EXERCISES 3.2

Derivative Calculations

In Exercises 1–12, find the first and second derivatives.

1. $y = -x^2 + 3$

2. $y = x^2 + x + 8$

3. $s = 5t^3 - 3t^5$

4. $w = 3z^7 - 7z^3 + 21z^2$

5. $y = \dfrac{4x^3}{3} - x$

6. $y = \dfrac{x^3}{3} + \dfrac{x^2}{2} + \dfrac{x}{4}$

7. $w = 3z^{-2} - \dfrac{1}{z}$

8. $s = -2t^{-1} + \dfrac{4}{t^2}$

9. $y = 6x^2 - 10x - 5x^{-2}$

10. $y = 4 - 2x - x^{-3}$

11. $r = \dfrac{1}{3s^2} - \dfrac{5}{2s}$

12. $r = \dfrac{12}{\theta} - \dfrac{4}{\theta^3} + \dfrac{1}{\theta^4}$

In Exercises 13–16, find y' **(a)** by applying the Product Rule and **(b)** by multiplying the factors to produce a sum of simpler terms to differentiate.

13. $y = (3 - x^2)(x^3 - x + 1)$ **14.** $y = (x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$

15. $y = (x^2 + 1)\left(x + 5 + \dfrac{1}{x}\right)$ **16.** $y = \left(x + \dfrac{1}{x}\right)\left(x - \dfrac{1}{x} + 1\right)$

Find the derivatives of the functions in Exercises 17–28.

17. $y = \dfrac{2x + 5}{3x - 2}$

18. $z = \dfrac{2x + 1}{x^2 - 1}$

19. $g(x) = \dfrac{x^2 - 4}{x + 0.5}$

20. $f(t) = \dfrac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 + t - 2}$

21. $v = (1 - t)(1 + t^2)^{-1}$

22. $w = (2x - 7)^{-1}(x + 5)$

23. $f(s) = \dfrac{\sqrt{s} - 1}{\sqrt{s} + 1}$

24. $u = \dfrac{5x + 1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

25. $v = \dfrac{1 + x - 4\sqrt{x}}{x}$

26. $r = 2\left(\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{\theta}} + \sqrt{\theta}\right)$

27. $y = \dfrac{1}{(x^2 - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)}$ **28.** $y = \dfrac{(x + 1)(x + 2)}{(x - 1)(x - 2)}$

Find the derivatives of all orders of the functions in Exercises 29 and 30.

29. $y = \dfrac{x^4}{2} - \dfrac{3}{2}x^2 - x$

30. $y = \dfrac{x^5}{120}$

Find the first and second derivatives of the functions in Exercises 31–38.

31. $y = \dfrac{x^3 + 7}{x}$

32. $s = \dfrac{t^2 + 5t - 1}{t^2}$

33. $r = \dfrac{(\theta - 1)(\theta^2 + \theta + 1)}{\theta^3}$ **34.** $u = \dfrac{(x^2 + x)(x^2 - x + 1)}{x^4}$

35. $w = \left(\dfrac{1 + 3z}{3z}\right)(3 - z)$ **36.** $w = (z + 1)(z - 1)(z^2 + 1)$

37. $p = \left(\dfrac{q^2 + 3}{12q}\right)\left(\dfrac{q^4 - 1}{q^3}\right)$ **38.** $p = \dfrac{q^2 + 3}{(q - 1)^3 + (q + 1)^3}$

Using Numerical Values

39. Suppose u and v are functions of x that are differentiable at $x = 0$ and that

$$u(0) = 5, \quad u'(0) = -3, \quad v(0) = -1, \quad v'(0) = 2.$$

Find the values of the following derivatives at $x = 0$.

a. $\dfrac{d}{dx}(uv)$ **b.** $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\dfrac{u}{v}\right)$ **c.** $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\dfrac{v}{u}\right)$ **d.** $\dfrac{d}{dx}(7v - 2u)$

40. Suppose u and v are differentiable functions of x and that

$$u(1) = 2, \quad u'(1) = 0, \quad v(1) = 5, \quad v'(1) = -1.$$

Find the values of the following derivatives at $x = 1$.

a. $\dfrac{d}{dx}(uv)$ **b.** $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\dfrac{u}{v}\right)$ **c.** $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\dfrac{v}{u}\right)$ **d.** $\dfrac{d}{dx}(7v - 2u)$

Slopes and Tangents

41. a. Normal to a curve Find an equation for the line perpendicular to the tangent to the curve $y = x^3 - 4x + 1$ at the point $(2, 1)$.

  b. Smallest slope What is the smallest slope on the curve? At what point on the curve does the curve have this slope?

  c. Tangents having specified slope Find equations for the tangents to the curve at the points where the slope of the curve is 8.

42. a. Horizontal tangents Find equations for the horizontal tangents to the curve $y = x^3 - 3x - 2$. Also find equations for the lines that are perpendicular to these tangents at the points of tangency.

  b. Smallest slope What is the smallest slope on the curve? At what point on the curve does the curve have this slope? Find an equation for the line that is perpendicular to the curve's tangent at this point.

