

AP Calculus AB

Higher Order Derivatives

1) $y = \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{5}{6}x^3 - x^2 + 9x - 1$

$y' = x^3 + \frac{5}{2}x^2 - 2x + 9$

$y'' = 3x^2 + 5x - 2$

$y''' = 6x + 5$

$y^{(4)} = 6$

2) $y = -7x^5 - 9$

$y' = -35x^4$

$y'' = -140x^3$

3) $f(x) = 9x^{-3} - \frac{7}{x}$

$f'(x) = -27x^{-4} + 7x^{-2}$

$f''(x) = 108x^{-5} - 14x^{-3}$

4) $y = (3 + 5x^{-1})^3$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(3 + 5x^{-1})^2 \cdot (-5x^{-2})$

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 3(3 + 5x^{-1})^2(10x^{-3}) + (-5x^{-2})[6(3 + 5x^{-1})(-5x^{-2})]$

$= 30x^{-3}(3 + 5x^{-1})^2 + 150x^{-4}(3 + 5x^{-1})$

5) $y = x(3x+2)^4$

$y' = x[4(3x+2)^3(3)] + (3x+2)^4$

simplify before finding y''

$y' = 12x(3x+2)^3 + (3x+2)^4$

$= (3x+2)^3[12x + 3x+2]$

$= (3x+2)^3(15x+2)$

$y'' = (3x+2)^3(15) + (15x+2)[3(3x+2)^2(3)]$

6) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x+1}$

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

$= \frac{2x^2 - 2 - x^2 + 2x}{(x+1)^2}$

$= \frac{x^2 + 2x - 2}{(x+1)^2}$

$f''(x) = \frac{(x+1)^2(2x+2) - (x^2+2x-2)[2(x+1)]}{(x+1)^4}$

$$7) f(x) = x^3 - 9x + 3 \quad (3, 3)$$

point

(3, 3)

slope

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 9$$

$$f'(3) = 18$$

$$y - 3 = 18(x - 3)$$

$$8) f(x) = 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 72x + 18$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^2 + 12x - 72 = 0$$

$$x^2 + x - 6 = 0$$

$$(x + 3)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = -3 \quad x = 2$$

$$(-3, 180) \quad (2, -70)$$

$$9) \frac{d}{dx}(f(g(3x^9)))$$

$$f'(g(3x^9)) \cdot g'(3x^9) \cdot (27x^8)$$