

SOME ADDITIONAL 3.3 AND 3.4 IDEAS

1. Find the derivative of  $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x)\cos(x)}{x^3+x}$  ← product rule and quotient rule.  
 Use a "holding pattern" approach.

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x^3+x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)\cos(x)] - \sin(x)\cos(x)(3x^2+1)}{(x^3+x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x^3+x)(\sin(x)(-\sin(x)) + \cos(x)(\cos(x))) - \sin(x)\cos(x)(3x^2+1)}{(x^3+x)^2}$$

2. Determine where the graph  $f(x) = \frac{5x^3}{x^2+2}$  has a horizontal tangent.   
 ← find x where  $f'(x)=0$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x^2+2)(15x^2) - 5x^3(2x)}{(x^2+2)^2} = \frac{15x^4 + 30x^2 - 10x^4}{(x^2+2)^2} = \frac{5x^4 + 30x^2}{(x^2+2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{5x^2(x^2+6)}{(x^2+2)^2} = 0 ; \text{ So } \underline{5x^2(x^2+6)} = 0 . \text{ So } 5x^2 = 0 \text{ or } x^2+6=0$$

So  $x=0$ .

- illustrates the sort of algebra we will need
- how to handle fractions
- the value of factoring

3. Come up with an example that demonstrates why  $\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] \neq \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)]$ .

Pick  $f(x) = x, g(x) = x^2$ .

So  $f(x) \cdot g(x) = x^3$ . And  $\frac{d}{dx} [x^3] = \underline{3x^2}$ .

But  $f' \cdot g' = 1 \cdot 2x = \underline{2x}$

These are not the same.