

HIGHER ORDER DERIVATIVES

1. Find the first and second order derivatives of the given function.

$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 6$$

$$\text{a) } f'(x) = 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 8x$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 12x + 8$$

$$f(x) = x^{10} + 4x^7 - 2x^3 + 2x$$

$$\text{b) } f'(x) = 10x^9 + 28x^6 - 6x^2 + 2$$

$$f''(x) = 90x^8 + 168x^5 - 12x$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} = (x^2 + 1)^{1/2}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } f''(x) &= 1 \cdot (x^2 + 1)^{-1/2} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(x^2 + 1)^{-3/2} \cdot 2x \cdot x \\ &= (x^2 + 1)^{-3/2} [(x^2 + 1) - x^2] = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)^{3/2}} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } f''(x) &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot -\frac{2}{3}x^{-5/3} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot -\frac{2}{3}x^{-10/6} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot -\frac{1}{2}x^{-9/6} \\ &= x^{-10/6} \left(-\frac{2}{9} - \frac{1}{4}x^{1/6}\right) = \frac{\left(-\frac{2}{9} - \frac{1}{4}x^{1/6}\right)}{x^{10/6}} = \frac{-(8 + 9x^{1/6})}{36x^{10/6}} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = (3x + 2)^3$$

$$\text{e) } f'(x) = 3(3x + 2)^2 \cdot 3 = 9(3x + 2)^2$$

$$f''(x) = 9 \cdot 2(3x + 2)^1 \cdot 3 = 54(3x + 2)$$

$$f(x) = \ln(3x + 4)^3$$

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

$$f''(x) = 9 \cdot -1(3x + 4)^{-2} \cdot 3 = \frac{-27}{(3x + 4)^2}$$

$$f(x) = (4x + 1)^{3/4}$$

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

$$f(x) = e^{(5x+3)}$$

$$\text{g) } f'(x) = e^{(5x+3)} \cdot 5 = 5e^{(5x+3)}$$

$$f''(x) = 5 \cdot e^{(5x+3)} \cdot 5 = 25e^{(5x+3)}$$

$$\text{h) } f''(x) = 3 \cdot -\frac{1}{4}(4x + 1)^{-5/4} \cdot 4 = -3(4x + 1)^{-5/4}$$

$$= \frac{-3}{(4x + 1)^{5/4}}$$

2. Find the third derivative of the given function.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{5x-1} = (5x-1)^{1/2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x-1)^{-1/2} \cdot 5 = \frac{5}{2}(5x-1)^{-1/2}$$

$$\text{a) } f''(x) = \frac{5}{2} \cdot -\frac{1}{2}(5x-1)^{-3/2} \cdot 5 = -\frac{25}{4}(5x-1)^{-3/2}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\frac{25}{4} \cdot -\frac{3}{2}(5x-1)^{-5/2} \cdot 5 = \frac{375}{8}(5x-1)^{-5/2}$$

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

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

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

$$f'''(x) = 4 \cdot -3(1+x)^{-4} \cdot 1 = -12(1+x)^{-4} = \frac{-12}{(1+x)^4}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{5}{(1+x^2)} = 5(1+x^2)^{-1}$$

$$f'(x) = 5 \cdot -1(1+x^2)^{-2} \cdot 2x = -10x(1+x^2)^{-2}$$

$$f''(x) = -10(1+x^2)^{-2} + -2(1+x^2)^{-3} \cdot 2x \cdot -10x = -10(1+x^2)^{-2} + 40x^2(1+x^2)^{-3}$$

$$= 10(1+x^2)^{-3} [-(1+x^2) + 4x^2] = 10(1+x^2)^{-3} (3x^2 - 1)$$

$$\text{c) } f'''(x) = 10 \cdot -3(1+x^2)^{-4} \cdot 2x \cdot (3x^2 - 1) + 6x \cdot 10(1+x^2)^{-3}$$

$$= -60x(1+x^2)^{-4} (3x^2 - 1) + 60x(1+x^2)^{-3}$$

$$= 60x(1+x^2)^{-4} [-(3x^2 - 1) + 1(1+x^2)]$$

$$= 60x(1+x^2)^{-4} (-2x^2 + 2) = \frac{120(1-x^2)}{(1+x^2)^4}$$

3. If $f(x) = (2 - 3x)^{-1/2}$, find $f(0)$, $f'(0)$, $f''(0)$, and $f'''(0)$

$$f(x) = (2 - 3x)^{-1/2} \Rightarrow$$

$$f(0) = (2 - 3(0))^{-1/2} = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{2(2 - 3(0))^{3/2}} = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2^3}} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{8}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot -\frac{3}{2}(2 - 3x)^{-5/2} \cdot -3 = \frac{27}{4}(2 - 3x)^{-5/2} = \frac{27}{4(2 - 3x)^{5/2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{27}{4(2 - 3(0))^{5/2}} = \frac{27}{4\sqrt{2^5}} = \frac{27\sqrt{2}}{32}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{27}{4} \cdot -\frac{5}{2}(2 - 3x)^{-7/2} \cdot -3 = \frac{405}{8}(2 - 3x)^{-7/2} = \frac{405}{8(2 - 3x)^{7/2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{405}{8(2 - 3(0))^{7/2}} = \frac{405}{8\sqrt{2^7}} = \frac{405\sqrt{2}}{128}$$

