

1. (10 pts) Find the derivative of each of the following functions. Simplify your answer as much as possible (2.5pts each).

(a) $y = \sin^4(2x^3) = (\sin(2x^3))^4$

Chain Rule

$$y' = 4(\sin(2x^3))^3 \cdot (\sin(2x^3))'$$

$$y' = 4 \sin^3(2x^3) \cdot \cos(2x^3) \cdot (2x^3)'$$

$$y' = 4 \sin^3(2x^3) \cos(2x^3) \cdot 6x^2$$

$$y' = 24x^2 \sin^3(2x^3) \cos(2x^3)$$

(b) $y = \ln(\sec x)$

Chain Rule

$$y' = (\ln(\sec x))' = \frac{1}{\sec x} \cdot (\sec x)'$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sec x} \cdot \cancel{\sec x} \cdot \tan x = \tan x$$

(c) $f(x) = x^3 e^{-2x}$

Product rule

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

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

$$f'(x) = x^2 e^{-2x} (3 - 2x)$$

This exercise can be also done with logarithmic differentiation

see solution of version A

(d) $g(x) = x^{5^x}$

Must use Logarithmic Differentiation

$y = x^{5^x}$ (Apply ln)

$\ln y = \ln(x^{5^x}) = 5^x \cdot \ln x$

Differentiate both sides (w.r.t. x)

$(\ln y)' = (5^x \cdot \ln x)'$ ← product rule

$\frac{1}{y} \cdot y' = 5^x \cdot \ln 5 \cdot \ln x + 5^x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$

$y' = y \left(5^x (\ln 5) \cdot \ln x + \frac{5^x}{x} \right)$

$$y' = x^{5^x} \cdot 5^x \cdot \left((\ln 5) \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \right)$$