

- First Principles

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f(x) = x^3 \quad \text{then} \quad f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{expand} \\ \text{+ simplify} \end{array} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 3x^2 + 3xh + h^2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{as } h \rightarrow 0 \\ 3xh = 0 \\ h^2 = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

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

- NOTATION

$$f(x) \xrightarrow{\text{differentiate}} f'(x) \xrightarrow{\text{differentiate}} f''(x)$$

$$y \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$4x^3 \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \text{multiply by} \\ \text{power} \\ \text{then} \\ \text{subtract 1} \\ \text{from power} \end{array}} 12x^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \text{multiply by} \\ \text{power} \\ \text{then} \\ \text{subtract 1} \\ \text{from power} \end{array}} 24x$$

- Differentiate

$$y = \sqrt{x} = x^{1/2} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3x^3} = \frac{1}{3}x^{-3} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{3}x^{-4}$$

$$y = \frac{2x^3 + 3x}{x} = 2x^2 + 3 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 4x$$

both terms get
divided by x

- Find the Gradient of a tangent

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ then sub in x

- Find max and min points

$$\text{max point} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$$

$$\text{min point} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$$