

Written Assignment 5

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1. Find the derivative for the function $f(x) = 2e^x - 8^x$.

Solution:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} 2e^x - \frac{d}{dx} 8^x$$

$$= 2e^x(1) - 8^x \ln(8)$$

$$= 2e^x - 8^x \ln(8)$$

$$\text{But } \ln(8) = \ln(2)^3 = 3\ln(2)$$

$$= 2e^x - 3\ln(2) \cdot (8^x)$$

2. Find the derivative for the function $f(z) = z^5 - e^z \ln z$

Solution:

$$f'(z) = \frac{d}{dz} z^5 - \frac{d}{dz} e^z \ln z$$

$$= 5z^4 - \left(e^z \ln z + \frac{e^z}{z} \right)$$

$$= 5z^4 - e^z \ln(z) - \frac{e^z}{z}$$

3. Find the tangent line to $f(x) = 7^x + 4e^x$ at $x = 0$.

Solution:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} 7^x + 4 \frac{d}{dx} e^x$$

$$= 7^x \cdot \ln(7) + 4e^x$$

Gradient of the tangent:

$$f'(0) = 7^{(0)} \cdot \ln(7) + 4e^{(0)}$$

$$= 1 \cdot \ln(7) + 4(1)$$

$$\approx \mathbf{5.95}$$

The point when tangent line touches the curve:

$$f(0) = 7^0 + 4e^0 = 5$$

The point is (0,5)

Using point-slope form to determine equation of the tangent line:

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 5 = 5.95(x - 0)$$

$$y = 5.95x + 5$$

4. Determine if $G(z) = (z - 6)\ln(z)$ is increasing or decreasing at the following points.

Solution:

$$G'(z) = \frac{d}{dz} [(z - 6) \cdot \ln(z)]$$

$$= \frac{(z - 6)}{z} + \ln(z) \cdot (1)$$

$$= \frac{(z - 6)}{z} + \ln(z)$$

(a) $z = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} G'(1) &= \frac{(1 - 6)}{1} + \ln(1) \\ &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Since $G'(1) = -5$ (negative), $G(z)$ is decreasing at $z = 1$.

(b) $z = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} G'(5) &= \frac{(5 - 6)}{5} + \ln(5) \\ &\approx 1.41 \end{aligned}$$

Since $G'(5) \approx 1.41$ (positive), $G(z)$ is increasing at $z = 5$.

(c) $z = 20$

$$\begin{aligned} G'(20) &= \frac{(20 - 6)}{20} + \ln(20) \\ &\approx 3.70 \end{aligned}$$

Since $G'(20) \approx 3.70$ (positive), $G(z)$ is increasing at $z = 20$.

5. Find the derivative for the function $f(x) = (x + 1)^x$

Solution:

Taking natural logarithm on both sides:

$$\ln f(x) = x \ln(x + 1)$$

Differentiating both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \ln f(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} x \ln(x + 1) \\ \frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{x + 1} \cdot x + \ln(x + 1). \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides by $f(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{f(x)} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{f(x)}} \frac{dy}{dx} &= f(x) \cdot \left[\frac{x}{x + 1} + \ln(x + 1) \right] \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= (x + 1)^x \cdot \left[\frac{x}{x + 1} + \ln(x + 1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

6. Find the derivative for the function $f(x) = (x)^{x+1}$

Solution:

Taking natural logarithm on both sides:

$$\ln f(x) = (x + 1) \cdot \ln(x)$$

Differentiating both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \ln f(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} (x + 1) \cdot \ln(x) \\ \frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{x} \cdot (x + 1) + \ln(x). \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides by $f(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{f(x)} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{f(x)}} \frac{dy}{dx} &= f(x) \cdot \left[\frac{x + 1}{x} + \ln(x) \right] \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= (x)^{x+1} \cdot \left[\frac{x + 1}{x} + \ln(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

7. Find the derivative for the function $f(x) = (\sqrt{x})^x$

Solution:

Taking natural logarithm on both sides:

$$\ln f(x) = \ln (x)^{\frac{1}{2}x}$$

$$\ln f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x \cdot \ln (x)$$

Differentiating both sides:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2}x \cdot \ln (x) \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}x \right) + \ln(x) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Multiplying both sides by $f(x)$:

$$\cancel{f(x)} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{f(x)}} \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \cdot \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\ln(x)}{2} \right]$$

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

8. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $(\sqrt{3x^2 + 1})(3x^4 + 1)^3$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \left(\sqrt{3x^2 + 1} \right) \frac{d}{dx} (3x^4 + 1)^3 + (3x^4 + 1)^3 \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sqrt{3x^2 + 1} \right) \\ &= \left(\sqrt{3x^2 + 1} \right) \cdot 3(3x^4 + 1)^2 \cdot (12x^3) + (3x^4 + 1)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3x^2 + 1}} \cdot 6x \\ &= \left(\sqrt{3x^2 + 1} \right) \cdot 36x^3(3x^4 + 1)^2 + \frac{6x \cdot (3x^4 + 1)^3}{2\sqrt{3x^2 + 1}} \\ &= \left(\sqrt{3x^2 + 1} \right) \cdot 36x^3(3x^4 + 1)^2 + \frac{3x \cdot (3x^4 + 1)^3}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 1}} \end{aligned}$$

9. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $y = 3x^{3x}$

Solution:

Taking natural logarithm on both sides:

$$\ln f(x) = 9x \ln(x)$$

Differentiating both sides:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (9x \ln(x))$$

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot (9x) + \ln(x) \cdot 9$$

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{dy}{dx} = 9 + \ln(x) \cdot 9$$

Multiplying both sides by $f(x)$:

$$\cancel{f(x)} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{f(x)}} \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \cdot [9 + \ln(x) \cdot 9]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 9x^{3x} \cdot [\ln(x) + 1]$$