

**Rule 1:** The derivative of a constant is \_\_\_\_\_.

If $f(x) = k$ , then $f'(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
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**Example:****Rule 2:** Power RuleIf  $f(x) = mx$ , then  $f'(x) = \text{slope} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ 

Find a formula for the derivative of

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

b)  $f(x) = x^3$  .

c) Find a formula for the derivative of  $f(x) = x^7$  .

If $f(x) = x^n$ , then $f'(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
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**Rule 3:** Constant Multiple RuleIf  $f$  is differentiable and  $c$  is a constant then:

$\frac{d}{dx}[c \cdot f(x)] = c \cdot f'(x)$
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If  $u$  is differentiable function of  $x$  and  $c$  is a constant then: 

$\frac{d}{dx}(c \cdot u) = c \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$
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**Why?****Example:**

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#### **Rule 4: Sum and Difference Rule**

If  $g$  and  $f$  are differentiable then:

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

If  $u$  and  $v$  are differentiable functions of  $x$  then:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u \pm v) =$$

**Why?**

**Example:**

#### **Finding Horizontal Tangents**

**Example:** Does the curve  $y = x^4 - 2x^2 + 2$  have any horizontal tangents?  
Solve analytically and confirm graphically.

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**Example:** Find the derivative of  $y = 0.2x^4 - 0.7x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x + 4$ . Graph the derivative and find its zeros. What do the zeros represent?

**Second Derivative:**

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