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- There are 12 points possible on this proficiency: one point per problem with no partial credit.
- 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 should start with $f'(x) =$, $dy/dx =$ or something similar.

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

a. $f(x) = \frac{x^e}{5} + 7e^x + \sqrt{5} = \frac{1}{5} x^e + 7e^x + \sqrt{5}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{e}{5} x^{e-1} + 7e^x$$

- power rule
- e^x
- constants

b. $f(t) = \frac{t^3 - t^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}{t} = t^2 - t^{\frac{1}{2}} + t^{-1}$

$$f'(t) = 2t - \frac{1}{2} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} - t^{-2}$$

- algebra makes it easy
- power rule

c. $f(x) = (x^4 - 2x) \tan(x)$

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

- product rule
- derivative of trig fn.

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{[\cos(3x)][0 + -3e^{-3x}] - [1 + e^{-3x}][-3\sin(3x)]}{[\cos(3x)]^2}$$

• quotient rule w/
chain rule inside

e. $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + e^{\frac{2}{x}} + \sec(x) = x^{-1/2} + e^{2x^{-1}} + \sec(x)$

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

f. $f(t) = \tan^{-1}(2t) + t \ln(at + b)$ where a and b are a fixed constants

$$f'(t) = 1 \cdot \ln(at + b) + t \cdot \left(\frac{1}{at + b} \right) (a)$$

$$f'(t) = \ln(at + b) + \frac{at}{at + b}$$

• derivatives with
parameters.
• product rule
w/ chain
rule inside.
• natural log.

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

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

h. $f(z) = \cot(z) + \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{z}) = \cot(z) + \arcsin(z^{1/2})$

$$f'(z) = -\csc^2(z) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (z^{1/2})^2}} \left(\frac{1}{2} z^{-1/2} \right)$$

$$= -\csc^2(z) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z} \sqrt{1 - z}}$$

i. $f(t) = \ln(\tan(1 + t^2))$

$$f'(t) = \frac{1}{\tan(1 + t^2)} \cdot \left(\sec^2(1 + t^2) \right) (2t)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2t \sec^2(1 + t^2)}{\tan(1 + t^2)}}$$

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j. $f(x) = \sin^5(e^{-x} + x) = (\sin(e^{-x} + x))^5$

$$f'(x) = 5(\sin(e^{-x} + x))^4 \cos(e^{-x} + x) \cdot (-e^{-x} + 1)$$

$$= 5(1 - e^{-x}) \cos(e^{-x} + x) (\sin(e^{-x} + x))^4$$

PRACTICE

- Chain rule inside chain rule
- chain rule w/ e
- chain rule w/ trig fcn.

k. $f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2} + \left(\frac{3-x}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} x^{-2} + \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x\right)^2$

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

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

- the ability to manage / recognize constants.
- chain rule

l. Compute dy/dx if $e^y + x^2 = 1 - xy$. You must solve for dy/dx .

$$e^y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 2x = 0 - 1 \cdot y - x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(e^y + x) = -2x - y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x - y}{e^y + x}$$

- implicit differentiation