

1. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = -x^2 + 2x^3$
2. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = -2 + x$
3. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = 1 - 2x$
4. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = -1 + 2x^4$
5. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = -x + 3x^4$
6. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = -x + 3x^2$
7. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = 3x - x^4$
8. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = -2x + 2x^4$
9. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^4$
10. Use the first principles formula $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ to find the derivative function for the following function: $f(x) = 2x + 3x^2$

- Answers:
1. $-2x + 6x^2$
 2. 1
 3. -2
 4. $8x^3$
 5. $-1 + 12x^3$
 6. $-1 + 6x$
 7. $3 - 4x^3$
 8. $-2 + 8x^3$
 9. $3x^2 + 8x^3$
 10. $2 + 6x$

Solutions:

First, we need to know the following algebraic identities:

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$a^4 - b^4 = (a - b)(a + b)(a^2 + b^2)$$

Second, we need to understand the computation of the following fundamental limits:

$$L_0 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 1}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0$$

$$L_1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + h) - x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1$$

$$L_2 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + h)^2 - x^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(x + h) - x][(x + h) + x]}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x + h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x + h = 2x$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_3 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + h)^3 - x^3}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(x + h) - x][(x + h)^2 + (x + h)x + x^2]}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h[(x + h)^2 + (x + h)x + x^2]}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (x + h)^2 + (x + h)x + x^2 = 3x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_4 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + h)^4 - x^4}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(x + h) - x][(x + h) + x][(x + h)^2 + x^2]}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h[(x + h) + x][(x + h)^2 + x^2]}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [(x + h) + x][(x + h)^2 + x^2] = (2x)(2x^2) = 4x^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[-(x + h)^2 + 2(x + h)^3] - [-x^2 + 2x^3]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:} \\ &= -\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + h)^2 - x^2}{h} + 2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + h)^3 - x^3}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\ &= -L_2 + 2L_3 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\ &= -(2x) + 2(3x^2) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\ &= -2x + 6x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[-2 + (x + h)] - [-2 + x]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:} \\ &= -2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 1}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + h) - x}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\ &= -2L_0 + L_1 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\ &= -2(0) + (1) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
3. f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[1 - 2(x+h)] - [1 - 2x]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-1}{h} - 2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\
&= L_0 - 2L_1 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\
&= (0) - 2(1) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= -2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
4. f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[-1 + 2(x+h)^4] - [-1 + 2x^4]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:} \\
&= - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-1}{h} + 2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^4 - x^4}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\
&= -L_0 + 2L_4 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\
&= -(0) + 2(4x^3) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= 8x^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
5. f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[-(x+h) + 3(x+h)^4] - [-x + 3x^4]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:} \\
&= - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h} + 3 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^4 - x^4}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\
&= -L_1 + 3L_4 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\
&= -(1) + 3(4x^3) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= -1 + 12x^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
6. f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[-(x+h) + 3(x+h)^2] - [-x + 3x^2]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:} \\
&= - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h} + 3 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\
&= -L_1 + 3L_2 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\
&= -(1) + 3(2x) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= -1 + 6x
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
7. f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[3(x+h) - (x+h)^4] - [3x - x^4]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 3 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h} - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^4 - x^4}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\
&= 3L_1 - L_4 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\
&= 3(1) - (4x^3) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= 3 - 4x^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
8. f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[-2(x+h) + 2(x+h)^4] - [-2x + 2x^4]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:} \\
&= -2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h} + 2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^4 - x^4}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\
&= -2L_1 + 2L_4 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\
&= -2(1) + 2(4x^3) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= -2 + 8x^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
9. f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(x+h)^3 + 2(x+h)^4] - [x^3 + 2x^4]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} + 2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^4 - x^4}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\
&= L_3 + 2L_4 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\
&= (3x^2) + 2(4x^3) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= 3x^2 + 8x^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
10. f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution:} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[2(x+h) + 3(x+h)^2] - [2x + 3x^2]}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Group the like terms and factor:} \\
&= 2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h} + 3 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h} && \blacktriangleright \text{Identify the fundamental limits:} \\
&= 2L_1 + 3L_2 && \blacktriangleright \text{Substitute the values of the fundamental limits:} \\
&= 2(1) + 3(2x) && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= 2 + 6x
\end{aligned}$$