

Turn and Talk

Question 1 – Power Rule

Find the derivative of

$$f(x) = 7x^5 - 3x^2 + 4x^{-1}$$

Question 2 – Chain Rule

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if

$$y = (3x^2 + 1)^5$$

Question 3 – Product Rule

Differentiate

$$y = (2x^3)(x^2 + 4)$$

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Question 1 – Power Rule (Answer)

$$f'(x) = 35x^4 - 6x - 4x^{-2}$$

Question 2 – Chain Rule (Answer)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 30x(3x^2 + 1)^4$$

Question 3 – Product Rule (Answer)

$$y' = 10x^4 + 24x^2$$

UNIT 2 KNOWLEDGE - CALCULUS 12 – DIFFERENTIATION: DEFINITION AND FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES



2.1

• Defining Average and Instantaneous Rates of Change at a Point ✓

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• Defining the Derivative of a Function and Using Derivative Notation ✓

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• Estimating Derivatives of a Function at a Point ✓

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Connecting Differentiability and Continuity: Determining When Derivatives Do and Do Not Exist ✓

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• Applying the Power Rule ✓

2.6

• Derivative Rules: Constant, Sum, Difference, and Constant Multiple ✓

2.7

• Derivatives of $\cos x$, $\sin x$, e^x , and $\ln x$ ✓

2.8

• The Product Rule ✓

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• The Quotient Rule

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• Finding the Derivatives of Tangent, Cotangent, Secant, and/or Cosecant Functions

What Will We Learn?

- What's the Quotient Rule?
- What's the method by which the derivative of a quotient of two functions can be calculated?

The Quotient Rule

The quotient, $\frac{f}{g}$ of two differentiable functions f and g is itself differentiable

at all values for x for which $g(x) \neq 0$. Moreover, the derivative of $\frac{f}{g}$ is given

by the denominator times the derivative of the numerator minus the numerator times the derivative of the denominator, all divided by the square of the denominator.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

Example: The Quotient Rule

Find the derivative of $y = \frac{5x+2}{x^2-1}$

$$\text{Quotient rule: } \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{5(x^2-1) - (5x+2) \cdot 2x}{(x^2-1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{5x^2 - 5 - 10x^2 - 4x}{(x^2-1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-5x^2 - 4x - 5}{(x^2-1)^2}$$

