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Learning Goal 3.3

Using more derivative rules.

More Questions – Solutions

1. Find the third derivative of the following functions.

a. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^5}$

$$f(x) = x^{-5}$$

$$f'(x) = -5x^{-6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= -5(-6x^{-7}) \\ &= 30x^{-7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'''(x) &= 30(-7x^{-8}) \\ &= -\frac{210}{x^8} \end{aligned}$$

b. $g(x) = -4x^5 + 3x^2 - 5/x^2$

$$g(x) = -4x^5 + 3x^2 - 5x^{-2}$$

$$g'(x) = -20x^4 + 6x + 10x^{-3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g''(x) &= -80x^3 + 6 - 30x^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g'''(x) &= -240x^2 + 120x^{-5} \\ &= -120\left(2x^2 + \frac{1}{x^5}\right) \\ &= -120\left(\frac{2x^7 + 1}{x^5}\right) \end{aligned}$$

c. $h(x) = (4 - x)^3$

$$h'(x) = -3(4 - x)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} h''(x) &= 6(4 - x) \\ &= 24 - 6x \end{aligned}$$

$$h'''(x) = -6$$

d. $f(x) = \sin(x^2 + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \cos(x^2 + 1) \times 2x \\ &= 2x \cos(x^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= 2 \cos(x^2 + 1) + 2x(-\sin(x^2 + 1) \times 2x) \\ &= 2 \cos(x^2 + 1) - 4x^2 \sin(x^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'''(x) &= -2 \sin(x^2 + 1) + (8x \sin(x^2 + 1) + 4x^2 \times \cos(x^2 + 1) \times 2x) \\ &= -2 \sin(x^2 + 1) + 8x \sin(x^2 + 1) + 8x^3 \cos(x^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

e. $y = \frac{1}{(1 - 4x^3)^2}$

$$y = (1 - 4x^3)^{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -2(1 - 4x^3)^{-3} \times -12x^2 \\ &= 24x^2(1 - 4x^3)^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 48x(1 - 4x^3)^{-3} + 24x^2 \times -3(1 - 4x^3)^{-4} \times -12x^2 \\ &= 48x(1 - 4x^3)^{-3} + 864x^4(1 - 4x^3)^{-4} \\ &= 48x(1 - 4x^3)^{-4}(1 - 4x^3 + 18x^3) \\ &= 48x(1 - 4x^3)^{-4}(1 + 14x^3)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= 48(1 - 4x^3)^{-4}(1 + 14x^3) + 48x(1 + 14x^3) \times (-4(1 - 4x^3)^{-5} \times -12x^2) \\ &\quad + 48x(1 - 4x^3)^{-4} \times 42x^2 \\ &= 48(1 - 4x^3)^{-4}(1 + 14x^3) + 2304x^3(1 + 14x^3)(1 - 4x^3)^{-5} + 2016x^3(1 - 4x^3)^{-4} \\ &= 48(1 - 4x^3)^{-5}((1 - 4x^3)(1 + 14x^3) + 48x^3(1 - 14x^3) + 42x^3(1 - 4x^3)) \\ &= 48(1 - 4x^3)^{-5}((1 + 10x^3 - 56x^6) + (48x^3 - 672x^6) + (42x^3 - 168x^6)) \\ &= 48(1 - 4x^3)^{-5}((1 + 100x^3 - 896x^6))\end{aligned}$$

f. $g(x) = x \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + (x \times -\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \times -x^{-2}) \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{x} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g''(x) &= \left(-\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \times -x^{-2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{x} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \times -x^{-2} + \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \times -x^{-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{x^3} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{x^2} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g'''(x) &= \left(-2x^{-3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{x^2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \times -x^{-2}\right) - \left(-3x^{-4} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{x^3} \times -\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \times -x^{-2}\right) \\ &\quad - \left(-2x^{-3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{x^2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \times -x^{-2}\right) \\ &= \left(-\frac{2}{x^3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{x^4} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) - \left(-\frac{3}{x^4} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{x^5} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) - \left(-\frac{2}{x^3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{x^4} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) \\ &= -\frac{2}{x^3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{x^4} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{3}{x^4} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{x^5} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{2}{x^3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{x^4} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \left(-\frac{2}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x^5} + \frac{2}{x^3}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{3}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^4}\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{x^4} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{x^5} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \end{aligned}$$

