# **Higher Order Derivatives**

1. Given that  $f(x) = 2x^4 - 3x^3 + 4x^2$ , what is f'''(x)?

2. Suppose  $f(x) = x^7 - x^6 + x^5$ . What is  $f^{(4)}(x)$ ?

#### Answers

1. Given that  $f(x) = 2x^4 - 3x^3 + 4x^2$ , what is f'''(x)?

Since f(x) is a polynomial function, differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$ .

$$f'(x) = (2 \cdot 4)x^{4-1} - (3 \cdot 3)x^{3-1} + (4 \cdot 2)x^{2-1}$$
$$f'(x) = 8x^3 - 9x^2 + 8x$$
$$f''(x) = (8 \cdot 3)x^{3-1} - (9 \cdot 2)x^{2-1} + (8 \cdot 1)x^{1-1}$$
$$f''(x) = 24x^2 - 18x + 8$$
$$f'''(x) = (24 \cdot 2)x^{2-1} - (18 \cdot 1)x^{1-1} + 0$$
$$f'''(x) = 48x - 18$$

**Answer**: f'''(x) = 48x - 18

2. Suppose  $f(x) = x^7 - x^6 + x^5$ . What is  $f^{(4)}(x)$ ?

Since f(x) is a polynomial function, differentiate using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}.$   $f'(x) = 7x^{7-1} - 6x^{6-1} + 5x^{5-1}$ 

$$f'(x) = 7x^{6} - 6x^{5} + 5x^{4}$$

$$f''(x) = (7 \cdot 6)x^{6-1} - (6 \cdot 5)x^{5-1} + (5 \cdot 4)x^{4-1}$$

$$f''(x) = 42x^{5} - 30x^{4} + 20x^{3}$$

$$f'''(x) = (42 \cdot 5)x^{5-1} - (30 \cdot 4)x^{4-1} + (20 \cdot 3)x^{3-1}$$

$$f'''(x) = 210x^{4} - 120x^{3} + 60x^{2}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = (210 \cdot 4)x^{4-1} - (120 \cdot 3)x^{3-1} + (60 \cdot 2)x^{2-1}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 840x^{3} - 360x^{2} + 120x$$

Answer:  $f^{(4)}(x) = 840x^3 - 360x^2 + 120x$ 

3. Suppose  $h(x) = 2x^6 - 3x^5 + 4x^4$ . What is  $h^{(4)}(x)$ ?

4. Find k''(x) if  $k(x) = 8x^{-3} - 24x^{-2} + 12x^{-1}$ .

#### Answers

3. Suppose  $h(x) = 2x^6 - 3x^5 + 4x^4$ . What is  $h^{(4)}(x)$ ?

Since h(x) is a polynomial, differentiate using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$ .

$$h'(x) = 12x^{5} - 15x^{4} + 16x^{3}$$
$$h''(x) = 60x^{4} - 60x^{3} + 48x^{2}$$
$$h'''(x) = 240x^{3} - 180x^{2} + 96x$$
$$h^{(4)}(x) = 720x^{2} - 360x + 96$$

**Answer**:  $h^{(4)}(x) = 720x^2 - 360x + 96$ 

4. Find k''(x) if  $k(x) = 8x^{-3} - 24x^{-2} + 12x^{-1}$ . When differentiating negative exponents, use the same rule as with positive exponents. Differentiate using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$ .

$$k'(x) = (8 \cdot -3)x^{-3-1} - (24 \cdot -2)x^{-2-1} + (12 \cdot -1)x^{-1-1}$$
$$k'(x) = -24x^{-4} + 48x^{-3} - 12x^{-2}$$
$$k''(x) = (-24 \cdot -4)x^{-4-1} + (48 \cdot -3)x^{-3-1} - (12 \cdot -2)x^{-2-1}$$
$$k''(x) = 96x^{-5} - 144x^{-4} + 24x^{-3}$$

**Answer**:  $k''(x) = 96x^{-5} - 144x^{-4} + 24x^{-3}$ 

5. Given g(x) below. Find g'''(x).

$$g(x) = \frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{5}{x^4} + \frac{2}{x}$$

#### Answers

5. Given g(x) below. Find g'''(x).

$$g(x) = \frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{5}{x^4} + \frac{2}{x}$$

First, change the function so you can differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$ .

