• 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 30 minutes 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 = 0, or similar.
- Circle or box your final answer.
- **1.** [12 points] Compute the derivatives of the following functions.

a. 
$$f(x) = e^{(3-x^4)}$$

$$f'(x) = -4x^3 e^{3-x^4}$$

b. 
$$f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x^2} = \frac{-2}{x} \sin(x)$$
  
 $f'(x) = -2x^{-3} \sin(x) + x^{-2} \cos(x)$ 

$$\mathbf{c.} \ \ f(x) = \ln(\sec x + \tan x)$$

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$$f'(x) = \frac{\sec(x) + \tan(x) + \sec^2(x)}{\sec x + \tan x}$$

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d. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} + \sqrt{50} = \frac{1}{4}x^3 + 2x^{-1/2} + \sqrt{50}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{4}x^{2} + 2(\frac{1}{2})x^{2} + 0$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}x^{2} - \frac{3}{2}$$

**e.** 
$$f(x) = \log_b(x^2 \sin x)$$
 (where  $b > 1$ )

$$f'(x) = \frac{2x \sin(x) + x^2 \cos(x)}{(\ln b)(x^2 \sin(x))}$$

f. 
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$$f'(x) = \frac{5}{4} \left( e^x + \cos(2x) \right) \left( e^x - 2 \sin(2x) \right)$$

g. 
$$y = \pi \left(\frac{x+2}{2}\right)^3 = \pi \left(\frac{X}{2} + 1\right)^3$$

$$y' = \pi \cdot 3\left(\frac{X}{2} + 1\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{2} \left(\frac{X}{2} + 1\right)^3$$

h. 
$$f(x) = \arctan(\sqrt{x})$$

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

$$i. \ f(x) = \frac{8 + x^2}{x \cos(\pi)}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\times \cos(\pi)[2x] - (8+x^2)(\cos(\pi))}{[x \cdot \cos(\pi)]^2}$$

## Math 251: Derivative Proficiency

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j. 
$$f(x) = x \ln(5 + \frac{x}{5}) = x \ln(5 + \frac{1}{5}x)$$
  
 $f'(x) = 1 \cdot \ln(5 + \frac{1}{5}x) + x \cdot (\frac{\frac{1}{5}x}{5 + \frac{1}{5}x})$   
 $= \ln(5 + \frac{x}{5}) + \frac{x}{25 + x}$ 

**k**. 
$$f(x) = e^{-x} + e^2 + x^{0.8}$$

$$f'(x) = -e^{-x} + 0.8 \times e^{-0.2}$$

I. Find 
$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$
 for  $x^2 + y^2 = 25 + 2xy^2$ . You must solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 + 2 \cdot y^2 + 4x \cdot y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$(2y - 4xy)(\frac{dy}{dx}) = 2y^2 - 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y^2 - 2x}{2y - 4xy}$$