

3.5.11 When dividing by a power or a root, it's easier to use a negative exponent.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{1}{x^{10}} = x^{-10}; \\ \mathrm{d}y &= \mathrm{d}(x^{-10}) = -10x^{-11} \mathrm{d}x; \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} &= -10x^{-11} = -\frac{10}{x^{11}}.\end{aligned}$$

4.4.63 Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{(w^3 + 4)^5} &= (w^3 + 4)^{-5}; \\ \mathrm{d}\frac{1}{(w^3 + 4)^5} &= -5(w^3 + 4)^{-6} \mathrm{d}(w^3 + 4) = -5(w^3 + 4)^{-6}(3w^2 \mathrm{d}w); \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}w} \frac{1}{(w^3 + 4)^5} &= -5(w^3 + 4)^{-6}(3w^2) = -\frac{15w^2}{(w^3 + 4)^6}.\end{aligned}$$

4.3.39 Here I use the Product Rule:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= (2x + 1)(x^2 - 3x); \\ \mathrm{d}f(x) &= (x^2 - 3x) \mathrm{d}(2x + 1) + (2x + 1) \mathrm{d}(x^2 - 3x) = (x^2 - 3x)(2 \mathrm{d}x) + (2x + 1)(2x \mathrm{d}x - 3 \mathrm{d}x); \\ f'(x) &= \frac{\mathrm{d}f(x)}{\mathrm{d}x} = (x^2 - 3x)(2) + (2x + 1)(2x - 3) = 6x^2 - 10x - 3.\end{aligned}$$

4.5.11 Differentiate, solve for $\mathrm{d}y$, and divide by $\mathrm{d}x$:

$$\begin{aligned}xy - 6 &= 0; \\ \mathrm{d}(xy - 6) &= \mathrm{d}(0); \\ y \mathrm{d}x + x \mathrm{d}y &= 0; \\ x \mathrm{d}y &= -y \mathrm{d}x; \\ \mathrm{d}y &= -\frac{y \mathrm{d}x}{x}; \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} &= -\frac{y}{x}.\end{aligned}$$

When $(x, y) = (2, 3)$,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = -\frac{y}{x} = -\frac{3}{2}.$$