$$g(x) = \frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{5}{x^4} + \frac{2}{x} = 3x^{-2} - 5x^{-4} + 2x^{-1}$$
$$g'(x) = -6x^{-3} + 20x^{-5} - 2x^{-2}$$
$$g''(x) = 18x^{-4} - 100x^{-6} + 4x^{-3}$$
$$g'''(x) = -72x^{-5} + 600x^{-7} - 12x^{-4}$$

Convert  $g^{\prime\prime\prime}(x)$  to the original form of the given function:

$$g^{\prime\prime\prime}(x) = -\frac{72}{x^5} + \frac{600}{x^7} - \frac{12}{x^4}$$

6. Given g(x) below, Find g''(x).

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{9x^5} + \frac{2}{3x^4} - \frac{1}{x}$$

#### Answers

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$$g(x) = \frac{1}{9x^5} + \frac{2}{3x^4} - \frac{1}{x}$$

First, change the function so you can differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$  and the chain rule.

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{9}x^{-5} + \frac{2}{3}x^{-4} - x^{-1}$$
$$g'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)(-5)x^{-5-1} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(-4)x^{-4-1} - (-1)x^{-1-1}$$

Simplify:

$$g'(x) = -\frac{5}{9}x^{-6} - \frac{8}{3}x^{-5} + x^{-2}$$
$$g''(x) = \left(-\frac{5}{9}\right)(-6)x^{-6-1} + \left(-\frac{8}{3}\right)(-5)x^{-5-1} + (-2)x^{-2-1}$$

Simplify:

$$g''(x) = \frac{10}{3}x^{-7} + \frac{40}{3}x^{-6} - 2x^{-3}$$

Convert back to the original form of the function.

$$g''(x) = \frac{10}{3x^7} + \frac{40}{3x^6} - \frac{2}{x^3}$$

7. Find h''(x) if

$$h(x) = \frac{5}{9x+4} + \frac{4}{3x+2}$$

#### Answers

7. Find h''(x) if

$$h(x) = \frac{5}{9x+4} + \frac{4}{3x+2}$$

First, change the function so you can differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$  and the chain rule.

$$h(x) = 5(9x + 4)^{-1} + 4(3x + 2)^{-1}$$
$$h'(x) = -5(9x + 4)^{-1-1} \cdot (9x + 4)' - 4(3x + 2)^{-1-1} \cdot (3x + 2)'$$
$$h'(x) = -5(9x + 4)^{-2} \cdot 9 - 4(3x + 2)^{-2} \cdot 3$$

Simplify:

$$h'(x) = -45(9x+4)^{-2} - 12(3x+2)^{-2}$$

$$h''(x) = (-45)(-2)(9x+4)^{-2-1} \cdot (9x+4)' - (12)(-2)(3x+2)^{-2-1} \cdot (3x+2)'$$
  
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$$h''(x) = (-45)(-2)(9x+4)^{-3} \cdot 9 - (12)(-2)(3x+2)^{-3} \cdot 3$$

Simplify:

$$h''(x) = 810(9x+4)^{-3} + 72(3x+2)^{-3}$$

Convert to the original form of h(x):

$$h''(x) = \frac{810}{(9x+4)^3} + \frac{72}{(3x+2)^3}$$

8. Find f''(x) if

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{2x+3} - \frac{4}{2x-7}$$

#### Answers

8. Find f''(x) if

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{2x+3} - \frac{4}{2x-7}$$

First, change the function so you can differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$  and the chain rule.

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{2x+3} - \frac{4}{2x-7} = 2(2x+3)^{-1} - 4(2x-7)^{-1}$$
$$f'(x) = 2(-1)(2x+3)^{-1-1} \cdot (2x+3)' - 4(-1)(2x-7)^{-1-1} \cdot (2x-7)'$$
$$f'(x) = -2(2x+3)^{-2} \cdot 2 + 4(2x-7)^{-2} \cdot 2$$

Simplify:  $f'(x) = -4(2x+3)^{-2} + 8(2x-7)^{-2}$ 

$$f''(x) = (-4)(-2)(2x+3)^{-2-1} \cdot (2x+3)' + (8)(-2)(2x-7)^{-2-1} \cdot (2x-7)'$$
$$f''(x) = (-4)(-2)(2x+3)^{-3} \cdot 2 + (8)(-2)(2x-7)^{-3} \cdot 2$$

Simplify:  $f''(x) = 16(2x+3)^{-3} - 32(2x-7)^{-3}$ 

Convert to the form of the original function.

$$f''(x) = \frac{16}{(2x+3)^3} - \frac{32}{(2x-7)^3}$$

9. Suppose  $h(x) = x^{\frac{5}{2}} - x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . What is h''(x)?

10. Suppose  $h(x) = 6x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 12x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . What is h''(x)?

