

2.3 The Product Rule!

Ex.1 Find the derivative of $h(x) = (x^2+1)(x^3-2)$

$$= x^5 - 2x^2 + x^3 - 2$$

$$h'(x) = 5x^4 - 4x + 3x^2$$

The Product Rule:

If $p(x) = f(x)g(x)$, then $p'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$.

Leibniz:

If u and v are functions of x , $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \frac{du}{dx}v + u\frac{dv}{dx}$

Ex.1 (redo) using the Product Rule.

$$h(x) = \underbrace{(x^2+1)}_f \underbrace{(x^3-2)}_g$$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= f'g + fg' \\ &= (2x)(x^3-2) + (x^2+1)(3x^2) \\ &= 2x^4 - 4x + 3x^4 + 3x^2 \\ &= 5x^4 + 3x^2 - 4x \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Product Rule

$$F(x) = f(x)g(x)$$

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

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

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} g(x+h) + f(x) \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right]$$

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

$$= f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

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

f g

$$y' = f'g + fg'$$

$$= 6x^2(3x^2-x) + (2x^3+5)(6x-1)$$

$$= 18x^4 - 6x^3 + 12x^4 - 2x^3 + 30x - 5$$

$$= 30x^4 - 8x^3 + 30x - 5$$

Ex.3 Differentiate $f(x) = \sqrt{x}(2-3x)$ and simplify.

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

f g

$$f'(x) = f'g + fg'$$

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

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

$$= x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{9}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{9}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Ex.4 Find the slope of the tangent to the graph of the function $f(x) = (3x^2+2)(2x^3-1)$ at the point (1,5).

$$f'(x) = s' t + s t'$$

$$= 6x(2x^3-1) + (3x^2+2)(6x^2)$$

$$= 12x^4 - 6x + 18x^4 + 12x^2$$

$$= 30x^4 + 12x^2 - 6x$$

Sub in $x=1$

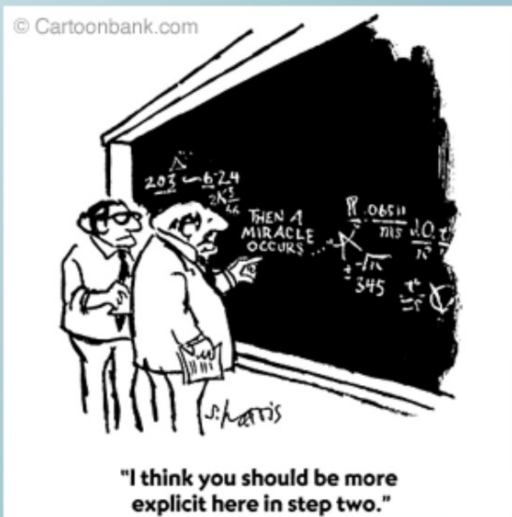
$$f'(1) = 30 + 12 - 6 \\ = 36$$

$$\therefore M_{\text{tan}} = 36$$

Extended Product Rule for a product of three functions

NOTE: If $p(x) = f(x)g(x)h(x)$ then

$$p'(x) = f'(x)g(x)h(x) + f(x)g'(x)h(x) + f(x)g(x)h'(x)$$



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