4. If $f(x) = (2 - t^2)^6$, find $f(0)$, $f'(0)$, $f''(0)$, and $f'''(0)$

$$f(t) = (2 - t^2)^6 \Rightarrow$$

$$f(0) = (2 - (0)^2)^6 = 2^6 = 64$$

$$f'(t) = 6(2 - t^2)^5 \cdot -2t = -12t(2 - t^2)^5 \Rightarrow$$

$$f'(0) = -12(0)(2 - (0)^2)^5 = 0$$

$$f''(t) = -12(2 - t^2)^5 + 5(2 - t^2)^4 \cdot -2t \cdot -12t = -12(2 - t^2)^4 [(2 - t^2) + 5(-2t)(t)] = -12(2 - t^2)^4 (2 - 11t^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$f''(0) = -12(2 - (0)^2)^4 (2 - 11(0)^2) = -12(2)^4 (2) = -384$$

$$f'''(t) = -12 \cdot 4(2 - t^2)^3 \cdot -2t \cdot (2 - 11t^2) + -22t \cdot -12(2 - t^2)^4 =$$

$$24t(2 - t^2)^3 [4(2 - 11t^2) + 11] = 24t(2 - t^2)^3 (19 - 44t^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$f'''(0) = 24(0) [2 - (0)^2]^3 [19 - 44(0)^2] = 0$$

5. Find a second-degree polynomial "f" such that $f(2) = 5$, $f'(2) = 3$, and $f''(2) = 2$
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$$f'(x) = 2x + c \Rightarrow 3 = 2(2) + c \Rightarrow 3 = 4 + c \Rightarrow -1 = c \Rightarrow$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 1$$

$$f(x) = x^2 - x + c \Rightarrow 5 = (2)^2 - (2) + c \Rightarrow 5 = 4 - 2 + c \Rightarrow 3 = c \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x) = x^2 - x + 3$$

6. Find a third-degree polynomial "f" such that $f(1) = 1$, $f'(1) = 3$, $f''(1) = 6$, and $f'''(1) = 12$.
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$$f'''(x) = 12x + c \Rightarrow 6 = 12(1) + c \Rightarrow 6 = 12 + c \Rightarrow -6 = c \Rightarrow$$

$$f'''(x) = 12x - 6$$

$$f''(x) = 6x^2 - 6x + c \Rightarrow 3 = 6(1)^2 - 6(1) + c \Rightarrow 3 = 6 - 6 + c \Rightarrow 3 = c \Rightarrow$$

$$f''(x) = 6x^2 - 6x + 3$$

$$f'(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + c \Rightarrow 1 = 2(1)^3 - 3(1)^2 + 3(1) + c \Rightarrow 1 = 2 - 3 + 3 + c \Rightarrow -1 = c \Rightarrow$$

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

7. Note: the first derivative represents the velocity of an object as a function of time.
: the second derivative represents the instantaneous rate of change of velocity with respect to time (acceleration)

Each equation represents the motion of a given particle with distance in meters and time in seconds. Find (a) the velocity and acceleration as a function of time, b) the acceleration after 1 sec, and c) the acceleration at the instants when the velocity is 0.

a) $s(t) = t^3 - 3t$

$$s'(t) = 3t^2 - 3$$

a) $s''(t) = 6t$

b) $s''(t) = 6(1) = 6$

c) $s'(t) = 3t^2 - 3 \Rightarrow 0 = 3t^2 - 3 \Rightarrow 3 = 3t^2 \Rightarrow 1 = t^2 \Rightarrow t = 1 \therefore s''(t) = 6(1) = 6$

a) $s(t) = t^2 - t + 1$

$$s'(t) = 2t - 1$$

b) $s''(t) = 2$

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c) $s'(t) = 2t - 1 \Rightarrow 0 = 2t - 1 \Rightarrow 1 = 2t \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2} \therefore s''(t) = 2$

$$a) s(t) = 2t^3 - 7t^2 + 4t + 1$$

$$s'(t) = 6t^2 - 14t + 4$$

$$s''(t) = 12t - 14$$

$$b) s''(t) = 12t - 14 \Rightarrow s''(1) = 12(1) - 14 \Rightarrow s''(1) = -2$$

$$c) c) s'(t) = 6t^2 - 14t + 4 \Rightarrow 0 = 6t^2 - 14t + 4 \Rightarrow 0 = 3t^2 - 7t + 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$0 = (3t - 1)(t - 2) \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } 2 \therefore$$

$$s''\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 12\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 14 \Rightarrow s''\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 4 - 14 \Rightarrow s''\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = -10$$

$$s''(2) = 12(2) - 14 \Rightarrow s''(2) = 24 - 14 \Rightarrow s''(2) = 10$$