g. $y^2 = 1 + x^2$

$$\begin{aligned} 2y \frac{dy}{dx} &= 2x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2x}{2y} \\ &= \frac{x}{y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{(2y \times 2) - (2x \times 2 \frac{dy}{dx})}{4y^2} \\ &= \frac{4y - 4x \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)}{4y^2} \\ &= \frac{4y - \frac{4x^2}{y}}{4y^2} \\ &= \frac{4y^2 - 4x^2}{4y^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{4y^3 \left(8y \frac{dy}{dx} - 8x\right) - (4y^2 - 4x^2) \left(12y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}\right)}{16y^6} \\ &= \frac{\left(32y^4 \frac{dy}{dx} - 32xy^3\right) - (4y^2 - 4x^2) \left(12y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}\right)}{16y^6} \\ &= \frac{(32y^4 - 48y^4 + 48x^2y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} - 32xy^3}{16y^6} \\ &= \frac{(32y^4 - 48y^4 + 48x^2y^2) \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - 32xy^3}{16y^6} \\ &= \frac{16xy(2y^2 - 3y^2 + 3x^2 - 3y^2)}{16y^6} \\ &= \frac{x(2y^2 - 3y^2 + 3x^2 - 3y^2)}{y^5} \end{aligned}$$

h. $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 9$

$$x^{1/2} + y^{1/2} = 9$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} + \frac{1}{2}y^{-3/2}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}y^{-3/2}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}}{\frac{1}{2}y^{-3/2}} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= -x^{-3/2}y^{3/2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{3}{2}x^{-5/2}y^{3/2} - x^{-3/2} \times \frac{3}{2}y^{1/2}\frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{3}{2}x^{-5/2}y^{3/2} - \frac{3}{2}x^{-3/2}y^{1/2}(-x^{-3/2}y^{3/2}) \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{3}{2}x^{-5/2}y^{3/2} + \frac{3}{2}x^{-3}y^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{3}{2}\left(-\frac{5}{2}x^{-7/2}y^{3/2} + \frac{3}{2}y^{1/2}\frac{dy}{dx}x^{-5/2}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\left(-3x^{-4}y^2 + 2yx^{-3}\frac{dy}{dx}\right) \\ &= -\frac{15}{4}x^{-7/2}y^{3/2} + \frac{9}{4}y^{1/2}\frac{dy}{dx}x^{-5/2} - \frac{9}{2}x^{-4}y^2 + 3yx^{-3}\frac{dy}{dx} \\ &= -\frac{15}{4}x^{-7/2}y^{3/2} - \frac{9}{2}x^{-4}y^2 + \left(\frac{9}{4}y^{1/2}x^{-5/2} + 3yx^{-3}\right)\frac{dy}{dx} \\ &= -\frac{15}{4}x^{-7/2}y^{3/2} - \frac{9}{2}x^{-4}y^2 + \left(\frac{9}{4}y^{1/2}x^{-5/2} + 3yx^{-3}\right)(-x^{-3/2}y^{3/2}) \\ &= -\frac{15}{4}x^{-7/2}y^{3/2} - \frac{9}{2}x^{-4}y^2 - \left(\frac{9}{4}y^2x^{-4} + 3y^{5/2}x^{-9/2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{15y^{3/2}}{4x^{7/2}} - \frac{9y^2}{2x^4} - \frac{9y^2}{4x^4} - \frac{3y^{5/2}}{x^{9/2}} \\ &= -\frac{3y^{3/2}}{x^{9/2}}\left(\frac{5x}{4} + \frac{3(xy)^{1/2}}{2} + \frac{3(xy)^{1/2}}{4} + y\right) \\ &= -\frac{3y^{3/2}}{x^{9/2}}\left(\frac{5x + 6(xy)^{1/2} + 3(xy)^{1/2} + 4y}{4}\right) \\ &= -\frac{3\sqrt{xy^3}}{4x^5}(5x + 9\sqrt{xy} + 4y)\end{aligned}$$