#### Answers

9. Suppose  $h(x) = x^{\frac{5}{2}} - x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . What is h''(x)?

Terms with rational exponents are differentiated the same way as terms with integer exponents. Differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$ .

$$h'(x) = \frac{5}{2}x^{\frac{5}{2}-1} - \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{3}{2}-1} = \frac{5}{2}x^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$h''(x) = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)x^{\frac{3}{2}-1} - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{\frac{1}{2}-1}$$
$$h''(x) = \frac{15}{4}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{4}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Answer:

$$h''(x) = \frac{15}{4}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{4}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

10. Suppose 
$$h(x) = 6x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 12x^{\frac{3}{2}}$$
. What is  $h''(x)$ ?

Terms with rational exponents are differentiated the same way as terms with integer exponents. Differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$ .

$$h'(x) = (6)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} - (12)\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)x^{\frac{3}{2}-1}$$
$$h'(x) = 3x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 18x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$h''(x) = (3)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{-\frac{1}{2}-1} - (18)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{\frac{1}{2}-1}$$

Simplify:

$$h''(x) = -\frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} - 9x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

11. Given that  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2 + x}$ , what is f''(x)?

#### Answers

11. Given that  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2 + x}$ , what is f''(x)?

First, change the function so you can differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$  and the chain rule, which states if f(x) = u(v(x)), then  $f'(x) = u'(v(x)) \cdot v'(x)$ .

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

Since f'(x) is the product of two functions, differentiate using the product rule:  $\frac{d}{df}(uv) = udv + vdu.$ 

$$f''(x) = udv + vdu$$
$$= \frac{1}{3}(x^2 + x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (2x + 1)' + \left[\frac{1}{3}(x^2 + x)^{-\frac{2}{3}}\right]' \cdot (2x + 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(x^{2} + x)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (2) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)(x^{2} + x)^{-\frac{5}{3}} \cdot (x^{2} + x)' \cdot (2x + 1)$$
$$= \frac{2}{3}(x^{2} + x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{2}{9}(x^{2} + x)^{-\frac{5}{3}} \cdot (2x + 1) \cdot (2x + 1)$$

Simplify:

$$f''(x) = \frac{2}{3}(x^2 + x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{2}{9}(2x + 1)^2(x^2 + x)^{-\frac{5}{3}}$$

Convert to radical form:

$$f''(x) = \frac{2}{3(x^2 + x)^2} - \frac{2(2x+1)^2}{9(x^2 + x)^3}$$
$$f''(x) = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{(x^2 + x)^2}} - \frac{2(2x+1)^2}{9\sqrt[3]{(x^2 + x)^5}}$$

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12. Suppose  $h(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$ . What is h''(x)?

#### Answers

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First, change the function so you can differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$  and the chain rule, which states if h(x) = u(v(x)) then  $h'(x) = u'(v(x)) \cdot v'(x)$ .

$$h(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1} = (x^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$h'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2} - 1} \cdot (x^2 - 1)'$$
$$h'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (2x)$$

Simplify:

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

Now use the product rule,  $\frac{d}{df}(uv) = udv + vdu$ , and the chain rule to find the second derivative:

$$h'(x) = x(x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$h''(x) = x \cdot \left[ (x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]' + (x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot [x]'$$
$$h''(x) = x \cdot \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2} - 1} \cdot (x^2 - 1)' \right] + (x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 1$$
$$h''(x) = x \cdot \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot (2x) \right] + (x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Simplify:

$$h''(x) = -x^2(x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + (x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$h''(x) = -\frac{x^2}{(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Convert to radical form:

$$h''(x) = -\frac{x^2}{(x^2 - 1)\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

13. Find  $g^{(4)}(x)$  if  $g(x) = (2x^5 + 1)(x^3 + 1)$ .

14. Find f''(x) if  $f(x) = (5x^3 - x^2)(3x^4 + 7)$ .

#### Answers

13. Find  $g^{(4)}(x)$  if  $g(x) = (2x^5 + 1)(x^3 + 1)$ .

Notice that g(x) is the product of two binomials. You could differentiate the function using the product rule, which is possible, but tedious. Multiplying the binomials and differentiating the result term by term is a more direct approach. Then differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$ .

