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Problem

Compute the first and second derivatives of $f(x) = xe^{3x}$.

First Derivative of $f(x) = xe^{3x}$

1) Use the product rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[u(x)v(x)\right] = u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x)$$

where:

$$u(x) = x$$
 and $v(x) = e^{3x}$.

2) Compute the derivatives of u(x) and v(x):

$$u'(x) = 1$$

$$v'(x) = 3e^{3x}$$
 (by the chain rule).

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First Derivative of $f(x) = xe^{3x}$

3) Apply the product rule:

f'(x) = u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x)

Substituting the derivatives of u(x) and v(x):

$$f'(x) = 1 \cdot e^{3x} + x \cdot 3e^{3x}.$$

4) Simplify the expression:

$$f'(x) = e^{3x} + 3xe^{3x}.$$

Factor out e^{3x} :

$$f'(x) = e^{3x}(1+3x).$$

Thus, the first derivative is:

$$f'(x) = e^{3x}(1+3x).$$

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Second Derivative of $f(x) = xe^{3x}$

Compute the second derivative of $f(x) = xe^{3x}$. 1) Start with the first derivative:

$$f'(x) = e^{3x}(1+3x).$$

2) Use the product rule again. Let:

$$u(x) = e^{3x}$$
 and $v(x) = 1 + 3x$.

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Compute Derivatives of u(x) and v(x)

3) Compute the derivatives:

$$u'(x) = 3e^{3x}$$
$$v'(x) = 3.$$

4) Apply the product rule:

$$f''(x) = u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x)$$

Substituting the derivatives:

$$f''(x) = 3e^{3x}(1+3x) + e^{3x} \cdot 3.$$

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Second Derivative of $f(x) = xe^{3x}$

5) Simplify the expression:

$$f''(x) = 3e^{3x}(1+3x) + 3e^{3x}.$$

Factor out $3e^{3x}$:

$$f''(x) = 3e^{3x}(2+3x).$$

Thus, the second derivative is:

$$f''(x) = 3e^{3x}(2+3x).$$

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Problem

Compute the first and second derivatives of $f(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2}$.

First Derivative of $f(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2}$

1) Use the chain rule for the derivative of the exponential function $e^{g(x)}$, which states:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(e^{g(x)}\right) = e^{g(x)} \cdot g'(x)$$

The inside function is $g(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$.

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First Derivative of $f(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2}$

2) Compute the derivative of the inside function $g(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$:

$$g'(x) = 2x + 3.$$

3) Apply the chain rule:

$$f'(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2} \cdot (2x + 3).$$

Thus, the first derivative is:

$$f'(x) = (2x+3)e^{x^2+3x-2}$$

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Second Derivative of $f(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2}$

Compute the second derivative of $f(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2}$. 1) Start with the first derivative:

$$f'(x) = (2x+3)e^{x^2+3x-2}.$$

2) Use the product rule to differentiate $f'(x) = (2x+3)e^{x^2+3x-2}$. The product rule states:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[u(x)v(x)\right] = u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x)$$

Let:

$$u(x) = (2x+3)$$
 and $v(x) = e^{x^2+3x-2}$.

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Second Derivative of $f(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2}$

3) Compute the derivatives of u(x) = 2x + 3 and $v(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2}$:

$$u'(x) = 2.$$

To compute v'(x), use the chain rule:

$$v'(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2} \cdot (2x + 3).$$

4) Apply the product rule:

$$f''(x) = u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x)$$

Substituting the derivatives:

$$f''(x) = 2 \cdot e^{x^2 + 3x - 2} + (2x + 3) \cdot e^{x^2 + 3x - 2} \cdot (2x + 3).$$

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Second Derivative of $f(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2}$

5) Simplify the expression:

$$f''(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2} \left(2 + (2x + 3)^2 \right).$$

Expanding $(2x+3)^2$:

$$f''(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2} \left(2 + (4x^2 + 12x + 9) \right).$$

$$f''(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2} \left(4x^2 + 12x + 11 \right).$$

Thus, the second derivative is:

$$f''(x) = e^{x^2 + 3x - 2} \left(4x^2 + 12x + 11 \right).$$

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Problem

Compute the first and second derivatives of $f(x) = \ln ((x^4 + 2)^2)$.

