

1. Given the following functions, determine $f'(x)$:

(a) $f(x) = x^3 e^x$

$$f = x^3 \quad g = e^x$$

$$f' = 3x^2 \quad g' = e^x$$

$$f'(x) = f'g + fg' = 3x^2 \cdot e^x + x^3 \cdot e^x$$

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

$$f = x^{1/2} \quad g = \ln x$$

$$f' = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \quad g' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f'(x) = f'g + fg' = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \cdot \ln(x) + x^{1/2} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$= \frac{\ln(x)}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

(c) $f(x) = (x^3 - 3 \ln x)(2e^x + 3x)$

$$f = x^3 - 3 \ln x \quad g = 2e^x + 3x$$

$$f' = 3x^2 - \frac{3}{x} \quad g' = 2e^x + 3$$

$$f'(x) = f'g + fg' = \left(3x^2 - \frac{3}{x}\right)(2e^x + 3x) + (x^3 - 3 \ln x)(2e^x + 3)$$

(d) $f(x) = \left(3e^x + \frac{1}{x}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)$

(Hint: Write everything with variables in the numerator.)

$$f = 3e^x + \frac{1}{x} = 3e^x + x^{-1}$$

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

$$f' = 3e^x - x^{-2}$$

$$g' = 0 - 2x^{-3}$$

$$f'(x) = (3e^x - x^{-2})(1 + x^{-2}) + (3e^x + x^{-1})(-2x^{-3})$$

(e) $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^2+3}$

$f = \ln x$

$f' = \frac{1}{x}$

$g = x^2 + 3$

$g' = 2x$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot (x^2+3) - \ln x \cdot 2x}{(x^2+3)^2}$$

(f) $f(x) = \frac{3-2e^x}{1-2x}$

$f = 3 - 2e^x$

$f' = -2e^x$

$g = 1 - 2x$

$g' = -2$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2e^x \cdot (1-2x) - (3-2e^x)(-2)}{(1-2x)^2}$$

(g) $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$

$f = x$

$f' = 1$

$g = x + 2$

$g' = 1$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1 \cdot (x+2) - x \cdot 1}{(x+2)^2}$$

2. If $C(x)$ is the cost of producing x items, then the **average cost**, denoted by $\bar{C}(x)$ is the cost of all the items divided by the number of items, that is,

$$\bar{C}(x) = \frac{C(x)}{x}$$

The marginal average cost is given by

$$\frac{d}{dx} \bar{C}(x) = \bar{C}'(x)$$

Use the quotient rule to calculate the marginal average cost function.

$f = C(x)$

$f' = C'(x)$

$g = x$

$g' = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{C}'(x) = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$$

$$= \frac{C'(x)x - C(x)}{x^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \left(C'(x) - \frac{C(x)}{x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} (C'(x) - \bar{C}(x)) .$$

3. Given the following functions, determine $f'(x)$:

(a) $f(x) = (2x + \pi)^7$

$$f'(x) = 7(2x + \pi)^6 \cdot 2 = 14(2x + \pi)^6$$

(b) $f(x) = (2e^x - 3)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{2}(2e^x - 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2e^x = 3e^x(2e^x - 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(c) $f(x) = 6\sqrt[3]{x^2 + 1} = 6(x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{6}{3}(x^2 + 1)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 2x = 4x(x^2 + 1)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

(d) $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt[4]{3x^3 + 1}}$ (Hint: You will need chain rule and quotient rule.)

$$f'(x) = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)(3x^3 + 1)^{\frac{1}{4}} - \ln x \cdot \frac{1}{4}(3x^3 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{4}} \cdot 9x^2}{(3x^3 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

(e) $f(x) = (2x - 3)^5(4x^3 + 7)$ (Hint: You will need chain rule and product rule.)

$$f'(x) = (5(2x - 3)^4 \cdot 2)(4x^3 + 7) + (2x - 3)^5 (12x^2)$$