

Basic Differentiation (... set 1)

Differentiation - Power, Constant, and Sum Rules

Differentiate each function with respect to x .

$$1) \ y = 5$$

$$2) \ f(x) = 5x^{18}$$

$$3) \ y = 4x^5 + x$$

$$4) \ f(x) = 4x^4 - 5x - 3$$

$$5) \ y = 3x^{\frac{5}{4}}$$

$$6) \ y = \frac{5}{4}x^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$7) \ y = -4x^{-5}$$

$$8) \ y = \frac{3}{x^3}$$

$$9) \ y = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$10) \ f(x) = -2\sqrt[4]{x}$$

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Answers

Differentiate each function with respect to x .

$$1) \ y = 5$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$2) \ f(x) = 5x^{18}$$

$$f'(x) = 90x^{17}$$

$$3) \ y = 4x^5 + x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 20x^4 + 1$$

$$4) \ f(x) = 4x^4 - 5x - 3$$

$$f'(x) = 16x^3 - 5$$

$$5) \ y = 3x^{\frac{5}{4}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{15x^{\frac{1}{4}}}{4}$$

$$6) \ y = \frac{5}{4}x^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{5}{6}x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \frac{5}{6x^{\frac{1}{3}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$7) \ y = -4x^{-5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 20x^{-6} \\ &= \frac{20}{x^6}\end{aligned}$$

$$8) \ y = \frac{3}{x^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -9x^{-4} \\ &= -\frac{9}{x^4}\end{aligned}$$

$$9) \ y = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{3}x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \frac{2}{3x^{\frac{1}{3}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$10) \ f(x) = -2\sqrt[4]{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{4}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2x^{\frac{3}{4}}}\end{aligned}$$

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$$11) \ y = \frac{2}{3}x^4 + 5x - x^{-3}$$

$$12) \ y = -\frac{1}{2}x^4 + 3x^{\frac{5}{3}} + 2x$$

Differentiate each function with respect to the given variable.

$$13) \ y = -3r^5 - 5r^2$$

$$14) \ f(s) = -\frac{3}{s^2} - \frac{4}{s^4}$$

$$15) \ f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{4}x^{\frac{3}{5}}$$

$$16) \ h(s) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{s} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt[5]{s}$$

Differentiate each function with respect to x . Problems may contain constants a, b, and c.

$$17) \ y = 5c$$

$$18) \ y = 4ax^{3a} - bx^{3c}$$

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Answers

11) $y = \frac{2}{3}x^4 + 5x - x^{-3}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{8}{3}x^3 + 5 + 3x^{-4} \\ &= \frac{8x^3}{3} + 5 + \frac{3}{x^4}\end{aligned}$$

12) $y = -\frac{1}{2}x^4 + 3x^{\frac{5}{3}} + 2x$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -2x^3 + 5x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 2 \\ &\quad \text{(Note: } x^{\frac{2}{3}} \text{ is the derivative of } x^{\frac{5}{3}}\text{)}\end{aligned}$$

Differentiate each function with respect to the given variable.

13) $y = -3r^5 - 5r^2$

$$\frac{dy}{dr} = -15r^4 - 10r$$

14) $f(s) = -\frac{3}{s^2} - \frac{4}{s^4}$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(s) &= 6s^{-3} + 16s^{-5} \\ &= \frac{6}{s^3} + \frac{16}{s^5}\end{aligned}$$

15) $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{4}x^{\frac{3}{5}}$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{9}{20}x^{-\frac{2}{5}} \\ &= x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{9}{20x^{\frac{2}{5}}}\end{aligned}$$

16) $h(s) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{s} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt[5]{s}$

$$\begin{aligned}h'(s) &= \frac{1}{3}s^{-\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{5}s^{-\frac{4}{5}}\sqrt{2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3s^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{5s^{\frac{4}{5}}}\end{aligned}$$

Differentiate each function with respect to x . Problems may contain constants a, b, and c.

17) $y = 5c$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

18) $y = 4ax^{3a} - bx^{3c}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12a^2x^{3a-1} - 3bcx^{3c-1}$$