

3.4 Product Rule

$$(fg)' = f'g + g'f$$

Example #1

(a) $x^3 e^{3x}$

$$f(x) = x^3, \quad g(x) = e^{3x}$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2, \quad g'(x) = 3e^{3x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^3 e^{3x}) = 3x^2 \cdot e^{3x} + 3e^{3x} \cdot x^3$$

(b) $t^3 \ln(t^2+1)$

$$f(t) = t^3, \quad g(t) = \ln(t^2+1)$$

$$f'(t) = 3t^2, \quad g'(t) = \frac{1}{t^2+1} \cdot 2t \quad (\text{Chain Rule})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (t^3 \ln(t^2+1)) = \cancel{t^3} \cdot \frac{2t}{t^2+1} \cdot t^3 + \frac{2t}{t^2+1} \cdot t^3$$

Quotients

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{g f' - f g'}{g^2}$$

Quotient Rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{3x + x^2}{5 + x} \right)$$

Quotient

$$f(x) = 3x + x^2 \quad g(x) = 5 + x$$

$$f'(x) = 3 + 2x \quad g'(x) = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{3x + x^2}{5 + x} \right) = \frac{\cancel{3x + x^2} \cdot 1 + (5 + x)(3 + 2x) - (3x + x^2) \cdot 1}{(5 + x)^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{1 + \ln(x)} \right)$$

Quotient Rule

$$f(x) = x$$

$$g(x) = 1 + \ln(x)$$

$$f'(x) = 1$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{1 + \ln(x)} \right) = \frac{1 + \ln(x) \cdot 1 - x \cdot \frac{1}{x}}{(1 + \ln(x))^2}$$

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

$$(c) \frac{e^x}{x^3}$$

$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$f'(x) = e^x$$

$$g(x) = x^3$$

$$g'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{g f' - f g'}{g^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^3 \cdot e^x - e^x \cdot 3x^2}{(x^3)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^3 e^x - e^x \cdot 3x^2}{x^6}$$