

**With Answers** (Let me know if you find any errors!)

1. For each of the following functions, find the derivative  $f'(x)$  using the limit definition.

(a)  $f(x) = 5x + 7$       (b)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$       (c)  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5$   
 (d)  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x-2}$       (e)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

Answers:

(a)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(5(x+h) + 7) - (5x + 7)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5h}{h} = 5$   
 (b)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h+1} - \sqrt{x+1}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h+1) - (x+1)}{h(\sqrt{x+h+1} + \sqrt{x+1})} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+1}}$   
 (c)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3(x+h)^2 + 5) - (3x^2 + 5)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{6xh + 3h^2}{h} = 6x$   
 (d)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{3}{x+h-2} - \frac{3}{x-2} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3h}{h(x+h-2)(x-2)} = \frac{-3}{(x-2)^2}$   
 (e)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x+h}}{h\sqrt{x+h}\sqrt{x}} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h\sqrt{x+h}\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+h})} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x}^3}$

2. For each of the following functions, find the derivative  $f'(x)$  using the derivative formulas.

(a)  $f(x) = \sqrt[5]{x^{42}}$       (b)  $f(x) = 7x - 3$       (c)  $f(x) = 7\sqrt[5]{x} - \frac{2}{x^5}$   
 (d)  $f(x) = x^5 - \frac{2}{5x^3} + \sqrt[3]{x^4}$       (e)  $f(x) = \frac{2x^5 - 7x^3 + 21}{15}$       (f)  $f(x) = (6x^{\frac{2}{5}} - 5x^2 + \pi)(2\sqrt{x} + x^2)$   
 (g)  $y = \frac{5x^9 - \frac{1}{x} + 1}{9x^2 - 3x + 5}$       (h)  $y = \frac{(2x^3 - 4)^9}{(5x + 3x^2 + 1)^7}$       (i)  $y = (3x^6 - 4x^2 + 21)^{13}(4x - 11)^5$

Answers:

(a)  $\frac{42}{5}x^{37/5}$       (b) 7      (c)  $\frac{7}{5}x^{-4/5} + 10x^{-6}$       (d)  $5x^4 + \frac{6}{5}x^{-4} + \frac{4}{3}x^{1/3}$       (e)  $\frac{2}{3}x^4 - \frac{7}{5}x^2$   
 (f)  $(\frac{12}{5}x^{-3/5} - 10x)(2\sqrt{x} + x^2) + (6x^{2/5} - 5x^2 + \pi)(x^{-1/2} + 2x)$   
 (g)  $\frac{(45x^8 + x^{-2})(9x^2 - 3x + 5) - (5x^9 - \frac{1}{x} + 1)(18x - 3)}{(9x^2 - 3x + 5)^2}$   
 (h)  $\frac{9(2x^3 - 4)^8(6x^2)(5x + 3x^2 + 1)^7 - (2x^3 - 4)^9 7(5x + 3x^2 + 1)^6(5 + 6x)}{(5x + 3x^2 + 1)^{14}}$   
 (i)  $13(3x^6 - 4x^2 + 21)^{12}(18x^5 - 8x)(4x - 11)^5 + (3x^6 - 4x^2 + 21)^{13} 5(4x - 11)^4 4$

3. Find the slope and the equation of the tangent line to each of the following curves at the given point.

(a)  $y = 5x^3 - 3x^2$  at  $x = 1$       (b)  $y = \sqrt{x} - 2x + 5$  at  $(4, -1)$

Answers:

(a)  $y = 9x - 7$       (b)  $y = -\frac{7}{4}x + 6$

4. Find the equations of the lines tangent to the curve  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 15x + 7$  which are parallel to the straight line  $9x - y + 3 = 0$ .

Answer: Want slope  $m = 9$ , which is at  $x = -2, 4$ . At  $x = -2$  the equation of the tangent line is  $y = 9x + 35$ ; at  $x = 4$  it is  $y = 9x - 73$ .

5. Find all values of  $x$  at which the graph of the following function has a horizontal tangent line:  $y = 3x^4 - 10x^3 - 9x^2 + 5$ .

Answer: Horizontal tangents (when  $y' = 0$ ) at  $x = 0, -\frac{1}{2}, 3$ .

6. Find the values of  $x$  for which the lines tangent to the curve  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 15x + 7$  are normal (*i.e.* at right angles) to the straight line  $9x - y + 3 = 0$ .

Answer: Want slope to be  $m = -\frac{1}{9}$ , which is at  $x = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{483}}{9}$ .