

1 (12 points) Compute the derivatives of the following functions. Do not simplify your answers.

(a) (4 points) $g(x) = (3x + 1) \sec \sqrt{2 - 7x}$

$$g'(x) = 3 \cdot \sec \sqrt{2 - 7x} + (3x + 1) \cdot \sec \sqrt{2 - 7x} \cdot \tan \sqrt{2 - 7x} \cdot \frac{-7}{2\sqrt{2 - 7x}}$$

(b) (4 points) $h(x) = \sin \left(2 + \cos \sqrt{1 + x^3} \right)$

$$h'(x) = \cos \left(2 + \cos \sqrt{1 + x^3} \right) \cdot \left(-\sin \sqrt{1 + x^3} \right) \cdot \frac{3x^2}{2\sqrt{1 + x^3}}$$

(c) (4 points) $y = \left(\tan^{-1} x \right)^{\ln x}$

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

$$\ln y = \ln x \cdot \ln \left(\tan^{-1} x \right)$$

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

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

2 (12 points) Consider the curve given by the parametric equations

$$x = t^3 - 7t + 5, \quad y = 4t^3 - 3t^2 + 10t$$

(a) (6 points) Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve when $t = -1$.

$$x(-1) = 11 \quad y(-1) = -17$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3t^2 - 7 \quad \left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{t=-1} = -4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 12t^2 - 6t + 10 \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=-1} = 28$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=-1} = -\frac{28}{4} = -7$$

$$y + 17 = -7(x - 11)$$

(b) (6 points) Find all times t when the tangent line has slope 5.

From part (a) we have $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{12t^2 - 6t + 10}{3t^2 - 7}$.

$$\frac{12t^2 - 6t + 10}{3t^2 - 7} = 5$$

$$12t^2 - 6t + 10 = 15t^2 - 35$$

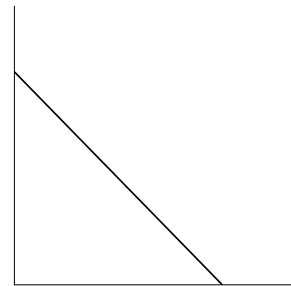
$$0 = 3t^2 + 6t - 45$$

$$0 = t^2 + 2t - 15$$

$$0 = (t - 3)(t + 5)$$

$$t = -5, 3$$

- 3 (10 points) A ladder 17 ft long rests against a vertical wall. The bottom of the ladder slides away from the wall at a rate of 0.5 ft/s. Consider the triangle formed by the ladder, the ground and the wall. At what rate is the area of this triangle changing when the bottom of the ladder is 8 ft from the wall?



Let y be the height of the top of the ladder.

Let x be the distance of the bottom of the ladder from the wall.

Let A be the area of the triangle.

We know that $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0.5$.

We wish to compute $\frac{dA}{dt}$ when $x = 8$.

We have $A = \frac{1}{2}xy$.

By the Pythagorean Theorem, we have $y = \sqrt{289 - x^2}$

Thus $A = \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{289 - x^2}$.

Differentiating with respect to t gives

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{289 - x^2} \\ \frac{dA}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \sqrt{289 - x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot x \cdot \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{289 - x^2}} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sqrt{289 - 8^2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 8 \cdot \frac{-2 \cdot 8}{2\sqrt{289 - 8^2}} \cdot 0.5 \\ &= -\frac{161}{60} \\ &\approx -2.68 \text{ ft}^2/\text{sec} \end{aligned}$$

4 (8 points) Use a linear approximation to estimate $\sqrt[5]{31}$.

Let $f(x) = x^{1/5}$ and take $a = 32$.

$$\begin{aligned}f(32) &= 2 \\f'(x) &= \frac{1}{5}x^{-4/5} \\f'(32) &= \frac{1}{80} \\L(x) &= 2 + \frac{1}{80}(x - 32) \\\sqrt[5]{31} &\approx L(31) \\&= 2 + \frac{1}{80}(31 - 32) \\&= \frac{159}{80}\end{aligned}$$

5 (8 points) Find all the points (a, b) on the curve $2x^3 + y^2 + y = 0$ where the tangent line is vertical.

$$\begin{aligned}2x^3 + y^2 + y &= 0 \\6x^2 + 2yy' + y' &= 0 \\y' &= -\frac{6x^2}{2y + 1}\end{aligned}$$

Thus the tangent line is vertical when $y = -\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}2x^3 + y^2 - 8y &= 0 \\2x^3 + (-1/2)^2 + (-1/2) &= 0 \\x^3 &= \frac{1}{8} \\x &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

The only point on the curve with a vertical tangent is $(1/2, -1/2)$.