

### 3.1 Derivatives of Polynomials and Exponential function.

1  $f(x) = c$  then  $\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{dc}{dx} = 0$  Constant Rule

How easy

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{c - c}{h} = 0$$

power function

2  $f(x) = x$   $\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{dx}{dx} = 1$

Also easy

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h-x}{h} = 1$$

Ex.  $\frac{d}{dx} x^2 = 2x$   $\frac{d}{dx} x^3 = 3x^2$

3 If  $n$  is positive, the

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^n = n x^{n-1}$$

Using Binomial tho.

Ex.  $\frac{d}{dr} r^\pi = \pi r^{\pi-1}$

Ex.  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{x^3} = \frac{d}{dx} x^{-3} = -3x^{-4} = \frac{-3}{x^4}$

3' In general

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^n = n x^{n-1} \text{ for any } n \in \mathbb{R}$$

Ex.  $y = \sqrt{x}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} x^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

4 The constant multiple Rule

If  $c$  is a constant and  $f$  is a differentiable function, then

$$\frac{d}{dx} c f(x) = c \frac{df}{dx}$$

easy.

5 The sum Rule

If  $f$  and  $g$  are both diff, then

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

easy

6 The difference Rule

Ex. The equation of a motion is  $s = 2t^3 + 3t - 4$  measured in cm.  
find the acceleration function  $a(t)$  and the  
the acceleration at 2 seconds

$$v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = 6t^2 + 3$$

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = 12t \quad a(2) = 24 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

Exponential functions

$$f(x) = b^x$$

by definition

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^{x+h} - b^x}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^x (b^h - 1)}{h} = b^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^h - 1}{h}$$

$$\text{Now } f'(0) = b^0 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^h - 1}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^h - 1}{h}$$

$$\text{So } f'(x) = b^x f'(0)$$

we can prove that  $f'(0) = \ln b$

$$f'(x) = b^x \ln b.$$

Now for the base  $e$  (replace  $b$  by  $e$ )

we can prove that

$$f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = 1$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$$

Ex. when  $y = e^x$  (at what point) parallel to the line  $y = 2x$