

Name

Solutions

• You have 20 minutes

• No calculators

• Show sufficient work

1. (2 points) What is the slope of the curve $y = 2x^4 e^x$ at the point $(-1, \frac{2}{e})$?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(2x^4) \cdot e^x + 2x^4 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) \quad (\text{product rule})$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 8x^3 \cdot e^x + 2x^4 \cdot e^x$$

slope is $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=-1} = 8(-1)^3 e^{-1} + 2(-1)^4 e^{-1} = -6e^{-1} = \frac{-6}{e}$

2. (2 points) Determine the equation of the line which is tangent to the curve $f(x) = 4 + \sqrt{x}$ and parallel to the line $x - 6y = 60$.

$$x - 6y = 60 \Rightarrow 6y = x - 60 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{6}x - 10$$

This line has slope $\frac{1}{6}$, since the tangent line is parallel, it also has slope $\frac{1}{6}$

$$f(x) = 4 + \sqrt{x} = 4 + x^{1/2} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\text{setting } f'(x) = \frac{1}{6} \text{ gives } \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow x = 9$$

$$\text{Point: } (9, f(9)) = (9, 4 + \sqrt{9}) = (9, 7)$$

$$\text{slope: } \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{tangent line: } y - 7 = \frac{1}{6}(x - 9)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{6}(x - 9) + 7$$

3. (2 points each) Using Leibniz notation (i.e., $\frac{dy}{dx}$, $\frac{dP}{dt}$, etc.), find derivatives for each of the following functions.

(a) $p = \left(\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^3}} - \frac{x^4}{x\sqrt{x}} \right)^2 + 5 \ln(3)e^{\pi/2}$ (simplify your answer)

$$p = \left(\frac{x^2}{x^{3/2}} - \frac{x^4}{x^{3/2}} \right)^2 + \text{constant}$$

$$p = \left(x^{3/2} - x^{5/2} \right)^2 + \text{constant}$$

$$p = \left(x^{3/2} \right)^2 - 2x^{3/2}x^{5/2} + \left(x^{5/2} \right)^2 + \text{constant}$$

$$p = x^3 - 2x^4 + x^5 + \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = 3x^2 - 8x^3 + 5x^4$$

(b) $Z = \csc(\theta) \left(10\theta^6 + \frac{1}{\theta} \right) = \csc(\theta) (10\theta^6 + \theta^{-1})$

$$\frac{dZ}{d\theta} = \frac{d}{d\theta}(\csc(\theta)) \cdot (10\theta^6 + \theta^{-1}) + \csc(\theta) \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta}(10\theta^6 + \theta^{-1})$$

$$\frac{dZ}{d\theta} = -\csc(\theta)\cot(\theta) (10\theta^6 + \theta^{-1}) + \csc(\theta) (60\theta^5 - \theta^{-2})$$

(c) $L = \frac{8 \tan(t) + 6t}{t^2 + 9}$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt}(8 \tan(t) + 6t) \cdot (t^2 + 9) - (8 \tan(t) + 6t) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(t^2 + 9)}{(t^2 + 9)^2}$$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{(8 \sec^2(t) + 6)(t^2 + 9) - (8 \tan(t) + 6t)(2t)}{(t^2 + 9)^2}$$