Today's topics and news

- Topic: More on definition of derivatives, differentiation laws
- Homework: Watch videos 3.6, 3.7, 3.9, and 3.10 for Tuesday and 3.11, 3.12 for Wednesay.

Derivatives from the definition

Let

$$g(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$$

Calculate g'(4) directly from the definition of derivative as a limit.

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Estimations

Without using a calculator, estimate $\sqrt[20]{1.01}$ as well as you can.

Hint: Consider the values you know for $f(x) = \sqrt[20]{x}$ and its derivative.

Product of 3 functions

Given f_1 , f_2 and f_3 differentiable on \mathbb{R} , what can you say $(f_1(x)f_2(x)f_3(x))'=?$

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Higher order derivatives

Let
$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$$
.

Calculate the first few derivatives.

Make a conjecture for a formula for the *n*-th derivative $g^{(n)}(x)$.

Prove it.

Computations

Compute the derivative of the following functions:

$$f(x) = x^{100} + 3x^{30} - 2x^{15}$$

•
$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} + 6$$

•
$$f(x) = \frac{4}{x^4}$$

•
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}(1+2x)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^6 + 1}{x^3}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2}{x^2 + 2}$$