

AP Calculus AB

The Power Rule

$$1) y = x^5 \\ y' = 5x^4$$

$$2) f(x) = 4x^3 \\ f'(x) = 12x^2$$

$$3) f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 1 \\ f'(x) = 6x - 4$$

$$4) y = 5x - 1 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = 5$$

$$5) f(t) = -2t^2 + 3t - 6 \\ f'(t) = -4t + 3$$

$$6) f(x) = \frac{1}{x^7} \\ f(x) = x^{-7} \\ f'(x) = -7x^{-8} = -\frac{7}{x^8}$$

$$7) f(x) = 2x^{-1} + 5x^2 \\ f'(x) = -2x^{-2} + 10x$$

$$8) f(x) = \sqrt[4]{x} = x^{1/4} \\ f'(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^{-3/4} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt[4]{x^3}}$$

$$9) y = \sqrt[3]{x^2} = x^{2/3} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x}}$$

$$10) y = \frac{1}{3}x^{-3} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = -x^{-4} \\ \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=1} = -1$$

$$11) f(x) = 8 \\ f'(x) = 0 \\ f'(1) = 0$$

$$12) y = 4x^{-2} - 8x + 1 \\ y' = -8x^{-3} - 8 \\ y'(1) = -8 - 8 = -16$$

$$13) f(x) = \frac{x^{-4}}{4} - \frac{x^{-3}}{3} + \frac{x^{-2}}{2} - x^{-1} + 3 \\ f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^{-4} - \frac{1}{3}x^{-3} + \frac{1}{2}x^{-2} - x^{-1} + 3 \\ f'(x) = -x^{-5} + x^{-4} - x^{-3} + x^{-2} \\ f'(1) = -1 + 1 - 1 + 1 = 0$$

$$14) y = 2\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \\ y = 2x^{1/2} - x^{-1/2} \\ y' = x^{-1/2} + \frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} \\ \left. y' \right|_{x=1} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$15) f(x) = x^{4/5} + x^{2/3} - 3 \\ f'(x) = \frac{4}{5}x^{-1/5} + \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} \\ f'(1) = \frac{4}{5} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{22}{15}$$

$$16) y = x^4 - 3x^2 + 2 \\ y' = 4x^3 - 6x \\ y'(2) = 20$$

$$\begin{aligned} 17) f(x) &= x^3 + x \\ f'(x) &= 3x^2 + 1 \\ f'(-1) &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 18) f(x) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt[4]{x^3}} = 2x^{-3/4} \\ f'(x) &= -\frac{6}{4}x^{-7/4} \\ f'(1) &= -\frac{6}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 19) y &= (x^2 + 2x)(x + 1) \\ y &= x^3 + x^2 + 2x^2 + 2x \\ y &= x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 6x + 2$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 20) \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + \Delta x)^2 - 5(x + \Delta x) + 6 - (x^2 - 5x + 6)}{\Delta x} \\ = \boxed{2x - 5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 21) f'(x) &= x^2 + 2x + 8 \\ \text{Answers will vary} \end{aligned}$$