

Derivative Rules

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- 1) Match the overall pattern of your problem to one of the rules.
- 2) Apply the rule.
- 3) Simplify if possible.
- 4) Return to (1) if necessary until there are no more derivatives to be taken.
- 5) Plug in the found values of all derivatives.
- 6) Simplify if possible.

Eq. #	Rule	Comments
23.8	$\frac{dc}{dx} = 0$	c is a constant
23.10	$\frac{d(cu)}{dx} = c \frac{du}{dx}$	c is a constant and u is any function.
23.9	$\frac{dx^n}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$	$\frac{dx}{dx} = 1, n = 1$
23.11	$\frac{d}{dx}(u+v) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$	u and v are any functions. By extension $\frac{d}{dx}(u+v+w) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{dw}{dx}$, etc.
23.12	$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$	Extension of rule 23.12 to $\frac{d}{dx}(uvw)$ requires two applications of 23.13:
23.13	$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$	$\frac{d}{dx}(uvw) = u \frac{d}{dx}(vw) + vw \frac{d}{dx}u = uv \frac{dw}{dx} + u \frac{dv}{dx}w + \frac{du}{dx}vw$ Note: these rules have derivatives on the right hand side. You will need to find those derivatives as well then plug back into the original rule.
23.14	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$	The chain rule. y is a function of u which, in turn, is a function of x .
23.15	$\frac{du^n}{dx} = nu^{n-1} \frac{du}{dx}$	An application of 23.9 written as $\frac{du^n}{dx} = nu^{n-1}$ and 23.14. Compare the form of the LHS with that of rule 23.9: $\frac{dx^n}{dx}$ vs. $\frac{du^n}{dx}$ In rule 23.15 the dependent variable, u , is different from the independent variable, x . They are the both x in rule 23.9.
23.16		This is the same as rule 23.15 with $n = \frac{p}{q}$.

Eq. #	Trig Rule	Comments
27.4	$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(u) = \cos(u) \frac{du}{dx}$	
27.5	$\frac{d}{dx} \cos(u) = -\sin(u) \frac{du}{dx}$	Note the minus sign.
27.6	$\frac{d}{dx} \tan(u) = \sec^2(u) \frac{du}{dx}$	
27.7	$\frac{d}{dx} \cot(u) = -\csc^2(u) \frac{du}{dx}$	Note the minus sign.
27.8	$\frac{d}{dx} \sec(u) = \sec(u) \tan(u) \frac{du}{dx}$	
27.9	$\frac{d}{dx} \csc(u) = -\csc(u) \cot(u) \frac{du}{dx}$	Note the minus sign.
27.10	$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \frac{du}{dx}$	
27.11	$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1}(u) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \frac{du}{dx}$	Note the minus sign. Otherwise, it is the same as $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(u)$.
27.12	$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1}(u) = \frac{1}{1+u^2} \frac{du}{dx}$	
TI-89	$\frac{d}{dx} \cot^{-1}(u) = -\frac{1}{1+u^2} \frac{du}{dx}$	Note the minus sign. Otherwise, it is the same as $\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1}(u)$.
TI-89	$\frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1}(u) = \left \frac{1}{u} \right \frac{1}{\sqrt{u^2-1}} \frac{du}{dx}$	
TI-89	$\frac{d}{dx} \csc^{-1}(u) = -\left \frac{1}{u} \right \frac{1}{\sqrt{u^2-1}} \frac{du}{dx}$	Note the minus sign. Otherwise, it is the same as $\frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1}(u)$.

Eq. #	Log/Exp Rule	Comments
27.13	$\frac{d}{dx} \log_b(u) = \frac{1}{u} \log_b(e) \frac{du}{dx}$	Recall that on the TI-89, you can find the log to any base. $\log_b(u)$ is found from $\diamond 7$ which provides LOG(. For example, $\log_b(u)$ is LOG(u, b) on the TI-89. Otherwise, use equation 13.12. The value for e can be found from $e^{(1)}$ using e^x on the TI-89.
27.14	$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(u) = \frac{1}{u} \frac{du}{dx}$	
27.16	$\frac{d}{dx} e^u = e^u \frac{du}{dx}$	
27.15	$\frac{d}{dx} b^u = b^u \ln b \frac{du}{dx}$	See the comments for 27.13, $\frac{d}{dx} \log_b(u)$, to find $\ln b$.