

Differentiation

Q1 Find the derivatives of the following functions

a) $y = (2x + 3)^6$

b) $y = \frac{3}{\sin(2x)}$

c) $y = \sqrt{x+7}$

d) $y = x^3 \tan(x)$

e) $y = \frac{\ln x}{x}$

f) $y = \cos(3x + 2)$

g) $y = \frac{1+\sqrt{x}}{1-\sqrt{x}}$

h) $y = e^{x^2}$

i) $y = \sec(\sqrt{x}) + 3$

j) $y = \sin^{-1} x$

Solution

a) $12(2x+3)^5$ b) $-6\operatorname{cosec}(2x)\cot(2x)$ c) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+7}}$ d) $3x^2 \tan(x) + \frac{x^3}{\cos^2 x}$ e) $\frac{1-\ln x}{x^2}$ f) $-3 \sin(3x+2)$
g) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1-\sqrt{x})^2}$ h) $2xe^{x^2}$ i) $\frac{\sec \sqrt{x} \tan \sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x}}$ j) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

Integration

Q2 Compute the following integrals

a) $\int x e^x dx$

b) $\int \frac{x}{2x^2+5x+2} dx$

c) $\int e^{-x} \sin(2x) dx$

d) $\int \frac{3}{4x^2-1} dx$

e) $\int \frac{\cos x}{4+\sin^2 x} dx$

f) $\int x e^{-4x^2} dx$

g) $\int \sin x \cos x dx$

h) $\int_0^8 \frac{\cos(\sqrt{x+1})}{\sqrt{x+1}} dx$

i) $\int \ln x dx$

j) $\int \frac{2+3x+x^2}{x(x^2+1)} dx$

Solution

a) $xe^x - e^x + C$ b) $\frac{2}{3} \ln|x+2| - \frac{1}{6} \ln|2x+1| + C$ c) $-e^{-x} \left(\frac{2}{5} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{5} \sin 2x \right) + C$
 d) $\frac{3}{4} \ln \left| \frac{2x-1}{2x+1} \right| + C$ e) $\frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sin x}{2} \right) + C$ f) $\frac{-1}{8} e^{-4x^2} + C$ g) $\frac{-1}{4} \cos(2x) + C$ h) $2 \sin 3 - 2 \sin 1$
 i) $x \ln x - x + C$ j) $2 \ln x + 3 \tan^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) + C$.

Vector algebra

Q3 Let $\mathbf{a} = (1, 5, 3)$, $\mathbf{b} = (2, 4, 7)$, $\mathbf{c} = (2, 0, -1)$. Find

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}, \quad [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}].$$

Solution

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 43, \quad \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = (23, -1, -6), \quad \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = (-4, 16, -8), \quad [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}] = 52.$$

Q4 Suppose that \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are unit vectors and the angle between them is $\pi/4$. Let $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{u} + 3\sqrt{2}\mathbf{v}$. By considering $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}$, find $|\mathbf{a}|$.

Solution

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}} = \sqrt{25} = 5.$$

Q5 Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be non-zero *parallel* vectors. Find $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$.

Solution

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Q6 Let \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} be non-zero vectors, simplify $(\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}) \times (3\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b})$.

Solution

$$(\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}) \times (3\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b}) = -10\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}.$$

Q7 Let $\mathbf{a} = (-5, 4, 2)$ and $\mathbf{b} = (-2, 1, 2)$. Calculate $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ and hence find the two unit vectors perpendicular to both \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

Solution

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = (6, 6, 3). \text{ The two unit vectors are } \pm \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right).$$

Q8 Let $\mathbf{a} = (1, 2, 3)$, $\mathbf{b} = (2, -1, 1)$ and $\mathbf{c} = (1, 4, -1)$.

- Obtain the value of $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$ by working out the value of a 3×3 determinant.
- Without performing separate determinant expansions, write down the values of $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a})$ and $\mathbf{c} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a})$.

Solution

$$\text{a) } \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = 30 \quad \text{b) } \mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) = 30, \mathbf{c} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}) = -30.$$