Another Example

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^3 + 6}. \text{ Then}$$

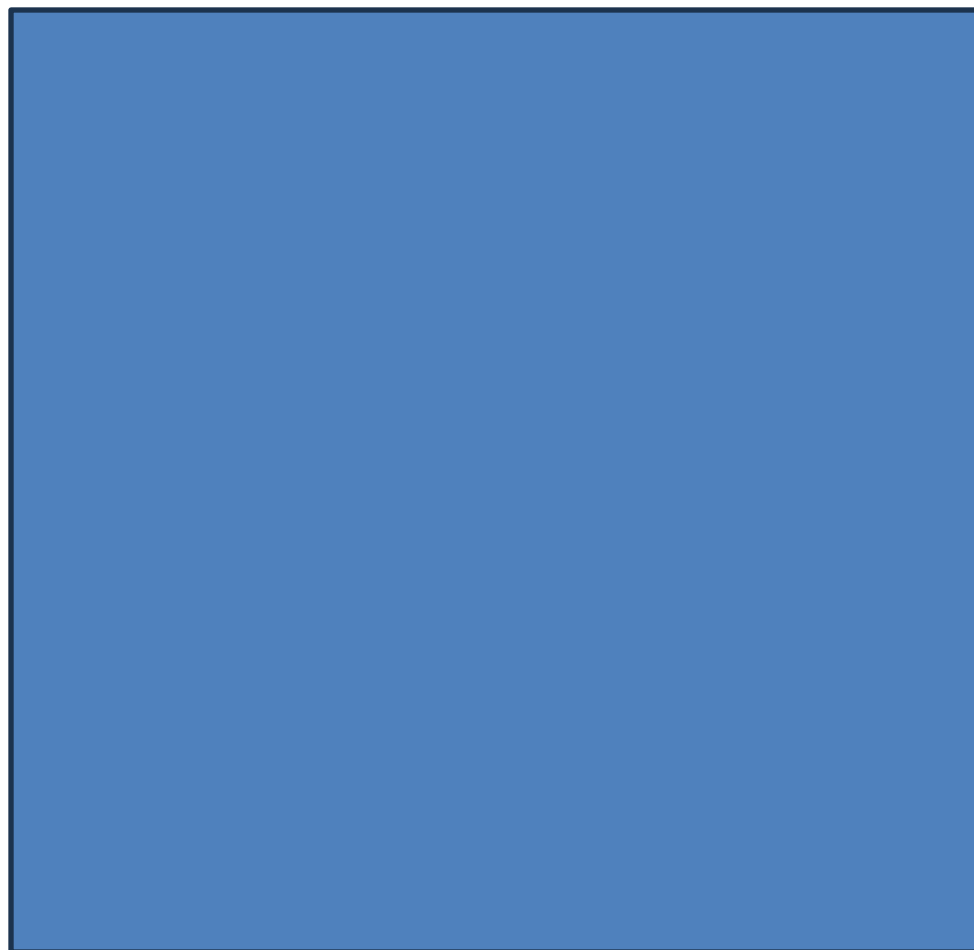


Example: The Quotient Rule

Find the equation of the tangent line to $y = \frac{e^x}{1+x^2}$ at $\left(1, \frac{e}{2}\right)$.

$$\text{Quotient rule: } \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

1. Find the slope.
2. Plug in the x - value of the pair.



$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

slope

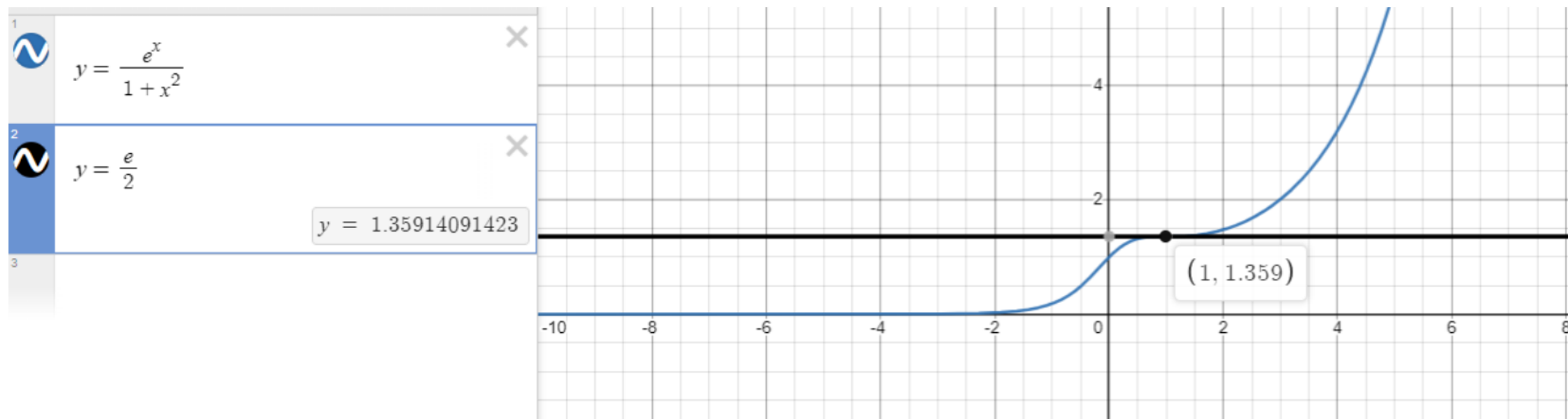
coordinates of a point on the line

The diagram shows the point-slope form of a line equation. A blue arrow points from the word "slope" to the variable m . A green arrow points from the text "coordinates of a point on the line" to the pair (x_1, y_1) .

