Exercise 9.1

We're given the following functions and asked about some of their derivatives.

$$\begin{split} F(x,y) &= x^2 y^3 \\ G(x,y) &= (F(x,y),y) = (x^2 y^3,y) \\ H(x,y) &= F(F(x,y),y) = F(x^2 y^3,y) = (x^2 y^3)^2 y^3 = x^4 y^9 \end{split}$$

In the calculus that follows, you'll notice that I map back to Leibniz's notation. While this feels like it goes against the spirit of the book, it's helpful until you're comfortable with functional notation.

9.1 (a)

$$\partial_o F(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^2 y^3 = 2xy^3$$

 $\partial_1 F(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} x^2 y^3 = 3x^2 y^2$

9.1 (b)

$$\partial_o F(F(x,y),y) = \partial_o H(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^4 y^9 = 4x^3 y^9$$
$$\partial_1 F(F(x,y),y) = \partial_1 H(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} x^4 y^9 = 9x^4 y^8$$

9.1 (c)

$$\partial_o G(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 y^3, y) = (2xy^3, 0)$$
$$\partial_1 G(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 y^3, y) = (3x^2 y^2, 1)$$

Notice that unlike F and H which return numbers, G returns a tuple containing F. So its partial derivatives are also tuples, with one set of derivatives matching those computed for F in 9.1 (a).

9.1 (d)

To arrive at the following, we group the partial derivatives determined previously into tuples, and then substitute the given inputs.

$$\begin{split} DF(a,b) &= [2ab^3, 3a^2b^2] \\ DG(3,5) &= [(2\cdot 3\cdot 5^3, 0), (3\cdot 3^2\cdot 5, 1)] \\ &= [(750, 0), (675, 1)] \\ DH(3a^2, 5b^3) &= [4(3a^2)^3(5b^3)^9, 9(3a^2)^4(5b^3)^8] \\ &= [210937500a^6b^{27}, 284765625a^8b^{24}] \end{split}$$