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1. **(3 points)** If $y = 3\sqrt{t} - \frac{4}{t^3} + 5t$, calculate $\frac{dy}{dt}$.

We rephrase \sqrt{t} as $t^{1/2}$ and $\frac{4}{t^3}$ as $4t^{-3}$, and then invoke the power rule:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (3t^{1/2} - 4t^{-3} + 5t) = \frac{3}{2}t^{-1/2} + 12t^{-4} + 5$$

2. **(4 points)** Calculate the second derivative $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (e^x + 2 \sin x - x^4)$.

First we calculate the derivative $\frac{d}{dx} (e^x + 2 \sin x - x^4) = e^x + 2 \cos x - 4x^3$; then we find the second derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (e^x + 2 \sin x - x^4) &= \frac{d}{dx} (e^x + 2 \cos x - 4x^3) \\ &= e^x - 2 \sin x - 12x^2 \end{aligned}$$

3. **(4 points)** If $f(q) = \frac{q^3 + e^q}{q^2 - 3q}$, calculate $f'(q)$.

This is an application of the quotient rule:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(q) &= \frac{d}{dq} \frac{q^3 + e^q}{q^2 - 3q} \\ &= \frac{(q^2 - 3q) \frac{d}{dq} (q^3 + e^q) + (q^3 + e^q) \frac{d}{dq} (q^2 - 3q)}{(q^2 - 3q)^2} \\ &= \frac{(q^2 - 3q)(3q^2 + e^q) + (q^3 + e^q)(2q - 3)}{(q^2 - 3q)^2} \end{aligned}$$

4. **(5 points)** Calculate $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{x \sin x}{x^2 - 1}$.

This is an application of the quotient rule together with the product rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{x \sin x}{x^2 - 1} &= \frac{(x^2 - 1) \frac{d}{dx} (x \sin x) - x \sin x \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 - 1)}{(x^2 - 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(x^2 - 1) \left[\frac{d}{dx} (x) \sin x + x \frac{d}{dx} \sin x \right] - x \sin x (2x)}{(x^2 - 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(x^2 - 1) [1 \sin x + x \cos x] - x \sin x (2x)}{(x^2 - 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

5. **(4 points)** Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = 2x^3 - 3x$ at the point $(2, 10)$.

We know that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - 3$, and in particular when $x = 2$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6 \cdot 2^2 - 3 = 21$. Thus, the tangent line to this curve at $(2, 10)$ has slope of 21; since it passes through $(2, 10)$, its equation can then be easily seen to be $(y - 10) = 21(x - 2)$ in point-slope form, or $y = 21x - 32$ in slope-intercept form.

6. **(2 point bonus)** Find a general formula for $\frac{d^3}{dx^3} [f(x)g(x)]$.

Using the product rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

and taking the derivative of this, we see that we use the product rule twice more:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2}{dx^2}[f(x)g(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx}[f'(x)g(x)] + \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g'(x)] \\ &= f''(x)g(x) + f'(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g'(x) + f(x)g''(x) \\ &= f''(x)g(x) + 2f'(x)g'(x) + f(x)g''(x)\end{aligned}$$

and now, to take the third derivative, we use the product rule 3 more times:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^3}{dx^3}[f(x)g(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx}[f''(x)g(x)] + 2\frac{d}{dx}[f'(x)g'(x)] + \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g''(x)] \\ &= f'''(x)g(x) + f''(x)g'(x) + 2f''(x)g'(x) + 2f'(x)g''(x) + f'(x)g''(x) + f(x)g'''(x) \\ &= f'''(x)g(x) + 3f''(x)g'(x) + 3f'(x)g''(x) + f(x)g'''(x)\end{aligned}$$