$$g(x) = (2x^{5} + 1)(x^{3} + 1) = 2x^{8} + 2x^{5} + x^{3} + 1$$
$$g'(x) = 16x^{7} + 10x^{4} + 3x^{2}$$
$$g''(x) = 112x^{6} + 40x^{3} + 6x$$
$$g'''(x) = 672x^{5} + 120x^{2} + 6$$
$$g^{(4)}(x) = 3360x^{4} + 240x$$

**Answer**:  $g^{(4)}(x) = 3360x^4 + 240x$ 

14. Find 
$$f''(x)$$
 if  $f(x) = (5x^3 - x^2)(3x^4 - 7)$ .

Notice that f(x) is the product of two binomials. You could differentiate the function using the product rule, which is possible, but tedious. Multiplying the binomials and differentiating the result term by term is a more direct approach.

Then differentiate term by term using the power rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = (an)x^{n-1}$ .

$$f(x) = (5x^3 - x^2)(3x^4 - 7) = 15x^7 - 3x^6 - 35x^3 + 7x^2$$
$$f'(x) = 105x^6 - 18x^5 - 105x^2 + 14x$$
$$f''(x) = 630x^5 - 90x^4 - 210x + 14$$

Answer:  $f''(x) = 630x^5 - 90x^4 - 210x + 14$ 

15. Suppose  $h(x) = (5x^4)(\cos x)$ . Find h''(x).

#### Answers

15. Suppose  $h(x) = (5x^4)(\cos x)$ . Find h''(x).

The given function h(x) contains the product of two functions. Differentiate using the product rule,  $\frac{d}{df}(uv) = udv + vdu$ .

$$h'(x) = (5x^4) \cdot (\cos x)' + (5x^4)' \cdot (\cos x)$$
$$h'(x) = (5x^4) \cdot -\sin x + (20x^3) \cdot (\cos x)$$
$$h'(x) = -5x^4 \sin x + 20x^3 \cos x$$

Now, h'(x) is two products of two different functions. Differentiate again, using the product rule.

$$h''(x) = -5x^4 \cdot (\sin x)' + (-5x^4)' \cdot \sin x + 20x^3(\cos x)' + (20x^3)' \cdot \cos x$$
$$h''(x) = -5x^4 \cdot \cos x - 20x^3 \cdot \sin x + 20x^3 \cdot -\sin x + 60x^2 \cdot \cos x$$
$$h''(x) = -5x^4 \cos x - 20x^3 \sin x - 20x^3 \sin x + 60x^2 \cos x$$

Simplify:

**Answer**:  $h''(x) = (60x^2 - 5x^4)\cos x - 40x^3\sin x$ 

16. Find g''(x) if  $g(x) = (\tan x)(6x^2)$ .

#### Answers

16. Find g''(x) if  $g(x) = (\tan x)(6x^2)$ .

The given function g(x) contains the product of two functions. Differentiate such a function using the product rule:  $\frac{d}{df}(uv) = udv + vdu$ .

$$g'(x) = (\tan x) \cdot (6x^2)' + (\tan x)' \cdot (6x^2)$$
$$g'(x) = (\tan x) \cdot (12x) + (\sec^2 x) \cdot (6x^2)$$
$$g'(x) = 12x(\tan x) + 6x^2(\sec^2 x)$$

Now, g'(x) is two products of two different functions. Differentiate again, using the product rule.

$$g''(x) = 12x \cdot (\tan x)' + (12x)' \cdot (\tan x) + 6x^2 \cdot (\sec^2 x)' + (6x^2)' \cdot (\sec^2 x)$$
$$g''(x) = 12x \sec^2 x + 12\tan x + 6x^2 \cdot 2\sec x \sec x \tan x + 12x \sec^2 x$$

Simplify:

$$g''(x) = 24x \sec^2 x + 12 \tan x + 12x^2 \sec^2 x \tan x$$

**Answer**:  $g''(x) = 24x \sec^2 x + 12 \tan x + 12x^2 \sec^2 x \tan x$ 

17. Given that  $k(x) = (3x^2)(\cos(3x))$ . What is k''(x)?

#### Answers

17. Given that  $k(x) = (3x^2)(\cos(3x))$ . What is k''(x)?

Note that k(x) is the product of two functions, so differentiate using the product rule:  $\frac{d}{dk}(uv) = udv + vdu$  and the chain rule.

$$k'(x) = 3x^2 \cdot (\cos(3x))' + (3x^2)' \cdot (\cos(3x))$$
$$k'(x) = 3x^2 \cdot -\sin(3x)(3) + 6x(\cos(3x))$$

