

# Homework Take-up

## L8 (2.3) The Product Rule

$$\text{If } p(x) = f(x)g(x), \text{ then } p'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + g'(x)f(x)$$

Proof of Product Rule:

<http://math.ucsd.edu/~wgammer/math20a/prodrule.htm>

(also on p.85)

Given that  $p(x) = f(x)g(x)$  we can use the limit definition of the derivative to write

$$\begin{aligned} p'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x+h) + f(x)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x+h)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right\} g(x+h) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right\} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$p'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + g'(x)f(x)$$

Ex1: Find the derivative of each function.  $\dagger$  simplify

a)  $y = (2x + 4)(3x - 5)$

$$y' = \overbrace{f'(x)}^{f(x)} \overbrace{g(x)}^{g'(x)} + \overbrace{f(x)}^{f'(x)} \overbrace{g'(x)}^{g(x)}$$

$$y' = 2(3x - 5) + 3(2x + 4)$$

$$= 6x - 10 + 6x + 12$$

$$= 12x + 2$$

b)  $f(x) = (3x^2 + 4x - 6)(2x^2 - 3x - 9)$

$$f'(x) = (6x + 4)(2x^2 - 3x - 9) + (4x - 3)(3x^2 + 4x - 6)$$

$$= 12x^3 - 18x^2 - 54x$$

$$12x^3 + 8x^2 - 12x - 36$$

$$+ 16x^2 - 24x$$

$$- 9x^2 - 12x + 18$$

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$$= 24x^3 - 3x^2 - 102x - 18$$

Ex2: Find the point(s) on the curve  $f(x) = 2(x - 1)(5 - x)$  where the tangent is horizontal. What is the equation of the tangent line?

$$f'(x) = 2(1)(5-x) + 2(x-1)(-1)$$
$$= 10 - 2x - 2x + 2$$
$$f'(x) = -4x + 12$$

$$\text{Set } f'(x) = 0$$

$$0 = -4x + 12$$

$$-12 = -4x$$

$$x = 3$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = b$$

$$8 = b$$

$\therefore$  The equation of the tangent line is  $y = 8$ .

To find point:

Sub  $x = 3$  into  $f(x)$

$$f(3) = 2(3-1)(5-3)$$

$$= 8$$

The point is  $(3, 8)$ .

Assigned Work:

p. 90-91 #1abcde, 5abc, 6, 7, 9