First Derivative of $f(x) = \ln ((x^4 + 2)^2)$

1) Use the logarithmic identity $\ln(a^b) = b \ln(a)$ to simplify:

$$f(x) = 2\ln(x^4 + 2)$$

2) Differentiate using the chain rule:

$$f'(x) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4 + 2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^4 + 2)$$
$$f'(x) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4 + 2} \cdot 4x^3$$

Thus, the first derivative is:

$$f'(x) = \frac{8x^3}{x^4 + 2}$$

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Second Derivative of $f(x) = \ln ((x^4 + 2)^2)$

1) Start with the first derivative:

$$f'(x) = \frac{8x^3}{x^4 + 2}$$

2) Use the quotient rule to differentiate:

$$f''(x) = \frac{u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x)}{v(x)^2}$$

where $u(x) = 8x^3$ and $v(x) = x^4 + 2$.

Second Derivative of $f(x) = \ln ((x^4 + 2)^2)$

3) Compute the derivatives of $u(x) = 8x^3$ and $v(x) = x^4 + 2$:

$$u'(x) = 24x^2$$
 and $v'(x) = 4x^3$

4) Apply the quotient rule:

$$f''(x) = \frac{24x^2(x^4+2) - 8x^3(4x^3)}{(x^4+2)^2}$$

Simplify the numerator:

$$f''(x) = \frac{24x^6 + 48x^2 - 32x^6}{(x^4 + 2)^2}$$
$$f''(x) = \frac{-8x^6 + 48x^2}{(x^4 + 2)^2}$$

Thus, the second derivative is:

$$f''(x) = \frac{-8x^6 + 48x^2}{(x^4 + 2)^2}$$

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Problem

Compute the first and second derivatives of $f(x) = \frac{x}{e^x}$.

First Derivative of
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{e^x}$$

1) Use the quotient rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u(x)}{v(x)}\right) = \frac{u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x)}{v(x)^2}$$

where:

$$u(x) = x$$
 and $v(x) = e^x$

2) Compute the derivatives of u(x) and v(x):

$$u'(x) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad v'(x) = e^x$$

3) Apply the quotient rule:

$$f'(x) = \frac{e^x - xe^x}{e^{2x}}$$

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- Second Derivative of $f(x) = \frac{x}{e^x}$
- 1: Start with the first derivative)

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

2: Use the quotient rule again to differentiate f'(x):

$$f''(x) = \frac{u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x)}{v(x)^2}$$

where:

$$u(x) = 1 - x$$
 and $v(x) = e^x$

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Second Derivative of
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{e^x}$$

3: Compute the derivatives of u(x) = 1 - x and $v(x) = e^x$)

$$u'(x) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad v'(x) = e^x$$

4: Apply the quotient rule)

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

Simplify the expression:

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

Factor out e^x :

$$f''(x) = \frac{e^x \left(-1 - (1 - x)\right)}{e^{2x}} = \frac{e^x (x - 2)}{e^{2x}}$$

Remove e^x from the numerator and denominator:

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

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Problem

Compute the first and second derivatives of $f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln x}$.

First Derivative of
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln x}$$

1) Use the quotient rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u(x)}{v(x)}\right) = \frac{u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x)}{v(x)^2}$$

where:

$$u(x) = x$$
 and $v(x) = \ln x$

2) Compute the derivatives of u(x) and v(x):

$$u'(x) = 1$$
 and $v'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

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First Derivative of
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln x}$$

3) Apply the quotient rule:
 $f'(x) = \frac{\ln x - 1}{(\ln x)^2}$
Thus, the first derivative is:
 $f'(x) = \frac{\ln x - 1}{(\ln x)^2}$

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Second Derivative of
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln x}$$

1) Start with the first derivative:

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

2) Use the quotient rule again to differentiate f'(x):

$$f''(x) = \frac{u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x)}{v(x)^2}$$

where:

$$u(x) = \ln x - 1$$
 and $v(x) = (\ln x)^2$

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Second Derivative of $f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln x}$

3) Compute the derivatives of $u(x) = \ln x - 1$ and $v(x) = (\ln x)^2$:

$$u'(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad v'(x) = \frac{2\ln x}{x}$$

4) Apply the quotient rule:

$$f''(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x}(\ln x)^2 - (\ln x - 1) \cdot \frac{2\ln x}{x}}{(\ln x)^4}$$

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Second Derivative of $f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln x}$

5) Simplify the expression: Factor out $\frac{1}{x}$ from the numerator:

$$f''(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x} \left((\ln x)^2 - 2\ln x (\ln x - 1) \right)}{(\ln x)^4}$$

Simplify inside the parentheses:

$$f''(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x} \left(-(\ln x)^2 + 2\ln x \right)}{(\ln x)^4}$$

Thus, the second derivative is:

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