Example: The Quotient Rule

Find the equation of the tangent line to $y = \frac{e^x}{1+x^2}$ at $\left(1, \frac{e}{2}\right)$.

$$y - \frac{e}{2} = 0(x - 1)$$
$$y = \frac{e}{2}$$



At the point of the ordered pair, there's a 0 tangent line (horizontal tangent)

Key Takeaways

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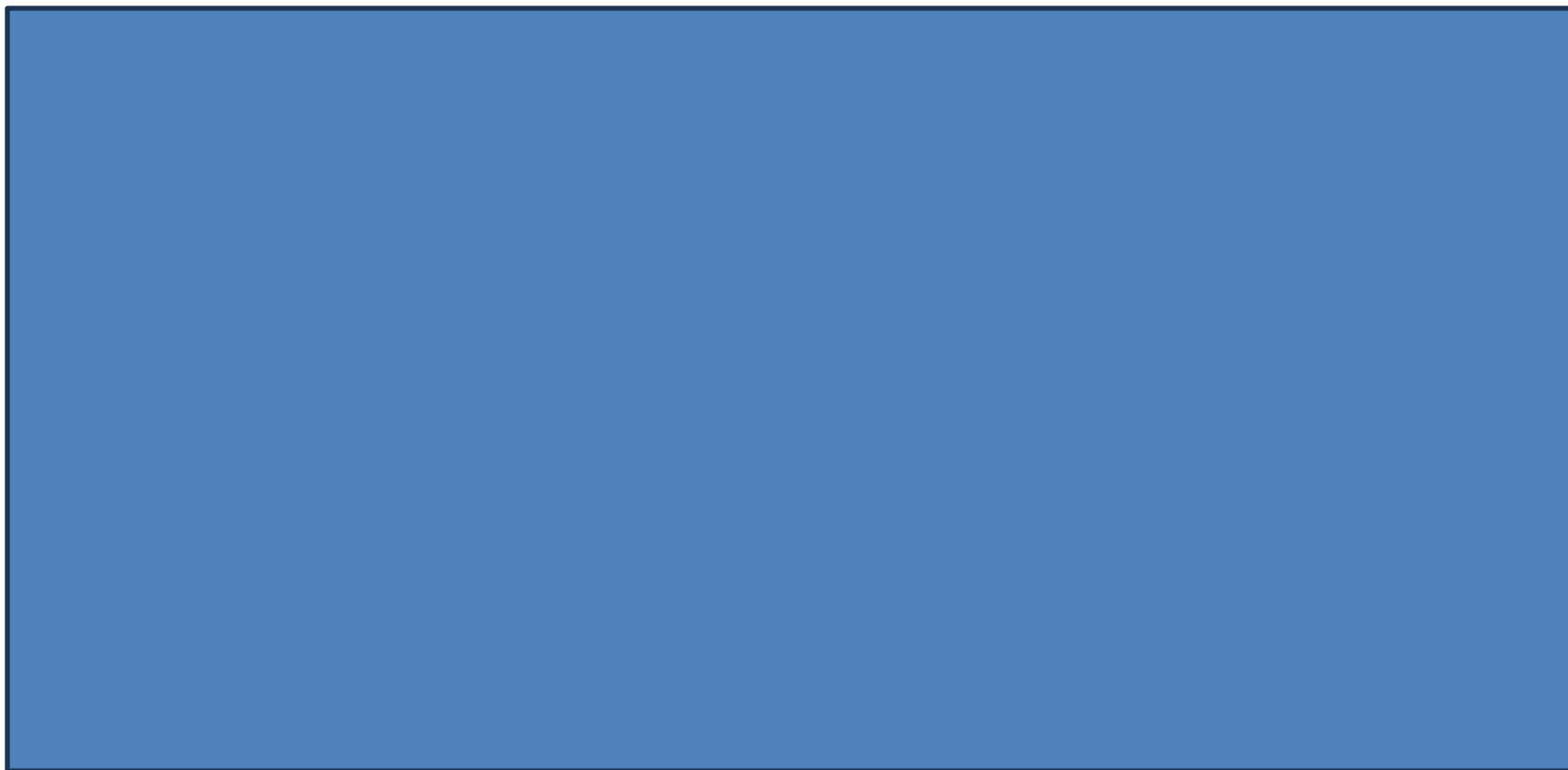
- How can we compute derivatives using the quotient rule given graphical and numerical representations of functions?

