

**Notation for higher derivatives:**

$$\frac{dy}{dx}, \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \quad \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}, \quad \frac{d^4y}{dx^4}, \dots, \frac{d^ny}{dx^n}, \dots$$

or

$$f'(x), \quad f''(x), \quad f^{(3)}(x), \quad f^{(4)}(x), \dots, f^{(n)}(x), \dots$$

or

$$y', \quad y'', \quad y^{(3)}, \quad y^{(4)}, \dots, y^{(n)}, \dots$$

**Example 1.** Let  $y = x^6 - 2x^5 - x^4$ . Then find  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$ .

**Example 2.** For  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-2}$ , find  $f^{(4)}(x)$ .