

# DIFFERENTIATION

**Question 1 (\*\*)**

Differentiate each of the following expressions with respect to  $x$ , simplifying the final answers as far as possible

a)  $y = (x^2 - 4)^3$

b)  $y = x \cos 2x$

c)  $y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$

,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x(x^2 - 4)^2$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos 2x - 2x \sin 2x$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2}$

Handwritten solutions for Question 1:

- a)  $y = (x^2 - 4)^3$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(x^2 - 4)^2 \cdot 2x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x(x^2 - 4)^2$
- b)  $y = x \cos 2x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \cdot \cos 2x + x(-2 \sin 2x)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos 2x - 2x \sin 2x$
- c)  $y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2}$

**Question 2 (\*\*)**

Differentiate each of the following expressions with respect to  $x$ , simplifying the final answers as far as possible.

a)  $y = (1 - x^2)^6$

b)  $y = x^3 \sin 3x$

c)  $y = \frac{5x}{x^3 + 2}$

,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -12x(1 - x^2)^5$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2(\sin 3x + x \cos 3x)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{10(1 - x^3)}{(x^3 + 2)^2}$

Handwritten solutions for Question 2:

- a)  $y = (1 - x^2)^6$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6(1 - x^2)^5 \cdot (-2x)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -12x(1 - x^2)^5$
- b)  $y = x^3 \sin 3x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 \sin 3x + x^3(3 \cos 3x)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2(\sin 3x + x \cos 3x)$
- c)  $y = \frac{5x}{x^3 + 2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5(x^3 + 2) - 5x(3x^2)}{(x^3 + 2)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{10 - 15x^3}{(x^3 + 2)^2}$

**Question 3 (\*\*\*)**

Differentiate each of the following expressions with respect to  $x$ , writing the final answers as simplified fractions.

a)  $y = \frac{\ln x}{1 + \ln x}$ .

b)  $y = \ln\left(\frac{1}{x^2 + 9}\right)$ .

$$\boxed{\phantom{0}}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x(1 + \ln x)^2}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{x^2 + 9}$$

**Question 4 (\*\*\*)**

Differentiate each of the following expressions with respect to  $x$ , simplifying the final answers as far as possible

a)  $y = \frac{4}{(2x-1)^2}$ .

b)  $y = x^3 e^{-2x}$ .

c)  $y = \frac{2x^2 + 1}{3x^2 + 1}$ .

$$\boxed{\phantom{0}}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{16}{(2x-1)^3}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2(3-2x)e^{-2x}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{(3x^2+1)^2}$$

## Question 5 (\*\*\*)

Differentiate each of the following expressions with respect to  $x$ , simplifying the final answers where possible.

a)  $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2x}}$ .

b)  $y = e^{3x}(\sin x + \cos x)$ .

c)  $y = \frac{\ln x}{x^2}$ .

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = (1-2x)^{-\frac{3}{2}}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^{3x}(\sin x + 2\cos x), \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-2\ln x}{x^3}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 5:

a)  $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2x}} = (1-2x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}(1-2x)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(-2) = (1-2x)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

b)  $y = e^{3x}(\sin x + \cos x) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3e^{3x}(\sin x + \cos x) + e^{3x}(\cos x - \sin x) = e^{3x}(3\sin x + 3\cos x + \cos x - \sin x) = e^{3x}(2\sin x + 4\cos x) = 2e^{3x}(\sin x + 2\cos x)$

c)  $y = \frac{\ln x}{x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot x^2 - \ln x \cdot 2x}{(x^2)^2} = \frac{x - 2x\ln x}{x^4} = \frac{x(1-2\ln x)}{x^4} = \frac{1-2\ln x}{x^3}$

**Question 6 (\*\*\*)**

Differentiate each of the following expressions with respect to  $x$ , simplifying the final answers where possible.

a)  $y = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$

b)  $y = x^4 \ln x$

c)  $y = \frac{e^x - 1}{e^x + 1}$

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}}, \quad \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = x(x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 \ln x + x^3}, \quad \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2e^x}{(e^x + 1)^2}}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 6:

- a)  $y = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$   
 $y = (x^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$
- b)  $y = x^4 \ln x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 \ln x + x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{x}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 \ln x + x^3$
- c)  $y = \frac{e^x - 1}{e^x + 1}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(e^x) \cdot (e^x + 1) - (e^x - 1) \cdot (e^x)}{(e^x + 1)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{2x} + e^x - e^{2x} + e^x}{(e^x + 1)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2e^x}{(e^x + 1)^2}$

