow of gas, R cm³/s, in an experiment. The flow of gas varies with the time, t seconds, as given by the equation $R = 8t - t^2$.

Find:

- (i) $\frac{dR}{dt}$, the rate of change of R with respect to t
- (ii) the value of $\frac{dR}{dt}$ after 6 seconds
- (iii) the time when the rate of flow is a maximum.
- (iv) After how many seconds is the rate of flow equal to:
(a) -4 cm³/s (b) 2 cm³/s?

12. The volume, V , of a certain gas is given by $V = \frac{20}{p}$, where p is the pressure.

Find:

- (i) $\frac{dV}{dp}$, the rate of change of V with respect to p
- (ii) the value of $\frac{dV}{dp}$ when $p = 10$.

Exercise 9.7 ▼

1. (ii) $\frac{88}{3}$

2. 78

3. 36

4. 32

5. 90

6. 54

Exercise 10.2 ▼

1. $4x^3$

2. $6x^5$

3. $6x$

4. $-20x^3$

5. 4

6. -3

7. 0

8. 0

9. $-3x^{-4}$ or $-\frac{3}{x^4}$

10. $-x^{-2}$ or $-\frac{1}{x^2}$

11. $4x^3 + 6x^2$

12. $6x^2 + 10x$

13. $6x + 4$

14. $4x - 6$

15. $5 - 4x$

16. 3

17. $3x^2 + 4x + 5$

18. $1 - 6x - 12x^2$

19. $-10x - 24x^3$

20. $2x - 1$

21. $3x^2 - 6x$

22. $20 - 4x$

23. $6x^2 - 16x + 7$

24. $3x^2 - 4x + 4$

25. $2 - 6x - 3x^2$

26. $3x^2 - 3x^{-4}$ or $3x^2 - \frac{3}{x^4}$

27. $6x - 2x^{-3}$ or $6x - \frac{2}{x^3}$ 28. $4x^3 - 4x^{-5}$ or $4x^3 - \frac{4}{x^5}$

Exercise 10.3 ▼

1. 10

2. 43

3. 23

4. -5

5. 6

6. 13

7. -37

8. -20

9. 10π

10. 36π

Exercise 10.4 ▼

1. $12x + 22$

2. $8x^3 + 22x$

3. $6x^2 + 18x + 17$

4. $5x^4 + 12x^3 - 9x^2 - 10x + 12$

5. $27x^2 - 42x + 19$

6. $2x + 1$

7. $-8x^3 + 9x^2 + 8x - 6$

8. $4x^3 - 12x^2 - 5$

9. $3x^2 - 2x - 1$

10. $-6x^5 - 5x^4 + 12x^3 + 15x^2 - 6$

11. $6x^5 - 5x^4 + 4x^3 - 6x^2 - 4x$

12. $25x^4 - 60x^3 - 33x^2 + 36x + 6$

13. $9x^2 - 8x - 4$

14. $-5x^4 + 8x^3 + 2x - 2$

15. -2

16. -8

17. 7

18. -16

Exercise 10.5 ▼

1. $\frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$

2. $\frac{5}{(x+3)^2}$

3. $\frac{-1}{(x-1)^2}$

4. $\frac{18}{(x+4)^2}$

5. $\frac{-1}{(x+2)^2}$

6. $\frac{-1}{(x-3)^2}$

7. $\frac{-3}{(x+4)^2}$

8. $\frac{x^2 - 2x}{(x-1)^2}$

9. $\frac{-23}{(5x-4)^2}$

10. $\frac{-2x^2 + 6x + 2}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$

11. $\frac{-4x}{(3x^2 - 1)^2}$

12. $\frac{12x}{(4 - x^2)^2}$

13. -8

14. 1

15. 4

Exercise 10.6 ▼

1. $5(2x+3)^4(2)$ or $10(2x+3)^4$

3. $3(x^2 + 3x)^2(2x+3)$

5. $6(4 - 5x)^5(-5)$ or $-30(4 - 5x)^5$

7. $4(1 + x^2)^3(2x)$ or $8x(1 + x^2)^3$

9. $8(4 - 3x - x^2)^7(-3 - 2x)$

11. $4\left(x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^3(3x^2 + 3x^{-4})$ or $4\left(x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^3\left(3x^2 + \frac{3}{x^4}\right)$

13. 0

14. -30

15. 2

2. $4(5x - 1)^3(5)$ or $20(5x - 1)^3$

4. $7(x^2 - 5x - 6)^6(2x - 5)$

6. $5(3 - 2x)^4(-2)$ or $-10(3 - 2x)^4$

8. $7(5 - 2x^2)^6(-4x)$ or $-28x(5 - 2x^2)^6$

10. $5\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^4(2x - 2x^{-3})$ or $5\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^4\left(2x - \frac{2}{x^3}\right)$