Simplify:

$$k'(x) = -9x^2 \sin(3x) + 6x \cos(3x)$$

Now, k'(x) is the sum of two products. Differentiate using the product rule.

$$k''^{(x)} = -9x^2 \cdot [\sin(3x)]' + (-9x^2)' \cdot \sin(3x) + 6x[\cos(3x)]' + (6x)' \cdot \cos(3x)$$

$$k''(x) = -9x^2 \cdot \cos(3x)(3) - 18x \cdot \sin(3x) + 6x \cdot -\sin(3x)(3) + 6 \cdot \cos(3x)$$

Simplify:

$$k''(x) = -27x^{2}\cos(3x) - 18x\sin(3x) - 18x\sin(3x) + 6\cos(3x)$$
$$k''(x) = (-27x^{2} + 6)\cos(3x) - (18x + 18x)\sin(3x)$$

**Answer**:  $k''(x) = (-27x^2 + 6)\cos(3x) - 36x\sin(3x)$ 

18. Find k''(x) given that

$$k(x) = \frac{2x+5}{7x+6}$$

#### Answers

18. Find k''(x) given that

$$k(x) = \frac{2x+5}{7x+6}$$

Also use the quotient rule which states if  $k(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  then,

$$k'(x) = \frac{g(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$
$$k'(x) = \frac{(7x+6) \cdot (2x+5)' - (2x+5) \cdot (7x+6)'}{(7x+6)^2}$$
$$k'(x) = \frac{(7x+6) \cdot 2 - (2x+5) \cdot 7}{(7x+6)^2} = \frac{14x+12-14x-35}{(7x+6)^2}$$
$$h'(x) = \frac{-23}{(7x+6)^2}$$

To find k''(x), change k'(x) so you can differentiate using the power rule and the chain rule.

$$k'(x) = -23(7x+6)^{-2}$$
  

$$k''(x) = (-23)(-2)(7x+6)^{-2-1} \cdot (7x+6)'$$
  

$$k''(x) = 46(7x+6)^{-3} \cdot 7$$
  

$$k''(x) = 322(7x+6)^{-3} = \frac{322}{(7x+6)^3}$$

$$k''(x) = \frac{322}{(7x+6)^3}$$

19. Find  $g^{\prime\prime}(x)$  given that

$$g(x) = \frac{3x^2}{\sin x}$$

#### Answers

19. Find g''(x) given that

$$g(x) = \frac{3x^2}{\sin x}$$

Use the quotient rule which states if  $g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{k(x)}$  then,

$$g'(x) = \frac{k(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x) \cdot k'(x)}{[k(x)]^2}$$
$$g'(x) = \frac{\sin x \cdot [3x^2]' - (3x^2) \cdot (\sin x)'}{(\sin x)^2}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{\sin x \cdot (6x) - 3x^2 \cdot \cos x}{\sin^2 x}$$

Simplify:

$$g'(x) = \frac{6x\sin x - 3x^2\cos x}{\sin^2 x}$$

Differentiate using the product rule and the quotient rule.

$$g''(x) = \frac{\sin^2 x \cdot [6x\sin x - 3x^2\cos x]' - (6x\sin x - 3x^2\cos x) \cdot [\sin^2 x]'}{(\sin^2 x)^2}$$
$$\frac{d}{dx} [6x\sin x - 3x^2\cos x]$$
$$= 6x \cdot [\sin x]' + (6x)'\sin x - 3x^2 \cdot [\cos x]' - (3x^2)' \cdot \cos x$$
$$\frac{d}{dx} [6x\sin x - 3x^2\cos x] = 6x \cdot \cos x + 6\sin x - 3x^2 \cdot -\sin x - 6x \cdot \cos x$$
$$\frac{d}{dx} [6x\sin x - 3x^2\cos x] = 6x\cos x + 6\sin x + 3x^2\sin x - 6x\cos x$$
$$\frac{d}{dx} [6x\sin x - 3x^2\cos x] = 6x\cos x + 6\sin x + 3x^2\sin x - 6x\cos x$$

$$g''(x) = \frac{\sin^2 x \cdot (6\sin x + 3x^2 \sin x) - (6x\sin x - 3x^2 \cos x) \cdot 2\sin x \cos x}{(\sin^2 x)^2}$$
$$g''(x) = \frac{\sin^2 x (6\sin x + 3x^2 \sin x) - 2(6x\sin x - 3x^2 \cos x) \sin x \cos x}{(\sin^2 x)^2}$$
$$g''(x) = \frac{6\sin^3 x + 3x^2 \sin^3 x - 12x \sin^2 x \cos x + 6x^2 \cos^2 x \sin x}{(\sin^2 x)^2}$$
$$g''(x) = \frac{6\sin^2 x + 3x^2 \sin^2 x - 12x \sin x \cos x + 6x^2 \cos^2 x}{\sin^3 x}$$

