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9) $y = \dfrac{x^3 - x^2 - 3}{x^5 + 3}$

10) $y = \dfrac{x^4 + 6}{3 - 4x^{-4}}$

11) $y = \dfrac{4x^4 - 4x^2 + 5}{2x^{\frac{5}{3}} + 3}$

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2) $f(x) = \dfrac{2}{x^5 - 5}$

$$f'(x) = -\dfrac{2 \cdot 5x^4}{\left(x^5 - 5\right)^2}$$

$$= -\dfrac{10x^4}{x^{10} - 10x^5 + 25}$$

3) $f(x) = \dfrac{5}{4x^3 + 4}$

$$f'(x) = -\dfrac{5 \cdot 12x^2}{\left(4x^3 + 4\right)^2}$$

$$= -\dfrac{15x^2}{4x^6 + 8x^3 + 4}$$

4) $y = \dfrac{4x^3 - 3x^2}{4x^5 - 4}$

$$\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{\left(4x^5 - 4\right)\left(12x^2 - 6x\right) - \left(4x^3 - 3x^2\right) \cdot 20x^4}{\left(4x^5 - 4\right)^2}$$

$$= \dfrac{-8x^7 + 9x^6 - 12x^2 + 6x}{4x^{10} - 8x^5 + 4}$$

5) $y = \dfrac{3x^4 + 2}{3x^3 - 2}$

$$\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{\left(3x^3 - 2\right) \cdot 12x^3 - \left(3x^4 + 2\right) \cdot 9x^2}{\left(3x^3 - 2\right)^2}$$

$$= \dfrac{9x^6 - 24x^3 - 18x^2}{9x^6 - 12x^3 + 4}$$

6) $y = \dfrac{4x^5 + 2x^2}{3x^4 + 5}$

$$\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{\left(3x^4 + 5\right)\left(20x^4 + 4x\right) - \left(4x^5 + 2x^2\right) \cdot 12x^3}{\left(3x^4 + 5\right)^2}$$

$$= \dfrac{12x^8 - 12x^5 + 100x^4 + 20x}{9x^8 + 30x^4 + 25}$$

7) $y = \dfrac{4x^5 + x^2 + 4}{5x^2 - 2}$

$$\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{\left(5x^2 - 2\right)\left(20x^4 + 2x\right) - \left(4x^5 + x^2 + 4\right) \cdot 10x}{\left(5x^2 - 2\right)^2}$$

$$= \dfrac{60x^6 - 40x^4 - 44x}{25x^4 - 20x^2 + 4}$$

8) $y = \dfrac{3x^4 + 5x^3 - 5}{2x^4 - 4}$

$$\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{\left(2x^4 - 4\right)\left(12x^3 + 15x^2\right) - \left(3x^4 + 5x^3 - 5\right) \cdot 8x^3}{\left(2x^4 - 4\right)^2}$$

$$= \dfrac{-5x^6 - 4x^3 - 30x^2}{2x^8 - 8x^4 + 8}$$

9) $y = \dfrac{x^3 - x^2 - 3}{x^5 + 3}$

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

$$= \frac{-2x^7 + 3x^6 + 15x^4 + 9x^2 - 6x}{x^{10} + 6x^5 + 9}$$

10) $y = \dfrac{x^4 + 6}{3 - 4x^{-4}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(3 - 4x^{-4}) \cdot 4x^3 - (x^4 + 6) \cdot 16x^{-5}}{(3 - 4x^{-4})^2}$$

$$= \frac{12x^{11} - 32x^7 - 96x^3}{9x^8 - 24x^4 + 16}$$

11) $y = \dfrac{4x^4 - 4x^2 + 5}{2x^{\frac{5}{3}} + 3}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(2x^{\frac{5}{3}} + 3\right)(16x^3 - 8x) - (4x^4 - 4x^2 + 5) \cdot \frac{10}{3}x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\left(2x^{\frac{5}{3}} + 3\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{56x^{\frac{14}{3}} + 144x^3 - 8x^{\frac{8}{3}} - 72x - 50x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{12x^{\frac{10}{3}} + 36x^{\frac{5}{3}} + 27}$$

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Many answers. Ex: $f = 4$, $g = 2x$, $-\dfrac{2}{x^2} \neq 0$