

# Derivatives Exercises

**A. Are the following true or false? If true, explain why. If false, give a counter-example.**

1. If a function is continuous at  $a$ , then  $f'(a)$  exists.
2. If a function is differentiable, then its derivative is differentiable.

**B. For each  $f$ , find  $f'$  using the limit definition of the derivative.**

1.  $f(x) = 3$
2.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$
3.  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x$
4.  $f(x) = \sin(x)$

**C. Which functions' derivative is given by the following limits?**

1.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x+h) - \tan(x)}{h}$
2.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2x+2h-3} - \sqrt{2x-3}}{h}$
3.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2 + 6xh + 3h^2 - 1 - 3x^2 + 1}{h}$

**D. Differentiate each of the following.**

1.  $4x^{3/4}$
2.  $\cot(\sin(x))$
3.  $x^{\ln(2x)}$
4.  $\ln \frac{(x^2-4x+1)^3}{(3x+5x^2)^8}$
5.  $\sin^{-1}(\pi x)$
6.  $e^{\frac{1}{\cos(\sqrt{x})}}$
7.  $\csc(4x^2)$
8.  $\sqrt{1+x^2}$
9.  $\cos(\ln(\sin(x)))$
10.  $\arctan(\pi + \ln(x))$
11.  $\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^x + \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$
12.  $(x^3 + 2x^5)(x^9 - 5x^7 + 3)$
13.  $\frac{\tan(3x)}{\sin(3x)}$
14.  $\arccos(\sqrt[3]{x} + 2^x)$
15.  $\sin(x^x)$

**E. For each  $f$ , find  $f'$  and  $f''$  using any method you want.**

1.  $f(x) = 3x^3 - \frac{4}{x^2}$
2.  $f(x) = x \sin(x)$
3.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+3}{x-4}$
4.  $f(x) = x^2 \cos(x) + x \tan(x)$
5.  $f(x) = \sin(x) \cos(x) e^x$
6.  $f(x) = x^5 + x^4 + \pi^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

**F. Suppose you know the following information:  $f(2) = -3$ ,  $f'(2) = 4$ ,  $g(2) = 2$ ,  $g'(2) = 3$ ,  $h(2) = -2$ , and  $h'(2) = -4$ . Evaluate the derivative of each of the following at  $x = 2$ .**

1.  $3f(x) - 6h(x)$
2.  $(f(x) + g(x))^4$
3.  $f(g(x))$
4.  $(g(x))^{h(x)}$
5.  $e^{h(x)}$

**G. Find the 100th derivative of each function.**

1.  $f(x) = x^{70}$
2.  $f(x) = xe^x$
3.  $f(x) = -\cos(x)$
4.  $f(x) = 2^{-x}$

**H. Find the tangent line to the following curves at the given point.**

1.  $y^3x = 3x + 4y$ ,  $(0, 0)$
2.  $\tan(x+y) = \tan(xy)$ ,  $(0, 0)$
3.  $\frac{(x-2)^2}{9} + \frac{(y-5)^2}{4} = 1$ ,  $(2, 7)$
4.  $y^x = 4x$ ,  $(4, 2)$
5.  $y^4 - 4y^2 = x^4 - 9x^2$ ,  $(3, -2)$
6.  $\sin\left(\frac{\cos(y)}{\pi}\right) = 3xy$ ,  $(0, \pi/2)$

**I. Where is the tangent line to the curve defined by  $xy^2 = x^2 + 2y...$**

1. parallel to the  $x$ -axis?
2. vertical?
3. perpendicular to  $3y = 5x + 1$  and  $x$  and  $y$  are both integers less than 3 in absolute value?