43. Find the tangents to *Newton's serpentine* (graphed here) at the origin and the point $(1, 2)$.
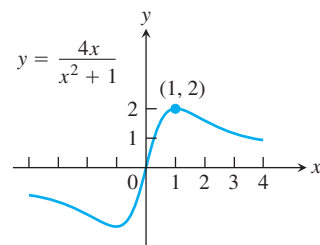
44. Find the tangent to the *Witch of Agnesi* (graphed here) at the point (2, 1).

$$y = \frac{8}{x^2 + 4}$$

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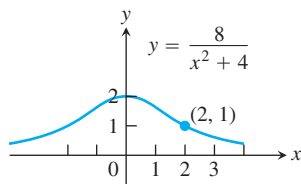
45. Quadratic tangent to identity function The curve $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ passes through the point (1, 2) and is tangent to the line $y = x$ at the origin. Find a, b, and c.

46. Quadratics having a common tangent The curves $y = x^2 + ax + b$ and $y = cx - x^2$ have a common tangent line at the point (1, 0). Find a, b, and c.

47. a. Find an equation for the line that is tangent to the curve $y = x^3 - x$ at the point $(-1, 0)$.

T b. Graph the curve and tangent line together. The tangent intersects the curve at another point. Use Zoom and Trace to estimate the point's coordinates.

T c. Confirm your estimates of the coordinates of the second intersection point by solving the equations for the curve and tangent simultaneously (Solver key).

48. a. Find an equation for the line that is tangent to the curve $y = x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x$ at the origin.

T b. Graph the curve and tangent together. The tangent intersects the curve at another point. Use Zoom and Trace to estimate the point's coordinates.

T c. Confirm your estimates of the coordinates of the second intersection point by solving the equations for the curve and tangent simultaneously (Solver key).

Theory and Examples

49. The general polynomial of degree n has the form

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

where $a_n \neq 0$. Find $P'(x)$.

50. The body's reaction to medicine The reaction of the body to a dose of medicine can sometimes be represented by an equation of the form

$$R = M^2 \left(\frac{C}{2} - \frac{M}{3} \right),$$

where C is a positive constant and M is the amount of medicine absorbed in the blood. If the reaction is a change in blood pressure, R is measured in millimeters of mercury. If the reaction is a change in temperature, R is measured in degrees, and so on.

Find dR/dM. This derivative, as a function of M, is called the sensitivity of the body to the medicine. In Section 4.5, we will see

how to find the amount of medicine to which the body is most sensitive.

51. Suppose that the function v in the Product Rule has a constant value c. What does the Product Rule then say? What does this say about the Constant Multiple Rule?

52. The Reciprocal Rule

a. The *Reciprocal Rule* says that at any point where the function $v(x)$ is differentiable and different from zero,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{v} \right) = -\frac{1}{v^2} \frac{dv}{dx}.$$

Show that the Reciprocal Rule is a special case of the Quotient Rule.

b. Show that the Reciprocal Rule and the Product Rule together imply the Quotient Rule.

53. Generalizing the Product Rule The Product Rule gives the formula

$$\frac{d}{dx} (uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

for the derivative of the product uv of two differentiable functions of x.

a. What is the analogous formula for the derivative of the product uvw of *three* differentiable functions of x?

b. What is the formula for the derivative of the product $u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4$ of *four* differentiable functions of x?

c. What is the formula for the derivative of a product $u_1 u_2 u_3 \ldots u_n$ of a finite number n of differentiable functions of x?

54. Rational Powers

a. Find $\frac{d}{dx} \left(x^{3/2} \right)$ by writing $x^{3/2}$ as $x \cdot x^{1/2}$ and using the Product Rule. Express your answer as a rational number times a rational power of x. Work parts (b) and (c) by a similar method.

b. Find $\frac{d}{dx} \left(x^{5/2} \right)$.

c. Find $\frac{d}{dx} \left(x^{7/2} \right)$.

d. What patterns do you see in your answers to parts (a), (b), and (c)? Rational powers are one of the topics in Section 3.6.

55. Cylinder pressure If gas in a cylinder is maintained at a constant temperature T, the pressure P is related to the volume V by a formula of the form

$$P = \frac{nRT}{V - nb} - \frac{an^2}{V^2},$$

in which a, b, n, and R are constants. Find dP/dV. (See accompanying figure.)
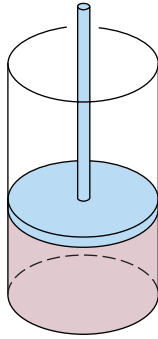
56. **The best quantity to order** One of the formulas for inventory management says that the average weekly cost of ordering, paying for, and holding merchandise is

$$A(q) = \frac{km}{q} + cm + \frac{hq}{2},$$

where q is the quantity you order when things run low (shoes, radios, brooms, or whatever the item might be); k is the cost of placing an order (the same, no matter how often you order); c is the cost of one item (a constant); m is the number of items sold each week (a constant); and h is the weekly holding cost per item (a constant that takes into account things such as space, utilities, insurance, and security). Find dA/dq and d^2A/dq^2.