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Mini-Lecture

• Product Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)g(x)) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x) \quad \text{if both derivatives exist}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf: } \lim_{x \rightarrow h} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x+h) + f(x)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(x+h) \left[\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right] + f(x) \left[\frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 e^x) = 2x e^x + x^2 e^x$$

• Quotient Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2} \quad \text{if both derivatives exist and } g(x) \neq 0.$$

"low-dee-high minus high-dee-low over low squared"

$$\text{Pf: } \frac{d}{dx} \left(f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{f'(x)}{g(x)} + f(x) \cdot \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$$

or

long limit one.

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{1+x^2} \right) = \frac{x(2x) - (1+x^2)}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{x^2 - 1}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$$

Problems:

① Differentiate
 $g(x) = \frac{1+2x}{3-4x}$

$$y = \frac{e^x}{1-e^x}$$

$$f(z) = (1-e^z)(z+e^z)$$

$$F(t) = \frac{At}{Bt^2 + Ct^3}$$

(2) Suppose $f(4)=2$, $g(4)=5$, $f'(4)=6$, $g'(4)=-3$

Find $h'(4)$ for

$$h(x) = 5f(x) + 3g(x)$$

$$h(x) = f(x)f(x)g(x)$$

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

(3) If $f(2)=10$ and $f'(x) = x^2 f(x)$, find $f''(2)$.

(4) Prove the quotient rule using the limit definition of the derivative

Prove $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{g(x)} \right] = -\frac{g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$ by the quotient rule.