

Math 124
Exam 2 Solutions

1. (55 pts.) Evaluate the following.

(a) (10 pts.) For $g(x) = \frac{2\ln(x)+6}{-x^2+3x}$, find $g'(x)$.

$$g'(x) = \frac{(-x^2+3x)\left(\frac{2}{x}\right) - (2\ln(x)+6)(-2x+3)}{(-x^2+3x)^2} \quad (\text{Quotient Rule})$$

(b) (7 pts.) $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(e^2 - 1)] = ?$

Since $\ln(e^2 - 1)$ is a constant, $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(e^2 - 1)] = 0$.

(c) (10 pts.) For $f(t) = 3^{e^t}$, find $f''(t)$.

$$f'(t) = 3^{e^t} \cdot \ln 3 \cdot e^t$$

$$f''(t) = \ln 3(3^{e^t} \ln 3 \cdot e^t \cdot e^t + 3^{e^t} \cdot e^t) \quad (\text{Product Rule})$$

(d) (8 pts.) Find the 37th derivative of $\sin 5x$.

Consider the first few derivatives of $\sin 5x$.

$$\text{1st: } \frac{d}{dx}(\sin 5x) = 5\cos 5x$$

$$\text{2nd: } \frac{d}{dx}(5\cos 5x) = -5^2\sin 5x$$

$$\text{3rd: } \frac{d}{dx}(-5^2\sin 5x) = -5^3\cos 5x$$

$$\text{4th: } \frac{d}{dx}(-5^3\cos 5x) = 5^4\sin 5x$$

The power of 5 keeps increasing, so by the 37th derivative, the coefficient is 5^{37} . Also by the 37th derivative, the derivative has cycled back to a positive $\cos 5x$. So, the 37th derivative is $5^{37}\cos 5x$.

(e) (10 pts.) $\frac{d}{d\theta}[4 \sec^2(5 + 2\theta)] = ?$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}[4 \sec^2(5 + 2\theta)] = 4 \cdot 2\sec(5 + 2\theta) \cdot \sec(5 + 2\theta)\tan(5 + 2\theta) \cdot 2$$

(Chain rule $\times 2$)

(f) (10 pts.) Find $\frac{dy}{dt}$ for $y = (t + 2)^{\tan t}$.

$$\ln y = \ln(t + 2)^{\tan t} = (\tan t)\ln(t + 2)$$

Differentiating both sides with respect to t :

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = \sec^2 t \cdot \ln(t + 2) + \tan t \left(\frac{1}{t+2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = (t+2)^{\tan t} (\sec^2 t \cdot \ln(t+2) + \tan t \left(\frac{1}{t+2}\right))$$

2. (15 pts.) The amount of water in a reservoir in millions of gallons is given by $w = f(t) = \sqrt{300t - 5t^2}$ on a given day t with $0 \leq t \leq 60$.

- (a) (5 pts.) How much water is in the reservoir on day 50?

$$f(50) = \sqrt{300(50) - 5(50^2)} = 50$$

\Rightarrow There was 50 million gallons in the reservoir on day 50.

- (b) (10 pts.) Is water flowing into or out of the reservoir on day 50 and at what rate? (Include units on the rate of water flow.)

$$f'(t) = \frac{300-10t}{2\sqrt{300t-5t^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(50) = \frac{300-10(50)}{2\sqrt{300(50)-5(50^2)}} = -2$$

Since the derivative is negative, the water is flowing out of the reservoir on day 50 at a rate of 2 million gallons per day.

3. (15 pts.) $f(x) = \arccos x = \cos^{-1}x$

- (a) (5 pts.) For what x -value is $f(x) = \frac{\pi}{3}$?

$$\text{If } f(x) = \frac{\pi}{3}, \text{ then } \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow x = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

- (b) (10 pts.) Find an equation for the tangent line of f at the x -value found in part (a).

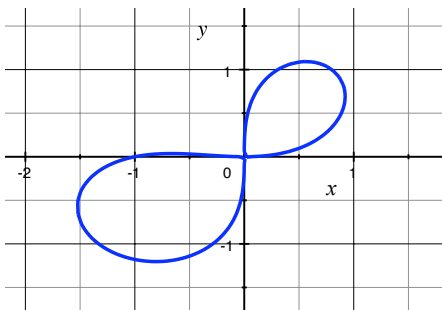
We first need to find the slope of f when $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \Rightarrow f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

The tangent line has slope $-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ and goes through the point $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$.

$$\text{Equation: } y - \frac{\pi}{3} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

4. (10 pts.) Find the slope of the curve $x^3 + (x^2 + y^2)^2 = 4xy$ at the point $(-1, 0)$.



$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + (x^2 + y^2)^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(4xy)$$

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

Plugging in $x = -1$ and $y = 0$:

$$3(-1)^2 + 2(1+0)(-2+0) = 0 - 4\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$-1 = -4\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Slope} = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{4}$$