Example: Using the Quotient Rule with a Table of Values

The values of two differentiable functions, $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ along with their derivatives are given in the table below for several values of x .

Given $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, find $h'(2)$.

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	5	-1	1	2
2	4	-1	3	$\frac{3}{2}$
3	3	-1	4	1
4	2	-1	5	1
5	1	0	6	$-\frac{1}{2}$
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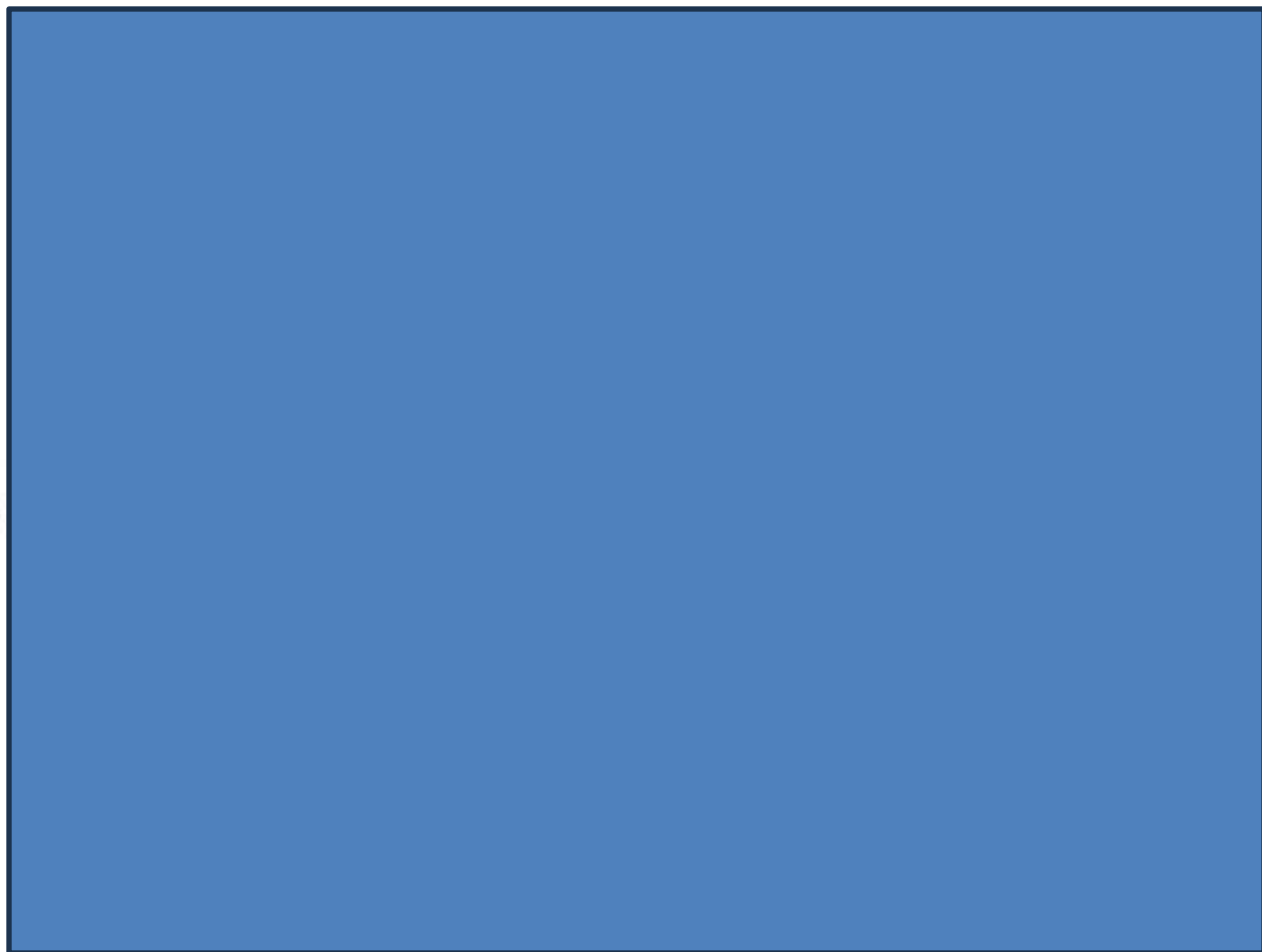
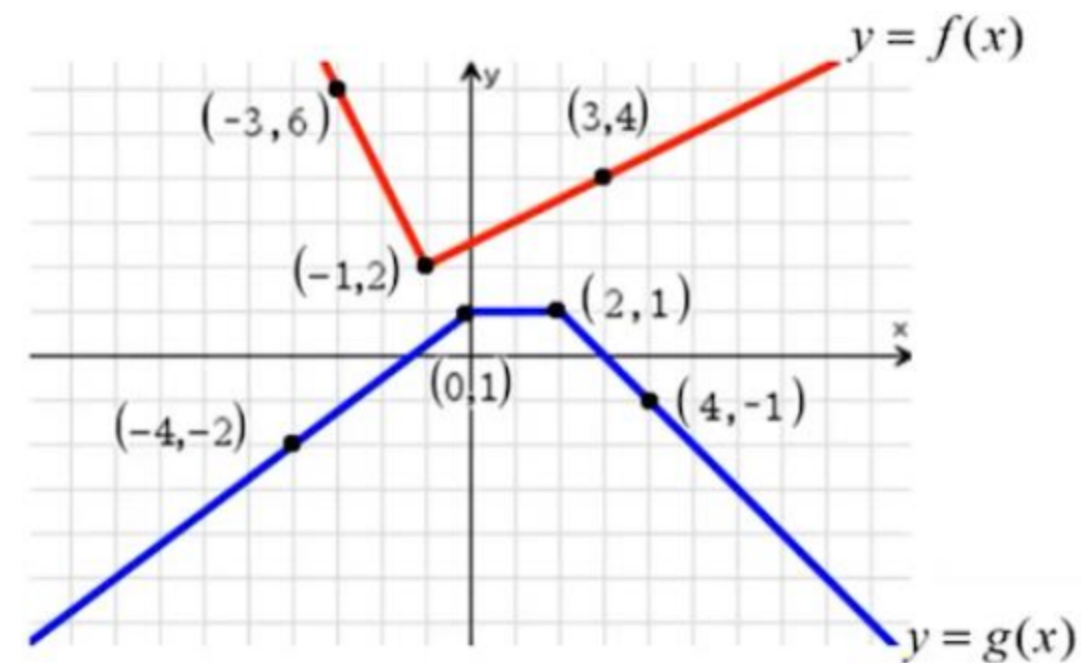
Given $j(x) = \frac{g(x)}{\sqrt{x}}$, find $j'(4)$.

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Example: Using the Quotient Rule with Graph

Given the graphs of the differentiable functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ below and let $A(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$. Determine the derivative value for $A'(1)$.

From graph, use slope (m) to find $f'(1)$ and $g'(1)$



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PROOF

Step 1: Rewrite the function

Let

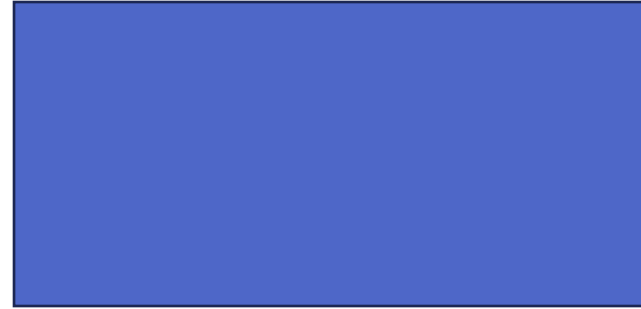


Step 2: Differentiate using product + chain rules



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Step 3: Substitute



Step 4: Combine into a single fraction



TRUE or FALSE

- The quotient rule can be derived using the product rule and chain rule

TRUE or FALSE

- The product rule only works when both functions are polynomials