

**Homework, Day 1: Find the first derivative for each function.**  
**SHOW ALL WORK ON ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER.**

1.  $f(x) = x^2(2x+5) = 2x^3 + 5x^2$   
 $f'(x) = 6x^2 + 10x$

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

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

4.  $y = (3x^2 - 2x + 1)(2x - 1)$   
 $y' = 18x^2 - 14x + 4$

5.  $f(x) = (3-4x)^4$   
 $f'(x) = 4(3-4x)^3(-4)$   
 $= -16(3-4x)^3$

6.  $g(x) = (2x^2 + 3x - 2)^2$   
 $g'(x) = 2(4x+3)(2x^2+3x-2)$

7.  $y = \frac{x^2}{x-1}$   $y' = \frac{x^2 - 2x}{(x-1)^2}$

8.  $y = (1+x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$   $y' = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1+x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x$   
 $= \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

9.  $y = \sqrt{2x-1}$   $y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-1}}$

10.  $y = (x-1)^3(x^2+1)$   $y' = (x-1)^2(5x^2 - 2x + 3)$

11.  $y = u^3 - 3u - 70$   $\frac{dy}{du} = 3u^2 - 3$   $\frac{du}{dx} = 15$   
 $u = 15x + 3$   $\frac{dy}{dx} = (3u^2 - 3)(15) = 45u^2 - 45$   
 find  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 45(15x+3)^2 - 45 = 10125x^2 + 4050x + 360$

**Analyzing functions using the derivative and the P, Q & PR Rules:**

**Example #1:** Consider the following rational function:

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



- a. Find the zero(s) of the function.  $3x-1=0$   
 $x = \frac{1}{3}$
- b. Find the vertical asymptote(s).  $x = 0$
- c. Find the horizontal asymptote(s).  $y = 0$
- d. Find the relative max and/or min.

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

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

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

MAX when  $x = \frac{2}{3}$  (plug into original equation)

$$f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{9}{4}$$

$\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{9}{4}\right)$

- e. For what values of  $x$  is the function increasing? Decreasing?

$-3x+2$	+	+	-
$x^3$	-	+	+
	-	0	+
	Dec.	(V.A.)	INC
			(zero)
			Dec

- f. Find the point(s) of inflection.

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

$$= \frac{-3x^3 + 9x^3 - 6x^2}{x^6} = \frac{6x^3 - 6x^2}{x^6} = \frac{6(x-1)}{x^4}$$

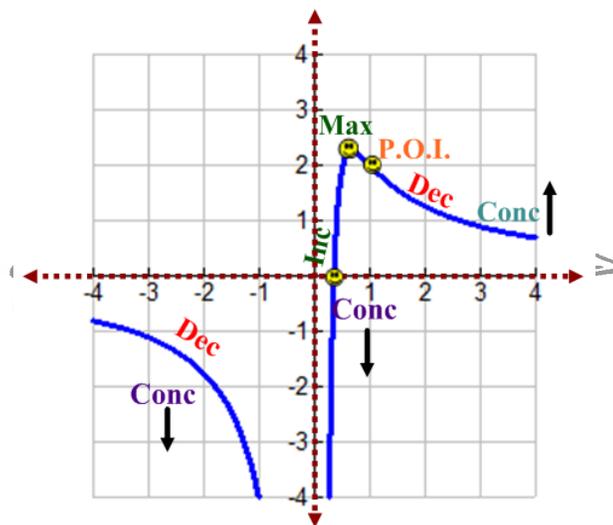
$$x=1 \quad f(1)=2$$

(1,2) P.O.I.

- g. Determine concavity.

$6(x-1)$	+		-		+
$x^4$	+		+		+
	-	0	-	1	+
	Down		Down		Up

- h. Sketch a graph of the function.



\*\*\*After you are done sketching your graph, check it with your calculator.

**Example #2:** Consider the following polynomial function:  $f(x) = (4x^2 - 8x + 3)^4$

- a. Write the equation of the line tangent to the graph of the function at the point (2, 81).

$$f'(x) = 4(4x^2 - 8x + 3)^3(8x - 8)$$

$$f'(2) = 4(4(2)^2 - 8(2) + 3)^3(8 \cdot 2 - 8)$$

$$= 864 \text{ slope!}$$

$$f(2) = 81 \quad 81 = 864(2) + b$$

$$b = -1647$$

$$y = 864x - 1647$$

- b. What are the coordinates of the points where the function has horizontal tangents?

$$0 = 4(4x^2 - 8x + 3)^3(8x - 8)$$

$$= 4[(2x - 3)(2x - 1)]^3 \cdot 8 \cdot (x - 1)$$

$$x = 3/2$$

$$x = 1/2$$

$$x = 1$$

$$f(3/2) = 0$$

$$f(1/2) = 0$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

$$(3/2, 0)$$

$$(1/2, 0)$$

$$(1, 1)$$

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