

name: solution

1 (4 points each). Compute the following derivatives:

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 4x^2 + x}{x - 2}$$

$$(b) y = (2\sqrt{x} - 1)(4x + 1)^{-1}$$

$$(c) y = \frac{4}{p^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a) \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 - 4x^2 + x)(x - 2) - (x^3 - 4x^2 + x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x - 2)}{(x - 2)^2} \\ &= \frac{(3x^2 - 8x + 1)(x - 2) - (x^3 - 4x^2 + x)(1)}{(x - 2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{2x^{1/2} - 1}{4x + 1} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(2x^{1/2} - 1)(4x + 1) - (2x^{1/2} - 1) \frac{d}{dx}(4x + 1)}{(4x + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(x^{-1/2})(4x + 1) - (2x^{1/2} - 1)(4)}{(4x + 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c) \frac{dy}{dp} &= \frac{d}{dp} \left(\frac{4}{p^3} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dp}(4) \cdot p^3 - 4 \cdot \frac{d}{dp}(p^3)}{(p^3)^2} = \frac{0 \cdot p^3 - 4(3p^2)}{p^6} \\ &= - \frac{12p^2}{p^6} = - \frac{12}{p^4} \end{aligned}$$