

More Derivative Function Practice

1. Calculate the derivative of $7x^2$ several ways.
 - (a) Use the power rule short cut to calculate $f'(x)$.
 - (b) Use different quotients and evaluate the limit to determine $f'(x)$.
 - (c) Use your results for $f'(x)$ to calculate $f'(2)$.
 - (d) Calculate the slope of a line that goes through $f(x)$ and $x = 2$ and $x = 2.5$.
 - (e) Do you expect slope of this line to be larger or smaller than $f'(2)$? Use a graph of $f(x)$ to explain your answer.
2. Let $g(v)$ be the fuel efficiency in mpg of a car traveling at v miles per hour. What is the practical meaning of the statement:

$$g'(55) = -0.54 ?$$

3. Let $C(n)$ be the cost of providing a COA education to n students. What is the practical meaning of the following quantities?
 - (a) $C(300)$
 - (b) $C'(300)$