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Exercise 13.4

1. (a) (Chain Rule) $y = u^4, u = (3x - 8) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 4u^3 \cdot 3 = 12(3x - 8)^3$

(b) (Chain Rule) $y = u^{\frac{1}{2}}, u = 1 - x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}u^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-1) = -\frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-x}}$

(c) (Chain Rule) $y = \frac{3}{u} = 3u^{-1}, u = x^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \cdot (-1) \cdot u^{-2} \cdot 3x^2 = -\frac{9}{x^6} \cdot x^2 = -\frac{9}{x^4}$

(d) $y = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-1) \cdot x^{-2} = x - \frac{1}{2x^2}$

(e) (Chain Rule) $y = u^{-2}, u = (x^2 + 4) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -2 \cdot u^{-3} \cdot 2x = -\frac{4x}{(x^2 + 4)^3}$

(f) (Quotient rule) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 \cdot (x+1) - 1 \cdot x}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$

(g) (Chain Rule) $y = u^{-\frac{1}{2}}, u = x+2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}u^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot (1) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{(x+2)^3}}$

(h) (Chain Rule) $y = u^3, u = (2x^2 - 1) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3u^2 \cdot 4x = 12x(2x^2 - 1)^2$

(i) (Product rule) $y = x \cdot (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-1) + (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 1$
 $= -\frac{x}{2\sqrt{1-x}} + \sqrt{1-x} = \frac{-x + 2(1-x)}{2\sqrt{1-x}} = \frac{-3x + 2}{2\sqrt{1-x}}$

(j) (Chain Rule) $y = u^{-1}, u = (3x^2 - 5x + 7) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -u^{-2} \cdot (6x - 5) = -\frac{6x - 5}{(3x^2 - 5x + 7)^2}$

(k) (Chain Rule) $y = u^{\frac{1}{3}}, u = 2x + 5 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}u^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 2 = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{(2x+5)^2}}$

(l) (Product + chain rule) $\frac{dy}{dx} = (2x-1)^3 \cdot 4x^3 + (x^4 + 1) \cdot 3 \cdot (2x-1)^2 \cdot 2$
 $= 2(2x-1)^2 [2x^3(2x-1) + 3(x^4 + 1)]$
 $= 2(2x-1)^2 [7x^4 - 2x^3 + 3]$

(m) (Chain Rule) $y = u^{\frac{1}{2}}, u = 3x^2 - 2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}u^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 6x = \frac{3x}{\sqrt{3x^2 - 2}}$

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(n) (Quotient rule) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x \cdot (x+2) - 1 \cdot x^2}{(x+2)^2} = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{(x+2)^2}$

(o) (Quotient rule) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 \cdot (x-1) - 1 \cdot (x+1)}{(x-1)^2} = -\frac{2}{(x-1)^2}$

2. (a) $y = x^{-4} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -4 \cdot x^{-5} = -\frac{4}{x^5}$

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -4 \cdot x^{-5} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -4 \cdot -5 \cdot x^{-6} = \frac{20}{x^6}$

3. (a) $(x-1)(4x^2 + 4x + 1) = 4x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 4x^2 - 4x - 1 = 4x^3 - 3x - 1$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12x^2 - 3$

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x-1) \cdot 2(2x+1) \cdot 2 + (2x+1)^2 \cdot 1 = (x-1)(8x+4) + (2x+1)^2$
 $= 8x^2 - 4x - 4 + 4x^2 + 4x + 1 = 12x^2 - 3$

4. (a) Using the quotient rule:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \frac{(2x-3) \cdot (x+1)^2 - 2(x+1)(x^2 - 3x + 4)}{(x+1)^4} \\&= \frac{(2x-3) \cdot (x+1) - 2(x^2 - 3x + 4)}{(x+1)^3} \\&= \frac{2x^2 - x - 3 - 2x^2 + 6x - 8}{(x+1)^3} = \frac{5x - 11}{(x+1)^3}\end{aligned}$$

(b) Using the quotient rule again:

$$\begin{aligned}f''(x) &= \frac{5 \cdot (x+1)^3 - 3(x+1)^2 \cdot (5x-11)}{(x+1)^6} \\&= \frac{5(x+1) - 3(5x-11)}{(x+1)^4} \\&= \frac{5x+5 - 15x+33}{(x+1)^4} = \frac{-10x+38}{(x+1)^4}\end{aligned}$$

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5. $f'(x) = \frac{1 \cdot (x+a) - 1 \cdot (x-a)}{(x+a)^2}$

$$= \frac{2a}{(x+a)^2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{0 \cdot (x+a)^2 - 2a \cdot 2 \cdot (x+a)}{(x+a)^4}$$

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

6. Using the product rule:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x \cdot (x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + (x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 1 = \\&= \frac{x}{2\sqrt{x+1}} + \sqrt{x+1} = \frac{x+2(x+1)}{2\sqrt{x+1}} = \frac{3x+2}{2\sqrt{x+1}}\end{aligned}$$

7. We can see that $y = x^2(x^2 - 6)$ and the graph of this function is negative for $-\sqrt{6} < x < \sqrt{6}$, and therefore it is negative for $0 < x < 1$, which is contained in the previous one.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 - 12x = 4x(x^2 - 3) \text{ is negative for } 0 < x < \sqrt{3}$$

and therefore in the interval requested.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12x^2 - 12 = 12(x^2 - 1) \text{ which is also negative for } 0 < x < 1.$$

However, $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 24x$ is positive for all positive x and thus for $0 < x < 1$.

8. (a) Using Pythagoras' theorem we get:

$$h = \sqrt{(b+1)^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{2b^2 + 2b + 1}$$

- (b) Using the chain rule:

$$h = \sqrt{u} = u^{\frac{1}{2}}, u = 2b^2 + 2b + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dh}{db} = \frac{1}{2}u^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (4b+2) = \frac{2b+1}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 2b + 1}}$$