

Name: _____

- There are 12 points possible on this proficiency, one point per problem. **No partial credit will be given.**
- A passing score is 10/12.
- You have one hour to complete this proficiency.
- No aids (book, calculator, etc.) are permitted.
- You do **not** need to simplify your expressions.
- Your final answers **must start with** $f'(x) =$, $dy/dx =$, or similar.
- **Circle or box your final answer.**

1. [12 points] Compute the derivatives of the following functions.

a. $f(x) = (1 + e^x)^{1/3}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} (1 + e^x)^{-2/3} (e^x) = \frac{e^x}{3 (1 + e^x)^{2/3}}$$

b. $f(x) = \frac{\tan(x)}{x^3} = x^{-3} \tan(x)$

$$f'(x) = -3x^{-4} \tan(x) + x^{-3} (\sec^2(x))$$

c. $f(x) = \sqrt{\ln\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{\pi}\right)} = \left[\ln\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{\pi}\right)\right]^{1/2}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{\pi}\right)\right]^{-1/2} \left(\frac{1}{x^2 + \frac{1}{\pi}}\right) (2x) = \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + \frac{1}{\pi}}\right) \left(\ln\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{\pi}\right)\right)^{-1/2}$$

d. $f(x) = \frac{1}{3x^2} + \sqrt{3x} = \frac{1}{3} x^{-2} + (3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(-2)x^{-3} + \frac{1}{2}(3x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(3)$$
$$= \frac{-2}{3x^3} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3x}}$$

e. $f(x) = a^{x/5}$ where a is a constant, $a > 1$

$$f'(x) = (a^{x/5})(\ln a)\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{(\ln a)a^{x/5}}{5}$$

f. $f(x) = \sin(x + \ln(2x + 1))$

$$f'(x) = \cos(x + \ln(2x + 1))\left(1 + \frac{2}{2x + 1}\right)$$

g. $f(x) = \frac{1-x^2}{2} + \sec(0.35x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(0-2x) + \sec(0.35x)\tan(0.35x)(0.35) \\ &= -x + 0.35 \sec(0.35x)\tan(0.35x) \end{aligned}$$

h. $y = \cos^{-1}(x^3)$

$$y' = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-(x^3)^2}} (3x^2) = \frac{-3x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^6}}$$

i. $f(x) = \sin(xe^{-x})$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \cos(xe^{-x})[1 \cdot e^{-x} + x(-1)e^{-x}] \\ &= e^{-x} \cos(xe^{-x})[1-x] \end{aligned}$$

j. $f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x} = x^{-1} \ln(x)$

$$f'(x) = -x^{-2} \ln(x) + x^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) = \frac{-\ln(x)}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

k. $f(x) = 10 \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{4} \right)^{2/5}$

$$f'(x) = 10 \left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{4} \right)^{-3/5} \left(\frac{1}{4} \cdot 2x \right) = 2x \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{4} \right)^{-3/5}$$

l. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $x \cos(y) = 5 + xe^y$. You must solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$1 \cdot \cos y - x \sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 + 1 \cdot e^y + x e^y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\cos y - e^y = (x \sin(y) + x e^y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos y - e^y}{x \sin(y) + x e^y}$$