

Differentiation Exercise

1. Use the definition of derivative to compute $f'(x)$ for each of the following.

(a) $f(x) = \sqrt{4x-1}$

(b) $f(x) = \sqrt{2+x^2}$

(c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x+1}$

(d) $f(x) = \cos x$

(e) $f(x) = \tan x$

(f) $f(x) = \ln x$

2. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for each of the following.

(a) $y = -8x^5 + \sqrt{3}x^3 + 2\pi x^2 - 12$

(b) $y = (x^{100} + 2x^{50} - 3)(7x^8 + 20x + 5)$

(c) $y = \frac{x^5 - x + 2}{x^3 + 7}$

(d) $y = (x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x - 3)^4$

(e) $y = \frac{1}{(3x^2 + 5)^4}$

(f) $y = \sqrt{2x+7}$

(g) $y = \left(\frac{x+2}{x-3}\right)^3$

(h) $y = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(2x^3 + x - 10)$

(j) $y = \ln((\ln x)^5)$

(k) $y = \sin^3(5x+4)$

(l) $y = \tan^3(\ln x)$

(m) $y = \frac{x}{\cos^2(2x)}$

(n) $y = \sin^2(4x) - 4 \cos(x^2 - 1) + \sin(x \ln x)$

(o) $y = e^{3x^2+5x-2}$

(p) $y = \ln\left(\frac{e^x + 2x + 1}{e^x - 3x - 1}\right)$

(q) $y = \frac{1}{4}xe^{4x} - \frac{1}{16}e^{4x}$

(r) $y = \log_x(2x+3)$

(s) $y = \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{1-x^2})$

3. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for each of the following.

(a) $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y + 12 = 0$

(b) $xy + y^2 = 1$

(c) $x + \sin y = xy$

(d) $\tan(xy) = y$

(e) $y = \tan^2(x + y)$

(f) $xy^3 - 2x^2 = xy + 5$

(g) $\sin(x^2 + y) = 3xy^2 + y^2$

(h) $x\sqrt{x+y} = 8 - xy$

(i) $x^2(x - y)^2 = x^2 - y^2$

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

(k) $x^4 = x^2y^2 + 2\ln y$

(l) $x^2 + y^2 = 2x \cos(y^3)$

4. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for each of the following.

(a) $y = \sqrt[5]{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}$

(b) $y = \frac{x^2\sqrt[3]{7x-14}}{(1+x^2)^4}$

(c) $y = \frac{x^{\frac{3}{4}}\sqrt{x^2+1}}{(3x+2)^5}$

(d) $y = \frac{x^3}{1-x} \sqrt[3]{\frac{3-x}{(3+x)^2}}$

(e) $y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{(x+2)(3x-1)^4}{(2-x)^5}}$

(f) $y = 2^{\sin x}$

(g) $y = 3^{\tan \frac{1}{x}}$

(h) $y = x^{\ln x}$

(i) $y = (\sin x)^x$

(j) $y = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$

(n) $y = \sin(x^{\cos x})$

5. (a) Given $y = \frac{u^2-1}{u^2+1}$ and $u = \sqrt[3]{x^2+2}$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x .

(b) Given $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3u^2+4}}$ and $u = e^{-x}$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x .

- (c) Given $y = 2x^2 + 1$ and $u = 2x - 1$, find $\frac{dy}{du}$ in terms of u .
6. (a) If $F(x) = f(g(x))$, where $f(-2) = 8$, $f'(-2) = 4$, $f'(5) = 3$, $g(5) = -2$ and $g'(5) = 6$, find $F'(5)$.
- (b) Find f' in terms of g and/or g' for each of the following.
- $f(x) = (g(x))^2$
 - $f(x) = \sin(g(x))$
 - $f(x) = g(\sin x)$
- (c) Let f and g be two differentiable functions such that $f(g(x)) = x$ and $f'(x) = 1 + (f(x))^2$. Show that $g'(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}$.
7. (a) Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $y = x^2 - \cos x - 1$ at $x = \pi$.
- (b) Find the points on the curve $y = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 1$ at which the tangent lines are horizontal.
- (c) Find the equations of both lines that are tangent to the curve $y = 1 + x^3$ and are parallel to the line $12x - y = 1$.
- (d) Find the equations of the tangent lines to the curve $y = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$ that are parallel to the line $x - 2y = 2$.
8. (a) For what values of a and b is the line $2x + y = b$ tangent to the curve $y = ax^2$ when $x = 2$?
- (b) For what value(s) of c is the curve $y = \frac{c}{x+1}$ tangent to the line through the points $(0, 3)$ and $(5, -2)$?
9. The equation of a curve C is $y = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4$.
- (a) Find the point(s) on C at which the tangent line(s) to C
- is/are parallel to the line $4x - y = 3$.
 - cut(s) the x -axis at the point $(-1, 0)$.
- (b) Write down the equations of the corresponding tangent lines in (a)(i) and (ii).
10. Let $f(x) = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 12$.
- (a) Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 1$.
- (b) Find the value(s) of m for which the line $y = mx$ is tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$.
11. (a) A curve is defined by the equation $2x^4 - 2x^2y^2 - y^3 + 1 = 0$ and $(1, 1)$ is a point on the curve. Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve at this point.
- (b) Let C be the curve defined by the equation $x = 2y^2 - y^3$. Find the equation(s) of the tangent line(s) to C such that the slope of each tangent line is one.
12. (a) If $f(x) = x^3 + x - 9$, find $(f^{-1})'(1)$.
- (b) If $g(x) = 2x + \cos x$, find $(g^{-1})'(1)$.

- (c) If $h(x) = \frac{4x^3}{x^2 + 1}$, find $(h^{-1})'(2)$.
13. Let f be a differentiable function such that $f(0) = 3$, $f'(0) = 5$, $f(1) = 7$, $f'(1) = 9$, $f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 11$ and $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 15$.
- (a) Compute $g'(7)$, where $g(x) = \frac{1}{f^{-1}(x)}$ and f^{-1} is the inverse function of f .
- (b) Find the derivative of h at $x = 0$, where $h(x) = f\left(\cos^{-1} \frac{x}{3}\right)$.
14. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$ for each of the following functions.
- (a) $y = \ln x$
- (b) $y = \frac{1}{ax + b}$, where a and b are constants with $a \neq 0$.
- (c) $y = e^x(x - 1)$
- (d) $y = \sin^2 x$
15. Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y for each of the following. Hence evaluate $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at the point $(0, 1)$.
- (a) $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4$
- (b) $x^3 - 3xy + y^3 = 1$
16. (a) If $y = \frac{x + a}{x + b}$, where a and b are constants, show that $2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + (1 - y)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$.
- (b) If $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}$, show that $(1 + x^2)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$.