Edexcel A level Mathematics Differentiation

Section 3: The product and quotient rules

Exercise level 1

1. Using the product rule, differentiate:

(i)
$$y = x(x-5)^3$$

(ii)
$$y = x^2 (4+3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

2. Differentiate these products:

(i)
$$\sqrt{x}(5-3x)^4$$

(ii)
$$x^3 \sqrt{5-x^2}$$

3. Using the quotient rule, differentiate:

(i)
$$y = \frac{3x}{2x^2 - 5}$$
 (ii) $y = \frac{3x}{4 + \sqrt{x}}$

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4. Differentiate these quotients:

(i)
$$\frac{\sqrt{x}}{(3x+4)^2}$$
 (ii) $\frac{x}{\sqrt{3x-2}}$

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5. Differentiate:

(i)
$$y = \frac{7x-3}{\sqrt{2x+1}}$$
 (ii) $y = (7x-3)\sqrt{2x+1}$

$$y = (7x - 3)\sqrt{2x + 1}$$

- 6. Given that $y = x(2x + 1)^4$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, factorising your answer.
- 7. Given that $y = x\sqrt{1+2x}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1+3x}{\sqrt{1+2x}}$.
- 8. Given that $y = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x}}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x(3x+4)}{2(1+x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$.
- 9. Given that $y = x^3 (1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}x^2 (1+x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} (10x+9)$.
- 10. Given that $y = \frac{1 + \sqrt{x}}{1 \sqrt{x}}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1 \sqrt{x})^2}$.