## Question 7 (\*\*\*)

Show clearly that ...

i. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( x^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{2x} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (4x+3) x^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{2x}.$

ii. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{4x+1}{1-2x} \right) = \frac{6}{(1-2x)^2}.$

iii. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \ln(\sec x + \tan x) \right) = \sec x.$

proof

Handwritten proof for Question 7:

(i)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( x^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{2x} \right) = \frac{3}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{2x} + 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{2x} = \frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{2x} (3 + 4x)$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}} (4x+3) e^{2x}$

(ii)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{4x+1}{1-2x} \right) = \frac{(1-2x)(4) - (4x+1)(-2)}{(1-2x)^2} = \frac{4 - 8x + 8x + 2}{(1-2x)^2} = \frac{6}{(1-2x)^2}$

(iii)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \ln(\sec x + \tan x) \right] = \frac{1}{\sec x + \tan x} \times (\sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x)$   
 $= \frac{\sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x}{\sec x + \tan x}$   
 $= \frac{\sec x (\tan x + \sec x)}{\sec x + \tan x}$   
 $= \sec x$

## Question 8 (\*\*\*)

Show clearly that ...

i. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ 2x^3 (2x+3)^5 \right] = 2x^2 (16x+9)(2x+3)^4.$

ii. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{2x^2+1}{3x^2+1} \right] = -\frac{2x}{(3x^2+1)^2}.$

iii. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \ln(\sec x + \tan x) \right] = \sec x.$

proof

Handwritten mathematical proof for Question 8:

(i)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ 2x^3 (2x+3)^5 \right] = 6x^2 (2x+3)^5 + 2x^3 \times 5(2x+3)^4$   
 $= 6x^2 (2x+3)^5 + 20x^3 (2x+3)^4$   
 $= 2x^2 (2x+3)^4 [3(2x+3) + 10x]$   
 $= 2x^2 (2x+3)^4 (6x+9+10x)$   
 $= 2x^2 (2x+3)^4 (16x+9)$

(ii)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{2x^2+1}{3x^2+1} \right] = \frac{(2x^2+1)'(3x^2+1) - (2x^2+1)(3x^2+1)'}{(3x^2+1)^2} = \frac{(4x)(3x^2+1) - (2x^2+1)(6x)}{(3x^2+1)^2} = \frac{12x^3+4x-12x^3-6x}{(3x^2+1)^2} = \frac{-2x}{(3x^2+1)^2}$

(iii)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \ln(\sec x + \tan x) \right] = \frac{1}{\sec x + \tan x} \times (\sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x)$   
 $= \frac{\sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x}{\sec x + \tan x} = \frac{\sec x (\tan x + \sec x)}{\sec x + \tan x} = \sec x$

**Question 9 (\*\*\*)**

Differentiate each of the following expressions with respect to  $x$ , simplifying the final answer as far as possible.

a)  $y = \sec^2 x$ .

b)  $y = x(1-2x)^6$ .

c)  $y = \frac{\sin x}{2 - \cos x}$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sec^2 x \tan x, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = (14x-1)(2x-1)^5 = (1-14x)(1-2x)^5, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos x - 1}{(2 - \cos x)^2}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 9:

a)  $y = \sec^2 x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sec x (\sec x \tan x)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sec^2 x \tan x$

b)  $y = x(1-2x)^6$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x(1-2x))^5 + x \cdot 6(1-2x)^5(-2)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = (1-2x)^5 - 12x(1-2x)^5$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = (1-2x)^5 [(1-2x) - 12x]$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = (1-2x)^5 (-11x)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -(11x)(1-2x)^5$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = (1-14x)(1-2x)^5$

c)  $y = \frac{\sin x}{2 - \cos x}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2 - \cos x)(\cos x) - \sin x(-\sin x)}{(2 - \cos x)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos x - \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{(2 - \cos x)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos x - (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)}{(2 - \cos x)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos x - \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{(2 - \cos x)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos x - 1}{(2 - \cos x)^2}$



**Question 10** (\*\*\*\*)

Differentiate each the following expressions with respect to  $x$ , simplifying the final answers as far as possible.

