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1. Compute the derivatives of the following functions. You do not need to algebraically simplify your answers. For example, if $f(x) = 10x^3$, I would rather that you wrote $f'(x) = 10(3)x^2$ than $f'(x) = 30x^2$ (it's easier to grade!).

(a) $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^3}$

Solution:

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

(b) $g(t) = te^{t^2}$

Solution:

$$g'(t) = e^{t^2} + te^{t^2}(2t)$$

(c) $h(x) = (\sin(2x + 1))^3$

Solution:

$$h'(x) = 3(\sin(2x + 1))^2 \cos(2x + 1)(2)$$

2. A large hot air balloon begins its descent by releasing air at a rate of 100 cubic meters per minute. The balloon is a sphere. What is the rate of change of the radius when it is 10 meters? (The formula for the volume V of a sphere with radius r is $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$.)

Solution: Let r be the radius and V the volume of the balloon. We know that $\frac{dV}{dt} = -100$ m³/min. Our goal is to find $\left.\frac{dr}{dt}\right|_{r=10}$. We use the volume formula to relate r and V . Taking derivatives of both sides gives

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}.$$

We substitute $\frac{dV}{dt} = -100$ and $r = 10$ and get

$$-100 = 4\pi(10^2) \frac{dr}{dt}.$$

Solving yields $\frac{dr}{dt} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \approx -0.080$ m/min.