

Homework # 4

Due: 6/13/06

1. Differentiate the following:

(a) $f(x) = x^2(\cos x)(\sin x)$ This is just the product rule used multiple times.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= x^2 \frac{d}{dx} ((\cos x)(\sin x)) + 2x(\cos x)(\sin x) \\ &= x^2 (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) + 2x(\cos x)(\sin x) \end{aligned}$$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{\tan x - 1}{\sec x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\sec x(\sec^2 x) - (\tan x - 1)(\sec x \tan x)}{\sec^2 x}$$

(c) $f(\theta) = \frac{\sin \theta(\theta + \tan \theta)}{1 + \sec \theta}$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\theta) &= \frac{(1 + \sec \theta) \frac{d}{dx} (\sin \theta(1 + \tan \theta)) - \sin \theta(1 + \tan \theta)(\sec \theta \tan \theta)}{(1 + \sec \theta)^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 + \sec \theta) \frac{d}{dx} (\sin \theta(\sec^2 \theta) + \cos \theta(1 + \tan \theta)) - \sin \theta(1 + \tan \theta)(\sec \theta \tan \theta)}{(1 + \sec \theta)^2} \end{aligned}$$

(d) $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)^4}{(x^2+2x)^5}$

To make things somewhat easier, I'm going to rewrite this as $f(x) = (x-1)^4(x^2+2x)^{-5}$.

$$f'(x) = (x-1)^4(-5)(x^2+2x)^{-6}(2x+2) + (x^2+2x)^{-5}(4)(x-1)^3$$

(e) $f(x) = \sin \left(\tan \left(\sqrt{\sin x} \right) \right)$

This is the chain rule used multiple times

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \cos \left(\tan \left((\sin x)^{1/2} \right) \right) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\tan \left((\sin x)^{1/2} \right) \right) \\ &= \cos \left(\tan \left((\sin x)^{1/2} \right) \right) \sec^2 \left((\sin x)^{1/2} \right) \frac{d}{dx} \left((\sin x)^{1/2} \right) \\ &= \cos \left(\tan \left((\sin x)^{1/2} \right) \right) \sec^2 \left((\sin x)^{1/2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (\sin x)^{-1/2} (\cos x) \end{aligned}$$

2. Find dy/dx by implicit differentiation:

For all of these problems, it's incredibly important to remember the chain rule. Think of the DeLorean. You wouldn't attempt time travel without the Flux Capacitor, would you?

(a) $1 + x = \sin(xy^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \cos(xy^2) \frac{d}{dx} (xy^2) \\ &= \cos(xy^2)(y^2 + 2xyy') \\ &= y^2 \cos(xy^2) + 2xyy' \cos(xy^2) \\ 1 - y^2 \cos(xy^2) &= 2xyy' \cos(xy^2) \\ \frac{1 - y^2 \cos(xy^2)}{2xy \cos(xy^2)} &= y' \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\tan(x - y) = \frac{y}{1+x^2}$

First, rewrite the right hand side as $y(1 + x^2)^{-1}$

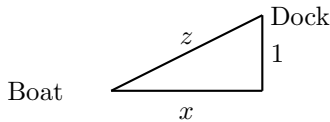
$$\begin{aligned}\sec^2(x - y)(1 - y') &= y'(1 + x^2)^{-1} + y(-1)(1 + x^2)^{-2}(2x) \\ \sec^2(x - y) - y' \sec^2(x - y) &= y'(1 + x^2)^{-1} - 2xy(1 + x^2)^{-2} \\ y'(1 + x^2)^{-1} + y' \sec^2(x - y) &= \sec^2(x - y) + 2xy(1 + x^2)^{-2} \\ y'((1 + x^2)^{-1} + \sec^2(x - y)) &= \sec^2(x - y) + 2xy(1 + x^2)^{-2} \\ y' &= \frac{\sec^2(x - y) + 2xy(1 + x^2)^{-2}}{(1 + x^2)^{-1} + \sec^2(x - y)}\end{aligned}$$

3. Find the first and second derivatives of $f(x) = x^n$, where n is any number.

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= nx^{n-1} \\ f''(x) &= n(n-1)x^{n-2}\end{aligned}$$

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First, we draw the picture:



We're given $\frac{dz}{dt} = 1$ and we want to find $\frac{dx}{dt}$ when $x = 8$. Now we relate all the quantities with an equation.

$$x^2 + 1 = z^2$$

We want to find $\frac{dx}{dt}$ so we use implicit differentiation and take the derivative of both sides.

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} = 2z \frac{dz}{dt}$$

Divide both sides by 2 to get

$$x \frac{dx}{dt} = z \frac{dz}{dt}$$

We only care about when $x = 8$. So we plug this into the original equation and get that $z = \sqrt{1 + 64} = \sqrt{65}$ when $x = 8$. Also using the fact that $\frac{dz}{dt} = 1$, we get the following:

$$8 \frac{dx}{dt} = \sqrt{65}$$

So $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{65}}$ when $x = 8$. Or the boat is moving towards the dock at a rate of $\frac{8}{\sqrt{65}}$ m/s when it is 8m away.