

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

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

Chain Rule

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

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

$$y' = 3\sin^2(3x^3) \cos(3x^3) \cdot 9x^2$$

$$\boxed{y' = 27x^2 \sin^2(3x^3) \cos(3x^3)}$$

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

Chain Rule

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

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

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

~~Product Rule~~

Solution with log. differentiation

$$y = x^2 \cdot e^{-3x}$$

$$\ln y = \ln(x^2 \cdot e^{-3x}) = \ln x^2 + \ln(e^{-3x})$$

$$\ln y = 2\ln x - 3x \quad (\text{Apply } \frac{d}{dx})$$

$$(\ln y)' = 2(\ln x)' - (3x)'$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot y' = \frac{2}{x} - 3$$

$$y' = y \cdot \left(\frac{2}{x} - 3 \right)$$

$$\boxed{y' = x^2 e^{-3x} \left(\frac{2}{x} - 3 \right) = x e^{-3x} (2 - 3x)}$$

(d) $g(x) = x^{2^x}$

Must use log. differentiation

$$y = x^{2^x}$$

$$\ln y = \ln(x^{2^x}) = 2^x \cdot \ln x$$

Differentiate both sides

$$(\ln y)' = (2^x \cdot \ln x)'$$

product rule

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot y' = 2^x \cdot \ln 2 \cdot \ln x + 2^x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y' = y \left(2^x \cdot \ln 2 \cdot \ln x + \frac{2^x}{x} \right)$$

$$\boxed{y' = x^{2^x} \cdot 2^x \left(\ln 2 \cdot \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \right)}$$

Chain Rule

See solution of version B for standard product rule way of solving the pb.