

Name

Solutions

• You have 20 minutes

• No calculators

• Show sufficient work

1. (2 points) Compute $f'(x)$ given that $f(x) = \arctan(\sqrt{x^2+3})$.

$$f(x) = \arctan((x^2+3)^{1/2})$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{((x^2+3)^{1/2})^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}((x^2+3)^{1/2})$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+3+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(x^2+3)^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2+3)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+4} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+3}} \cdot 2x$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x}{(x^2+4)\sqrt{x^2+3}}$$

2. (3 points) Given $w(x) = \ln(5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9)$, find its second derivative $w''(x)$.

$$w'(x) = \frac{1}{5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9)$$

$$w'(x) = \frac{1}{5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9} \cdot (5 \cos(x) + 3x^2)$$

$$w'(x) = \frac{5 \cos(x) + 3x^2}{5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9}$$

$$w''(x) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx} (5 \cos(x) + 3x^2)(5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9) - (5 \cos(x) + 3x^2) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9)}{(5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9)^2}$$

$$w''(x) = \frac{(-5 \sin(x) + 6x)(5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9) - (5 \cos(x) + 3x^2)(5 \cos(x) + 3x^2)}{(5 \sin(x) + x^3 + 9)^2}$$

3. (3 points) Find the equation of the line tangent to the given curve at the point $(-1, 2)$.

$$3x^2y + 2 = (2x + y^2)^3$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(3x^2)y + 3x^2 \frac{d}{dx}(y) + 0 = 3(2x + y^2)^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(2x + y^2)$$

$$6xy + 3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 3(2x + y^2)^2 \cdot (2 + 2y \frac{dy}{dx})$$

$$6xy + 3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 6(2x + y^2)^2 + 6y(2x + y^2)^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y(2x + y^2)^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 6(2x + y^2)^2 - 6xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(3x^2 - 6y(2x + y^2)^2) = 6(2x + y^2)^2 - 6xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6(2x + y^2)^2 - 6xy}{3x^2 - 6y(2x + y^2)^2}$$

$$\text{at } (-1, 2), \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6(2(-1) + (2)^2)^2 - 6(-1)(2)}{3(-1)^2 - 6(2)(2(-1) + (2)^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \cdot 4 + 12}{3 - 12(4)} = \frac{36}{-45} = -\frac{4}{5}$$

Point: $(-1, 2)$

slope: $-\frac{4}{5}$

tangent line: $y - 2 = -\frac{4}{5}(x - (-1))$

$$y = -\frac{4}{5}x + \frac{6}{5}$$

4. (2 points) Compute $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the given function. Write your answer completely in terms of x .

method 1

$$y = (x^2 + 4)^{x^3}$$

$$\ln(y) = \ln((x^2 + 4)^{x^3})$$

$$\ln(y) = x^3 \cdot \ln(x^2 + 4)$$

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

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 \cdot \ln(x^2 + 4) + x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} \cdot 2x$$

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

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

method 2

$$y = (x^2 + 4)^{x^3}$$

$$y = e^{\ln((x^2 + 4)^{x^3})}$$

$$y = e^{x^3 \cdot \ln(x^2 + 4)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x^3 \cdot \ln(x^2 + 4)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 \cdot \ln(x^2 + 4))$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x^3 \cdot \ln(x^2 + 4)} \cdot \left(3x^2 \cdot \ln(x^2 + 4) + x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} \cdot 2x \right)$$

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