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Multiply:

$$(x^2 + 2xh + h^2)(x + h)$$

$$x^3 + x^2h + 2x^2h + 2xh^2 + h^2x + h^3$$

$$x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 = (x+h)^3$$

$$(x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3)(x + h)$$

$$x^4 + 3x^3h + 3x^2h^2 + h^3x + x^3h + 3x^2h^2 + 3xh^3 + h^4$$

$$x^4 + h^4 + 4x^3h + 3x^2h^2 + 3x^2h^2 + 4xh^3$$

$$x^4 + 4x^3h + 6x^2h^2 + 4xh^3 + h^4 = (x+h)^4$$

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Students will verbally explain how to
find derivative, using the power
rule

(using the words:
constant, exponent, sum...)



$$f(x) = x^2$$

find $f'(x)$

$$2x$$

$$g(x) = x^3$$

find $g'(x)$

$$3x^2$$

$$h(x) = x^4$$

find $h'(x)$

$$4x^3$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x^2}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x + h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x + h = 2x$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - x^3}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(3x^2 + 3xh + h^2)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 = 3x^2$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^4 - x^4}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4 + 4x^3h + 6x^2h^2 + 4xh^3 + h^4 - x^4}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^3h + 6x^2h^2 + 4xh^3 + h^4}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(4x^3 + 6x^2h + 4xh^2 + h^3)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 4x^3 + 6x^2h + 4xh^2 + h^3 = 4x^3$$

Power Rule

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

→ multiply by the original exponent

→ new exponent =
original exponent - 1

Constant Multiple Rule

$c = \text{constant}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (cx^n) = c \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^n) = c(nx^{n-1})$$

Sum + Difference Rule

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

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

$$f(x) = 7x^9$$

find $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = 7(9x^8)$$

$$= 63x^8$$

$$y = x^7 - 6x^3 + x^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

find y'

$$y' = 7x^6 - 6(3x^2) + \frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$= 7x^6 - 18x^2 + \frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$y = 9x^2 - 2x^{13} + 4x^1$$

find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 9(2x) - 2(13x^{12}) + 4(1x^0)$$

$$= 18x - 26x^{12} + 4$$

$$h(x) = 6x^{-5} + 10x^0$$

find $h'(x)$

$$h'(x) = 6(-5x^{-6}) + 10(0x^{-1})$$

$$= -30x^{-6} + 0$$

$$= -30x^{-6}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\text{constant}) = 0$$

derivative of
a number

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$$

In Exercises 7–14, use the Power Rule to compute the derivative.

7. $\left. \frac{d}{dx} x^4 \right|_{x=-2}$

Show Answer

8. $\left. \frac{d}{dt} t^{-3} \right|_{t=4}$

9. $\left. \frac{d}{dt} t^{2/3} \right|_{t=8}$

Show Answer

$$\left. \frac{d}{dx} x^4 \right|_{x=-2}$$

→ take the derivative
then evaluate at $x=-2$