

## Calculus: Finding the Power Rule Form

Step 1: Cut out all the pieces below, then match up the ones that represent the same expression. There are four “whammies” that do not match up with anything.

Step 2: Find the tile in each pair in which every term is of the form  $ax^n$ . This is the form where you can directly apply the power rule for derivatives.

$2x^{-3} + x^{-2}$	$(2x + \sqrt{x})^2$	$2\sqrt[5]{x}$	$4(2x)^{-1}$
$2x^{-1/2} + x^{3/2}$	$x^2(2\sqrt{x} + x)$	$2x + x^{-2}$	$\frac{8x^3 + 4x^{-1}}{4x^2}$
$\frac{1}{2x^3 + x^2}$	$(2x)^{-5}$	$2x^{-1}$	$\frac{2}{x^5}$
$2x^{1/5}$	$4x^2 + 4x^{3/2} + x$	$\frac{2}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^2}$	$\frac{2}{x} + \sqrt{x^3}$
$2x^{5/2} + x^3$	$2x^{1/2}(x^{-1} + x^{1/2})$	$\sqrt{x}\left(\frac{2}{x} + x\right)$	$2x + x^{-3}$
$2x^{-1} + x^{3/2}$	$\frac{1}{32}x^{-5}$	$1 + x^{3/2}$	$2x^{-5}$
$\frac{x + 2x^3}{x^2}$	$2x^{-1/2} + 2x$	$2x + x^{-1}$	$4x^2 + x$

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