12. $10\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^9(-x^{-2})$ or $10\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^9\left(\frac{-1}{x^2}\right)$

16. 24

17. -40

18. 0

Exercise 10.7 ▼

1. -1

2. -7

3. 0

4. $3x - y - 6 = 0$

5. $3x - y + 5 = 0$

6. $6x - y + \frac{7}{3} = 0$

7. $x + y - 10 = 0$

8. $3x - y + 1 = 0$

9. $x + y - 2 = 0; x - y - 3 = 0$; yes

Exercise 10.8 ▼

1. (1, 1)

2. (-2, 13)

3. (4, -1)

4. (3, 0); (-1, -4)

5. (2, -20); (-1, 10)

6. (1, 5)

7. (3, -9); (-2, -4)

8. (0, 0); (-2, 2); $x - y = 0$; $x - y + 4 = 0$

9. (i) 0 (iii) 3 (iv) -1, 2

10. -4

11. -3

12.

(i) -2; 4 (ii) $20x - y + 28 = 0$; $20x - y - 80 = 0$

Exercise 10.9 ▼

1. (2, -1)

2. (-3, -8)

3. (2, -5)

4. (-3, 16)

5. (-2, 9)

6. (-2, 13)

7. $\max(-1, 9); \min(3, -23)$

8. $\max(1, 3); \min(3, -1)$

9. $\max(1, 6); \min(2, 5)$

10. $\max(1, 13); \min(-3, -19)$

11. $\max(-1, 10); \min(-2, 9)$

12. $\max(-2, 20); \min(2, -12)$

13. (ii) $3x^2 - 18x + 24$ (iii) $\max(2, 3); \min(4, -1)$ (v) $2 < x < 4$

14. (ii) $a(-1, 0), b(0, 25), c(1, 32), d(5, 0)$

15. (i) $a = -3; (2, -2)$ (ii) $(0, 2)$ (iv) $-2 < k < 2$

16. $2px + q$

17. $a = 2, b = -6, c = -3$

Exercise 10.10 ▼

1. (i) $x < 1$ (ii) $x > 1$

2. (i) $x < -3$ (ii) $x > -3$

Exercise 10.11 ▼

1. (i) 15 (ii) 8

2. (i) 0 (ii) 12

3. (i) $3t^2 - 12t + 9$; $6t - 12$ (ii) 9 m/s (iii) 6 m/s² (iv) $t = 1$ or $t = 3$ (v) $t = 2$
(vi) $t = 3$ (vii) $t = 5$

4. (i) $3t^2 - 18t + 24$; $6t - 18$ (ii) 24 m/s (iii) $t = 2$ or $t = 4$ (iv) 6 m/s
(v) $t = 3$ (vi) $t = 4$

5. (i) 30 m (ii) $18 - 3t$ (iii) 6 m/s (iv) $t = 6$ (v) 54 m (vi) -3 m/s^2

6. $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = -2$ (a constant) (i) 10 m/s (ii) 25 m

7. (i) 24 m (ii) $16 - 4t$ (iii) 4 m/s (iv) 14 m (v) $t = 4$; 32 m

8. (i) $30 - 10t$ (ii) 15 m/s (iii) -10 m/s^2 (iv) $t = 3$; 46 m

9. (i) 8 m/s² or -8 m/s^2 (ii) 18 m/s

10. (i) 9 m/s² or -9 m/s^2 (ii) 18.75 m/s

11. (i) $8 - 2t$ (ii) -4 (iii) $t = 4$ (iv) (a) 6 (b) 3

12. (i) $-20p^{-2}$ or $-\frac{20}{p^2}$ (ii) $-\frac{1}{5}$

Exercise 11.1 ▼

1. (i) €56; €24 (ii) 250 g; 200 g

2. (i) €120; €160; €200 (ii) €1,000; €1,600; €1,400

3. (i) 119 g; 34 g; 85 g (ii) 72 cm; 54 cm; 36 cm

4. (i) €126; €168; €210 (ii) 48 cm; 120 cm; 168 cm

5. (i) €102; €119; €153 (ii) 960 g; 120 g; 480 g

6. 3 : 4 7. 1 : 3

8. 2 : 1 : 4

9. 3 : 2 : 4

10. (i) €28; €14 (ii) 56 g; 224 g

11. (i) €60; €120; €30 (ii) 39 cm; 156 cm; 390 cm

12. (i) 252 g; 168 g; 126 g (ii) €240; €320; €360

13. A received €15,750; B received €12,250

14. €178,800

15. €120

16. 100 cm

17. 162 cm

18. (i) €30 (ii) €165

19. €10,160

20. 35 cm

21. €9,500

22. $k = 5$

23. 27.2 km