

Mini-Quiz 6/30 Solution

Find the derivative of

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{3x^4+2}}{x^3-6}$$

quotient
rule

SOLUTION:

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3x^4+2}}{x^3-6} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{3x^4+2})(x^3-6) - \sqrt{3x^4+2} \frac{d}{dx}(x^3-6)}{(x^3-6)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{3x^4+2}) &= \frac{d}{dx}((3x^4+2)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ \text{chain rule} &= \frac{1}{2}(3x^4+2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(3x^4+2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(3x^4+2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 12x^3 \\ &= \frac{6x^3}{\sqrt{3x^4+2}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\frac{6x^3}{\sqrt{3x^4+2}}(x^3-6) - \sqrt{3x^4+2} \cdot (3x^2)}{(x^3-6)^2}$$

4.6 Implicit Functions and Implicit Differentiation

Implicit differentiation helps us find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ even if we cannot explicitly solve for y in an algebraic equation, e.g.

$$5x^2 + 5y^2 - 6\sqrt{2}xy = 8.$$

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Example: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

SOLUTION:

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) + \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(1)$$

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$y = y(x)$$

$$\rightarrow 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{2y}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}}$$

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SOLUTION:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(5x^2 + 5y^2 - 6\sqrt{2}xy) = \frac{d}{dx}(8)$$

$$10x + 10y \frac{dy}{dx} - 6\sqrt{2} \frac{d}{dx}(xy) = 0$$

$$10x + 10y \frac{dy}{dx} - 6\sqrt{2} \left(y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0$$

$$10x + 10y \frac{dy}{dx} - 6\sqrt{2}y - 6\sqrt{2}x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(xy) &= \frac{d}{dx}(x)y + x \frac{d}{dx}(y) \\ &= 1y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &= y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow 10x - 6\sqrt{2}y \\ &10x - 6\sqrt{2}y \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow 10x - 6\sqrt{2}y + 10y \frac{dy}{dx} - 6\sqrt{2}x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$10x - 6\sqrt{2}y + \frac{dy}{dx}(10y - 6\sqrt{2}x) = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(10y - 6\sqrt{2}x) = -10x + 6\sqrt{2}y$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-10x + 6\sqrt{2}y}{10y - 6\sqrt{2}x}}$$

Example: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $y^2 = x^3$, assuming $x > 0$ and $y > 0$.

solution:

$$y^2 = x^3$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3)$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{2y}}$$

Optional step: Solve for y .

$$\sqrt{y^2} = \sqrt{x^3}$$

$$y = \sqrt{x^3}$$

$$y = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{2y}$$

$$= \frac{3x^2}{2x^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} x^{2 - \frac{3}{2}}$$

derivative
of

$$y = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Related Rates

Example: If $x^2 + y^3 = 1$, find $\frac{dy}{dt}$ at $x = \sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}$ if $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$.

SOLUTION:

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

$$x^2 + y^3 = 1$$
$$3\sqrt{y^3} = 1 - x^2$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{1 - x^2}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{1 - \left(\sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{1 - \frac{7}{8}}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{8}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{1}}{\sqrt[3]{8}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(y = \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(x^2 + y^3) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(x^2) + \frac{d}{dt}(y^3) = \frac{d}{dt}(1)$$

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow 2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$3y^2 \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{2x}{3y^2} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$= -\frac{2\sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}}{3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \cdot 2$$

$$= -\frac{16}{3} \sqrt{\frac{7}{8}} = -\frac{4\sqrt{14}}{3}$$

Remark
 $x = x(t)$
 $y = y(t)$

$$\frac{dx}{dt}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt}$$

4.7 Higher Derivatives

Let f be a function.

- Then:
- f' is the first derivative of f .
 - f'' is the second derivative of f .
 - f''' is the third derivative of f .
 - $f^{(4)}$ is the fourth derivative of f .
 - $f^{(5)}$ is the fifth derivative of f .
 - ... and so on...

Example: Find the n^{th} derivatives of

$$f(x) = x^5$$

for $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

SOLUTION:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^5) = 5x^4$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(5x^4) = 20x^3$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(20x^3) = 60x^2$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(60x^2) = 120x$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(120x) = 120$$

$$f^{(6)}(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(120) = 0$$

$$f^{(7)}(x) = f^{(8)}(x) = \dots = 0$$

Example: Find the second derivative of

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

for $x \geq 0$.

SOLUTION:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x})$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx}(x^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(f'(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx}(x^{-\frac{1}{2}})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)$$
$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{4} x^{-\frac{3}{2}}}$$
$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{4x^{\frac{3}{2}}}}$$

Quotient Rule Solution

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)$$
$$= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(1)(2\sqrt{x}) - 1 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(2\sqrt{x})}{(2\sqrt{x})^2}$$
$$= \frac{0 \cdot 2\sqrt{x} - 1 \cdot [2 \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}]}{4x}$$
$$= \frac{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}}{4x} = -\frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{4x} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{4x^{\frac{3}{2}}}}$$

Mini-Quiz 7/5

Use implicit differentiation
to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when

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