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Point totals are indicated in parentheses. You must show your work to receive credit.  
Unless indicated otherwise, all answers must be exact.

- (15) 1. Compute the derivative of the following functions. You need not simplify your answer, but your final answers must give the derivative in terms of  $x$ .

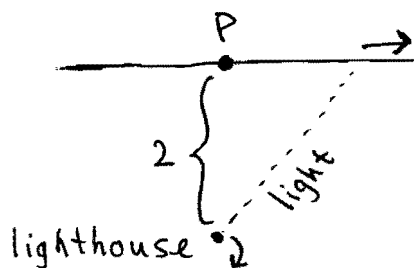
a.  $y = [x \sin(x^3)]^{\sqrt{2}}$

b.  $y = \tan^{-1}((x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{4}})$

c.  $y = \ln \left[ \left( \frac{1+x}{1+x^2} \right)^x \right]$

- (16) 2. Suppose that a particle is traveling along the curve  $4\sqrt{xy+y} + xy^2 - x^2 = -13$ .
- (8) a. Find the equation of the tangent line to this curve at the point  $(-3, -2)$ .
- (4) b. Suppose that the position of the particle at time  $t$  is given by  $(x(t), y(t))$ . Recall then that the speed  $s(t)$  of the particle at time  $t$  is  $s(t) = \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2}$ . If the particle is at  $(-3, -2)$  at time  $t = 0$  and its speed at this time is 1 with positive horizontal velocity, find  $x'(0)$  and  $y'(0)$ .
- (4) c. With the same assumptions as in part b), use the tangent line approximation to estimate the position of the particle at time  $t = 0.1$ .

- (12) 3. A lighthouse is located on a small island 2 kilometers away from the nearest point  $P$  on a straight shoreline, and its light makes 6 revolutions per minute. How fast is the beam of light moving along the shoreline when it is 1 kilometer from  $P$ ? (Remember to give an exact, not a decimal, answer.)



- (12) 4. Let  $b$  be a positive constant, and consider the curve  $C$  given by the parametric equations

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= t^b \cos(\pi t) \\y(t) &= t^b \sin(\pi t)\end{aligned}$$

for  $t$  in  $(0, 3)$ .

- (8) a. Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve at time  $t > 0$ .  
(4) b. For what value of  $b$  will the tangent line to the curve at  $(-1, 0)$  be  $y = 3x + 3$ ?