

18.01 Problem Set Solutions

Problem Set 2

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1. (Use a graphing calculator)
2. (a) Here we have to use the chain rule.

$$t = x^4, u = \tan(t), v = u^3$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \tan^3(x^4) &= \frac{dv}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} \\ \frac{dv}{du} &= \frac{d}{du} u^3 = 3 \cdot u^2 = 3 \cdot \tan^2(x^4) = 3 \cdot \tan^2(x^4) \\ \frac{du}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} \tan(t) = \sec^2(t) = \sec^2(x^4) \\ \frac{du}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} x^4 = 4x^3\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying all of them together we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \tan^3(x^4) &= 3 \cdot \tan^2(x^4) \cdot \sec^2(x^4) \cdot 4x^3 \\ &= 12x^3 (\tan(x^4) \cdot \sec(x^4))^2\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dy} \sin^2(y) \cos^2(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} \sin^2(y) \cdot \cos^2(y) + \frac{d}{dy} \cos^2(y) \cdot \sin^2(y) \\ &= 2 \cdot \sin(y) \cdot \cos(y) \cdot \cos^2(y) + 2 \cdot \cos(y) \cdot (-\sin(y)) \cdot \sin^2(y) \\ &= 2 \sin(y) \cos^3(y) - 2 \cos(y) \sin^3(y) \\ &= 2 \sin(y) \cos(y) (\cos^2(y) - \sin^2(y))\end{aligned}$$

3. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 y' &= u' \cdot v + v' \cdot u \\
 y'' &= (u' \cdot v)' + (v' \cdot u)' \\
 y'' &= u'' \cdot v + u' \cdot v' + u' \cdot v' + v'' \cdot u' \\
 y'' &= u''v + 2u'v' + v''u'
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 y'' &= u''v + 2u'v' + v''u' \\
 y''' &= (u'''v + v'u'') + 2(u''v' + v''u') + (v'''u + u'v'') \\
 &= u'''v + 3u''v' + 3v''u' + v'''u
 \end{aligned}$$

4. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \cos^{-1}(x) \\
 \cos(y) &= x \\
 \frac{d}{dx} \cos(y) &= \frac{d}{dx} x \\
 -\sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx} &= 1 \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{-\sin(y)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\cos(y)$ represents a triangle with adjacent side x and hypotenuse 1. So the opposite side will be $\sqrt{1-x^2}$. So $\sin(y)$ in this triangle will be $\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1}$. Therefore $\frac{dy}{dx}$ will be

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{-\sin(y)} = \frac{1}{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

(b) Assuming $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$. Let

$$\cos(a) = x$$

By the identity $\cos(x) = \sin(90 - x)$

$$\sin(90 - a) = x$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos^{-1}(x) &= a \\
 \frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1}(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} a
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\sin^{-1}(x) = 90 - a$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (90 - a) = \frac{d}{dx} - a = -\frac{d}{dx} a$$

Adding them together we get

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1}(x) + \frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} a + -\frac{d}{dx} a = 0$$

5. (From the textbook)

6.

$$y = (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n)$$

$$\ln y = \ln (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx} \ln (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \ln (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \ln (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \ln (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n)$$

By $\ln ab = \ln a + \ln b$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\ln u_1 + \ln u_2 \dots + \ln u_n)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n) \cdot \left(\frac{u'_1}{u_1} + \frac{u'_2}{u_2} \dots + \frac{u'_n}{u_n} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_n) \cdot \left(\frac{u'_1}{u_1} + \frac{u'_2}{u_2} \dots + \frac{u'_n}{u_n} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u'_1 \cdot (u_2 \cdot u_3 \dots \cdot u_n) + u'_2 \cdot (u_1 \cdot u_3 \dots \cdot u_n) + u'_n \cdot (u_1 \cdot u_2 \dots \cdot u_{n-1})$$