

Math 185 – Quiz #4

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1. Find the derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the following functions.

a) $y = \frac{\sec x}{x}$

(3 points)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x \sec x \tan x - \sec x(1)}{x^2}$$

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

or $\left(\frac{\sec x \tan x}{x} - \frac{\sec x}{x^2} \right)$

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

(4 points)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{\tan^{-1} x} \left(\frac{1}{1+x^2} \right)$$

- ① derivative of \ln
- ② product rule / properties of logs
- ③ derivative of $\tan^{-1} x$

or $y = \ln(x \tan^{-1} x)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x \tan^{-1} x} \left(x \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2} + \tan^{-1} x \cdot (1) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x \tan^{-1} x} \left(\frac{x}{1+x^2} + \tan^{-1} x \right)$$

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

(if you insist on a common denominator)

which if you multiply out, gives you the previous answer

c) $e^y = y \sin 2x$

(5 points)

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^y) = \frac{d}{dx}(y \sin 2x)$$

$$e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = y(\cos 2x)(2) + \sin 2x \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$e^y \frac{dy}{dx} - \sin 2x \frac{dy}{dx} = 2y \cos 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y \cos 2x}{e^y - \sin 2x}$$

or

$$y = \ln(y \sin 2x)$$

$$y = \ln y + \ln(\sin 2x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{\sin 2x} (\cos 2x) \cdot 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos 2x}{\sin 2x}$$

$$y \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y \cos 2x}{\sin 2x}$$

$$(y-1) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2y \cot 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y \cot 2x}{y-1}$$

2. Find the derivative $f'(x)$ for the following function. It should simplify nicely. (5 points)

$$f(x) = 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x - x^2 \cos x$$

$$f'(x) = 2x \cos x + 2 \sin x (1) + 2(-\sin x) - x^2(-\sin x) - \cos x (2x)$$

$$= 2x \cos x + 2 \sin x - 2 \sin x + x^2 \sin x - 2x \cos x$$

$$= x^2 \sin x$$

3. Rewrite $y = \cot x$ in terms of other trig functions and then differentiate in order to **derive** the rule for differentiating the cotangent function. (3 points)

$$y = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin x (-\sin x) - \cos x (\cos x)}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$= \frac{-\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$= -\csc^2 x \quad (\text{since } \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1)$$

$$\text{so } \frac{d}{dx} (\cot x) = -\csc^2 x \frac{d}{dx} x$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -(\tan x)^{-2} \sec^2 x$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\tan^2 x} \sec^2 x$$

$$= -\frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$= -\csc^2 x \quad (\text{again!})$$

(-1) not simplified

4. If $\ln 2 = 0.693$ (to three decimal places), estimate $\ln 2.002$. (Hint: use a differential to estimate the change in $y = \ln x$ as x increases from 2 to 2.002.) (4 points)

$$y = \ln x$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\Delta x = 0.002 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \quad (1)$$

$$dy = \frac{dy}{dx} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (0.002)$$

$$= 0.001 \quad (1)$$

if $y = \ln x$ increases by 0.001 as x goes from 2 to 2.002

$$\text{then } \ln 2.002 = \ln 2 + 0.001$$

$$= 0.693 + 0.001$$

$$= 0.694 \quad (1)$$

5. A passenger on a ferris wheel has coordinates given by $x = 10 \cos \theta$ and $y = 10 \sin \theta$, where the coordinates x and y are given in metres. If the ferris wheel is rotating such that the angle is changing at a constant rate of $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0.2$ rads/s, find

- a) the **magnitude** and **direction** of the velocity of the passenger when $\theta = \pi/2$
 b) the **magnitude** of the velocity of the passenger for any angle θ .

(6 points)

a) $v_x = \frac{dx}{dt}$ so $x = 10 \cos \theta$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 10 (-\sin \theta) \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$v_x = \frac{dx}{dt} = -10 \sin \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$= -10 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} (0.2)$$

$$= -2 \text{ m/s} \quad \text{when } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (1)$$

$v_y = \frac{dy}{dt}$ so $y = 10 \sin \theta$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 10 \cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$v_y = \frac{dy}{dt} = 10 \cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$= -10 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} (0.2)$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{when } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (1)$$

at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $v_x = -2 \text{ m/s}$, $v_y = 0$

so $v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = 2 \text{ m/s}$
 in the $-x$ direction (1)
 (or $180^\circ = \pi$ if you prefer)

b) at any angle (2)

$$v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-2 \sin \theta)^2 + (2 \cos \theta)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$= \sqrt{4} \quad \text{since } \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$= 2 \text{ m/s}$$

(unsimplified)
(-1)

speed is constant
 because
 $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \text{constant}$
 and $v = r\omega$ for circular motion!