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Use the quotient rule which states if  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  then,

$$h'(x) = \frac{g(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$
$$h'(x) = \frac{(4x - 9) \cdot (5x - 3)' - (5x - 3) \cdot (4x - 9)'}{(4x - 9)^2}$$
$$h'(x) = \frac{(4x - 9) \cdot 5 - (5x - 3) \cdot 4}{(4x - 9)^2}$$
$$h'(x) = \frac{5(4x - 9) - 4(5x - 3)}{(4x - 9)^2} = \frac{20x - 45 - 20x + 12}{(4x - 9)^2}$$
$$h'(x) = \frac{-33}{(4x - 9)^2}$$

To find 
$$h''(x)$$
 change  $h'(x)$  so you can differentiate using the power rule and the chain rule.

$$h'(x) = \frac{-33}{(4x-9)^2} = -33(4x-9)^{-2}$$
$$h''(x) = (-33)(-2)(4x-9)^{-2-1} \cdot (4x-9)'$$
$$h''(x) = 66(4x-9)^{-3} \cdot 4$$

Simplify:

$$h''(x) = 264(4x - 9)^{-3}$$

Convert h''(x) into the form of the original function.

$$h''(x) = \frac{264}{(4x-9)^3}$$

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You have the option to the quotient rule or, to avoid the quotient rule, you can rewrite the function as a product and use the product rule:  $\frac{d}{dk}(uv) = udv + vdu$ . We will use the product rule.

$$k(x) = \frac{8x^3}{5x+2} = (8x^3)(5x+2)^{-1}$$
$$k'(x) = (8x^3) \cdot [(5x+2)^{-1}]' + (8x^3)' \cdot (5x+2)^{-1}$$
$$k'(x) = (8x^3) \cdot (-1)(5x+2)^{-1-1}(5) + 24x^2 \cdot (5x+2)^{-1}$$

Simplify:

$$k'(x) = -40x^3(5x+2)^{-2} + 24x^2(5x+2)^{-1}$$

Find the derivatives of the two products separately.

First find 
$$\frac{d}{dx} [(-40x^3)(5x+2)^{-2}]$$
  
 $\frac{d}{dx} [(-40x^3)(5x+2)^{-2}] = (-40x^3) \cdot [(5x+2)^{-2}]' + (-40x^3)' \cdot (5x+2)^{-2}$   
 $\frac{d}{dx} [(-40x^3)(5x+2)^{-2}]$   
 $= (-40x^3) \cdot (-2)(5x+2)^{-2-1}(5) - 120x^2(5x+2)^{-2}$ 

Simplify:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[(-40x^3)(5x+2)^{-2}] = 400x^3(5x+2)^{-3} - 120x^2(5x+2)^{-2}$$

Next find  $\frac{d}{dx}[(24x^2)(5x+2)^{-1}]$ 

$$\frac{d}{dx}[(24x^2)(5x+2)^{-1}] = (24x^2) \cdot [(5x+2)^{-1}]' + (24x^2)' \cdot (5x+2)^{-1}$$
$$\frac{d}{dx}[(24x^2)(5x+2)^{-1}] = (24x^2)(-1)(5x+2)^{-1-1}(5) + (48x)(5x+2)^{-1}$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[(24x^2)(5x+2)^{-1}] = -120x^2(5x+2)^{-2} + 48x(5x+2)^{-1}$$

Put the two derivatives together:

$$k''(x) = 400x^{3}(5x+2)^{-3} - 120x^{2}(5x+2)^{-2} - 120x^{2}(5x+2)^{-2} + 48x(5x+2)^{-1}$$

Simplify.

$$k''(x) = 400x^3(5x+2)^{-3} - 240x^2(5x+2)^{-2} + 48x(5x+2)^{-1}$$

Convert to the original form of the function:

$$k''(x) = \frac{400x^3}{(5x+2)^3} - \frac{240x^2}{(5x+2)^2} + \frac{48x}{5x+2}$$