Examples 3.4 – Products of Functions

1. Use the product rule to find the derivative of each of the following functions.

Solution:

(a)
$$y = (2x^3 - 3x)(x^2 + 5x - 10)$$

(b)
$$y = x^2 \sqrt{1 - x^3}$$

(c)
$$y = \frac{x^2 - 3}{9x + 2}$$

- 2. Suppose the selling price *P* per unit of an item depends on *x*, the quantity sold. The revenue from the sale of *x* units at price *P* per unit is R(x) = xP(x).
 - (a) Suppose that when 500 units are sold, the price is 5.49 per unit. Find R(500).
 - (b) Suppose that when 500 units are sold, the price is dropping by \$0.001 per unit. Find the rate of change of revenue when 500 units are sold.

Solution:

(a)