(Fractional answers must not involve double fractions)

a)  $y = \sin^3 2x$ .

b)  $y = x \tan 4x$ .

c)  $y = \ln\left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right)$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6\sin^2 2x \cos 2x, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \tan 4x + 4x \sec^2 4x, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2 + x}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 10:

- a)  $y = \sin^3 2x$   
 $y = (\sin 2x)^3$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(\sin 2x)^2 \times 2 \cos 2x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6\sin^2 2x \cos 2x$
- b)  $y = x \tan 4x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x \tan 4x)' + (x \times \sec^2 4x)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan 4x + 4x \sec^2 4x$
- c)  $y = \ln\left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right) = \ln(x+1) - \ln x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x}$   
 $= \frac{x - (x+1)}{x(x+1)} = -\frac{1}{x(x+1)}$

## Question 11 (\*\*\*\*)

Differentiate each of the following expressions with respect to  $x$ , simplifying the answers as far as possible.

a)  $y = e^{-4x}(x^2 + 1)$ .

b)  $y = \sqrt{1 + 2e^{2x^2}}$ .

c)  $y = \frac{4x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - 7x}$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2e^{-4x}(2x^2 - x + 2), \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4xe^{2x^2}}{\sqrt{1 + 2e^{2x^2}}}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{31}{(x-7)^2}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 11:

a)  $y = e^{-4x}(x^2 + 1)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -4e^{-4x}(x^2 + 1) + e^{-4x}(2x)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^{-4x}[-2(x^2 + 1) + x]$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^{-4x}(-2x^2 - 2 + x)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2e^{-4x}(2x^2 - x + 2)$

b)  $y = (1 + 2e^{2x^2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2e^{2x^2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2e^{2x^2} \times 2x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4xe^{2x^2}}{\sqrt{1 + 2e^{2x^2}}}$

c)  $y = \frac{4x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - 7x}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(4x^2 + 3x)'(x^2 - 7x) - (4x^2 + 3x)(x^2 - 7x)'}{(x^2 - 7x)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8x + 3}{(x^2 - 7x)^2} - \frac{(4x^2 + 3x)(2x - 7)}{(x^2 - 7x)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8x + 3 - (8x^3 - 28x^2 + 6x^2 - 21x)}{(x^2 - 7x)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8x + 3 - 8x^3 + 22x^2 + 21x}{(x^2 - 7x)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-8x^3 + 22x^2 + 29x + 3}{(x^2 - 7x)^2}$

## Question 12 (\*\*\*\*)

Prove that ...

i. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( x^4 \sqrt{4x-1} \right) = \frac{2x^3(9x-2)}{\sqrt{4x-1}}.$

ii. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{3x^2 + 6x - 5}{(x+1)^2} \right) = \frac{16}{(x+1)^3}.$

proof

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[ x^4 (4x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] &= 4x^3 (4x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} (4x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 4 \\ &= 4x^3 (4x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2x^4 (4x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 2x^3 (4x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ 2(4x-1) + 2 \right] \\ &= 2x^3 (4x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} (8x-1+2) \\ &= 2x^3 (4x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} (8x+1) \\ &= \frac{2x^3 (8x+1)}{\sqrt{4x-1}} \quad \text{As } 8x+1 = 9x-2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{3x^2+6x-5}{(x+1)^2} \right] &= \frac{(x+1)^2 (6x+6) - (3x^2+6x-5) \cdot 2(x+1)}{(x+1)^4} \\ &= \frac{(x+1)(6x+6) - 2(3x^2+6x-5)}{(x+1)^3} \\ &= \frac{6x^2+6x+6x+6 - 6x^2-12x+10}{(x+1)^3} = \frac{16}{(x+1)^3} \quad \text{As } 6x+6-12x+10 = 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Alternative:} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{3x^2+6x-5}{(x+1)^2} \right] &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{3(x+1)^2 - 9}{(x+1)^2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ 3 - 9(x+1)^{-2} \right] \\ &= 0 - 9 \cdot (-2) (x+1)^{-3} = \frac{18}{(x+1)^3} = \frac{16}{(x+1)^3} \quad \text{As } 18-2=16 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 13 (\*\*\*\*)

Differentiate each of the following expressions with respect to  $x$ .

a)  $y = (2x + \ln x)^3$ .

b)  $y = \frac{x^2}{3x-1}$ .

c)  $y = \sin^4 3x$ .

