

# Product rule

The *product rule* is a rule for [differentiating](#) a product of two functions.

If  $y = uv$  is a product of two functions, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx}v + u\frac{dv}{dx}.$$

This can be generalised to a product of more than two functions. If  $y = uvw \dots$ , then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx}vw \dots + u\frac{dv}{dx}w \dots + uv\frac{dw}{dx} \dots + \dots .$$

The Leibniz rule is a generalisation of the product rule to second and higher derivatives:

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(uv) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} u^{(k)}v^{(n-k)},$$

where  $u^{(k)}$  means the  $k$ th derivative of  $u$ .