

**Definition :** Newton's *first principle* : 
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Leibniz :  $f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx}$

**Interpretation :** *Instantaneous rate of change* and *gradient of the tangent* line to the curve of  $f$ .

**Rules:**

| # | used for                                                   | formula                                                                  | Leibniz notation                                                                       | IB booklet |
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| 1 | <i>multiplic. by a scalar</i> ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ) | $(\lambda f(x))' = \lambda f'(x)$                                        | $\frac{d}{dx}(\lambda y) = \lambda \frac{dy}{dx}$                                      |            |
| 2 | <i>sum or difference</i>                                   | $(f(x) \pm g(x))' = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$                                     | $\frac{d}{dx}(u \pm v) = \frac{du}{dx} \pm \frac{dv}{dx}$                              |            |
| 3 | <i>product</i>                                             | $(f(x) \cdot g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$                             | $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$                                 | p.6        |
| 4 | <i>ratio</i>                                               | $\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}$ | $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{u \frac{dv}{dx} - v \frac{du}{dx}}{v^2}$ | p.6        |
| 5 | <i>composition</i> : $y = g(f(x))$                         | $y' = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$                                              | $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$                                   | p.6        |

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| 6 | $f(x) = x^n$ | $f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$ |
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can be used *not only* for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  like 0,1,2,3,...

but *also* for  $n \in \mathbb{Q}$ , like  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{7}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  etc....

**Examples**

i)  $(3x)' = 3x' = 3$  by rules 1 and 6 notice:  $x = x^1$  then  $x' = 1$   $x^0 = 1$

ii)  $4x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 6x - 2)' = 12x^2 - 3x + 6$  by rules 1, 2 and 6. notice:  $(1)' = (x^0)' = 0$

iii)  $4x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 6x - 2) \times \sqrt{x})'$   
 $= (4x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 6x - 2)' \times \sqrt{x} + (4x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 6x - 2) \times (\sqrt{x})'$  by rule 3  
 $= (12x^2 - 3x + 6)\sqrt{x} + (4x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 6x - 2) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$   
 $= \frac{(12x^2 - 3x + 6)2x + (4x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 6x - 2)}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{28x^3 - \frac{15}{2}x^2 + 18x - 2}{2\sqrt{x}}$

iv)  $\left(\frac{12x^2 - 3x + 6}{\sqrt{x} + 1}\right)' = \frac{(12x^2 - 3x + 6)' \times (\sqrt{x} + 1) - (12x^2 - 3x + 6) \times (\sqrt{x} + 1)'}{(\sqrt{x} + 1)^2}$  by rule 4

$= \frac{(24x - 3) \times (\sqrt{x} + 1) - (12x^2 - 3x + 6) \times \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)}{(\sqrt{x} + 1)^2}$  by rules 1, 2 and 6

v)  $\left(\sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 7}\right)' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 7}} \times (2x + 4)$  by rule 5 ...  $= \frac{x + 2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 7}}$

vi)  $\left(\sqrt[3]{(x^2 + x - 2)^2}\right)' = ((x^2 + x - 2)^{2/3})' = \frac{2}{3}(x^2 + x - 2)^{\frac{2}{3}-1} \times (x^2 + x - 2)'$  again by rule 5  
 $= \frac{2}{3}(x^2 + x - 2)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \times (2x + 1)$  by rules 1 and 2  
 $= \frac{2(2x + 1)}{3 \times \sqrt[3]{x^2 + x - 2}}$

vii)  $[(1 + x^2)^3 + 7]^4' = 4((1 + x^2)^3 + 7)^3 \times ((1 + x^2)^3 + 7)' = 4((1 + x^2)^3 + 7)^3 \times 3(1 + x^2)^2 \times 2x$

using rule 5 two times!

viii)  $\left[\frac{(x^7 + 1)^5}{3x^2}\right]' = \frac{5(x^7 + 1)^4(7x)(3x^2) - (x^7 + 1)^5(6x)}{9x^4}$  mainly by applying rules 4 & 5