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 3(2x + \ln x)^2 \left(2 + \frac{1}{x}\right), \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 - 2x}{(3x-1)^2}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 12 \sin^3 3x \cos 3x$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 13:

a)  $y = (2x + \ln x)^3$  (Chain Rule)  
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(2x + \ln x)^2 \times (2 + \frac{1}{x}) = 3(2 + \frac{1}{x})(2x + \ln x)^2$

b)  $y = \frac{x^2}{3x-1}$  (Quotient Rule)  
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2x) \times (3x-1) - x^2 \times 3}{(3x-1)^2} = \frac{6x^2 - 2x - 3x^2}{(3x-1)^2} = \frac{3x^2 - 2x}{(3x-1)^2}$

c)  $y = \sin^4 3x$  (Chain Rule)  
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4(\sin 3x)^3 \times \cos 3x \times 3 = 12 \sin^3 3x \cos 3x$

## Question 14 (\*\*\*\*)

Show, with detailed workings, that

a)  $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos 2x \tan 2x) = 2 \cos 2x.$

b)  $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{x^2}{(3x-1)^2}\right) = -\frac{2x}{(3x-1)^3}.$

, proof

a) MANIPULATE BEFORE DIFFERENTIATING!

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos 2x \tan 2x] = \frac{d}{dx}\left[\cos 2x \times \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos 2x}\right] = \frac{d}{dx}[\sin 2x]$$

$$= 2 \times \cos 2x = 2 \cos 2x \quad \text{As required}$$

OR BY THE PRODUCT RULE

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos 2x \tan 2x] = -2 \sin 2x \tan 2x + \cos 2x \sec^2 2x \times 2$$

$$= 2 \cos 2x \sec^2 2x - 2 \sin 2x \tan 2x$$

$$= 2 \left[ \cos 2x \times \frac{1}{\cos^2 2x} - \sin 2x \times \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos 2x} \right]$$

$$\cos 2x + \sin 2x = 1$$

$$= 2 \left[ \frac{1}{\cos 2x} - \frac{\sin^2 2x}{\cos 2x} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[ \frac{1 - \sin^2 2x}{\cos 2x} \right] = 2 \times \frac{\cos^2 2x}{\cos 2x}$$

$$= 2 \cos 2x \quad \text{As required}$$

b) BY THE QUOTIENT RULE

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{x^2}{(3x-1)^2}\right] = \frac{(3x-1)^2 \times 2x - x^2 \times 2(3x-1) \times 3}{(3x-1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{2x(3x-1)^2 - 6x^2(3x-1)}{(3x-1)^4} = \frac{(3x-1)(2x(3x-1) - 6x^2)}{(3x-1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{6x^2 - 2x - 6x^2}{(3x-1)^3} = \frac{-2x}{(3x-1)^3}$$

$$= -\frac{2x}{(3x-1)^3} \quad \text{As required}$$

## Question 15 (\*\*\*\*)

Show clearly that ...

i. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x}+2} \right) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

ii. ...  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{4x-8\sqrt{x}+3}{(\sqrt{x}-1)^2} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x}-1)^3}$

□, proof

a)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x}+2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x-4}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2} \right] = \frac{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2)(1-\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) - (x-4)(\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}})}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2)^2}$   
 $= \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2 - \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}(x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2)^2}$   
 $= \frac{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2 - \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}(x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2)^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}(x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2)^2}$   
 $= \frac{1}{4x^{\frac{1}{2}}(x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2)}$

b)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{4x-8\sqrt{x}+3}{(\sqrt{x}-1)^2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{4x-8x^{\frac{1}{2}}+3}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^2} \right]$   
 $= \frac{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^2(4-\frac{4}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) - (4x-8x^{\frac{1}{2}}+3)(2x^{\frac{1}{2}}-2)}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^4}$   
 $= \frac{4(x^{\frac{1}{2}})^2(1-\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) - 2^2(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)(4-\frac{4}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}})}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^4}$   
 $= \frac{4x^{\frac{1}{2}}(1-\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) - 2^2(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)(4-\frac{4}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}})}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^4}$   
 $= \frac{4x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2 + 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2 - 8x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 4 + 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 4}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^4}$   
 $= \frac{0}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^4} = 0$

c)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x-4}{(\sqrt{x}+2)} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x-4}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}-2}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}-2}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}+2} \right]$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

d)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{4x-8\sqrt{x}+3}{(\sqrt{x}-1)^2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{4x-8x^{\frac{1}{2}}+3}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{4(x^{\frac{1}{2}})^2-8x^{\frac{1}{2}}+3}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^2} \right]$   
 $= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{4x^{\frac{1}{2}}-8x^{\frac{1}{2}}+3}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{4x^{\frac{1}{2}}-8x^{\frac{1}{2}}+3}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^2} \right]$   
 $= \frac{4x^{\frac{1}{2}}-8x^{\frac{1}{2}}+3}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^2} = \frac{4x^{\frac{1}{2}}-8x^{\frac{1}{2}}+3}{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}-1)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x}-1)^3}$