

12.5) Differentiating functions with two or more terms

Worked example

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^5 - 3x^{-2} - 2$$

Your turn

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = 5x^4 - 2x^7 + 12345 - x^5$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 20x^3 - 14x^6 - 5x^4$$

Worked example

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = 2\sqrt{x} + 3x^{\frac{4}{3}} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{x^2}$$

$$f(x) = 4\sqrt[3]{x} + 2x^{\frac{1}{4}} - \frac{5}{x^3} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} + 6x^{-2}$$

Your turn

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = 3\sqrt{x} + 4x^{\frac{5}{3}} - \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{20}{3}x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 5x^{-2} - \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$$

Worked example

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = x^4(x - 5)$$

$$f(x) = x^3(x + 2)$$

Your turn

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$f(x) = x^2(x - 3)$$

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

Worked example

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = \frac{(x + 3)^2}{x}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{(3x - 2)^2}{5x}$$

Your turn

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$f(x) = \frac{(2x + 3)^2}{5x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{4}{5} - \frac{9}{5}x^{-2}$$

$$= \frac{4}{5} - \frac{9}{5x^2}$$

Worked example

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = \frac{x^3 + 2}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 5}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$$

Your turn

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

Worked example

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = \frac{(x + 4)^3}{5x^2}$$

Your turn

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = \frac{(x + 2)^3}{3x^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3} - 4x^{-2} - \frac{16}{3}x^{-3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{x^2} - \frac{16}{3x^3}$$

Worked example

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = \frac{3 - 4x}{2x^2\sqrt{x}}$$

Your turn

Differentiate with respect to x :

$$y = \frac{1 + 2x}{3x\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$