

Solutions

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MAC 2311: Worksheet 2/12 ^{Sp.} 2019 (Chain Rule)

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1) Use the chain rule and other rules of differentiation as needed to compute the derivatives of the following functions

a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right] = \left((1+x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)' = -\frac{1}{2} (1+x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot (1+x^2)'$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (1+x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (2x) = -x (1+x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \boxed{-\frac{x}{(1+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}}$$

b) $\cos^2(3x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos^2(3x)] = ((\cos(3x))^2)' = 2 \cos 3x \cdot (\cos 3x)'$$

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

$$= \boxed{-6 \cos 3x \sin 3x}$$

*c) $x(x^2+9)^{1/2}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}}] = (x(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}})' = (x)'(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}} + x((x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}})'$$

$$= (x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}} + x \cdot \frac{1}{2} (x^2+9)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (x^2+9)' = (x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}} + x \cdot \frac{1}{2} (x^2+9)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x$$

$$= \boxed{(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^2 (x^2+9)^{-\frac{1}{2}}} = (x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x^2}{(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}}(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{x^2}{(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{x^2+9+x^2}{(x^2+9)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \boxed{\frac{2x^2+9}{\sqrt{x^2+9}}}$$

* first answer is sufficient, second one is fully simplified

*d) $e^{x \cos(x)}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{x \cos x}] = (e^{x \cos x})' = e^{x \cos x} \cdot (x \cos x)' = e^{x \cos x} (\cos x - x \sin x)$$

$$= e^{x \cos x} \cos x - x e^{x \cos x} \sin x$$

*e) $\sqrt{\csc(\sin^2 x)}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(\csc(\sin^2 x))^{\frac{1}{2}}] = ((\csc(\sin^2 x))^{\frac{1}{2}})' = \frac{1}{2} (\csc(\sin^2 x))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (\csc(\sin^2 x))'$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\csc(\sin^2 x))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot -\csc(\sin^2 x) \cot(\sin^2 x) \cdot (\sin^2 x)'$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\csc(\sin^2 x))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot -\csc(\sin^2 x) \cot(\sin^2 x) \cdot 2 \sin x \cdot (\sin x)'$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\csc(\sin^2 x))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot -\csc(\sin^2 x) \cot(\sin^2 x) \cdot 2 \sin x \cos x = \frac{-\csc(\sin^2 x) \cot(\sin^2 x) \cos x \sin x}{(\csc(\sin^2 x))^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

f) $\sec(3 + x^2 \tan(3x))$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sec(3 + x^2 \tan(3x))] = (\sec(3 + x^2 \tan(3x)))'$$

$$= -\csc(\sin^2 x) \cot(\sin^2 x) \cos x \sin x$$

$$= -\sqrt{\csc(\sin^2 x) \cot(\sin^2 x) \cos x \sin x}$$

$$= \sec(3 + x^2 \tan(3x)) \tan(3 + x^2 \tan(3x)) \cdot (3 + x^2 \tan(3x))'$$

$$= \sec(3 + x^2 \tan(3x)) \tan(3 + x^2 \tan(3x)) \cdot (0 + 2x \tan(3x) + x^2 \sec^2(3x) \cdot (3x)')$$

$$= \sec(3 + x^2 \tan(3x)) \tan(3 + x^2 \tan(3x)) \cdot (2x \tan(3x) + x^2 \cdot \sec^2(3x) \cdot 3)$$

$$= \sec(3 + x^2 \tan(3x)) \tan(3 + x^2 \tan(3x)) (2x \tan(3x) + 3x^2 \sec^2(3x))$$

3) Consider the function $y = \sqrt{x^2 - 9}$. Find the equation of the line tangent to this function at $x = 5$.

$$y = \sqrt{x^2 - 9}$$

$$y = \sqrt{(5)^2 - 9}$$

$$y = \sqrt{25 - 9}$$

$$y = \sqrt{16}$$

$$y = 4 \Rightarrow \text{Point: } (5, 4)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - 9)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (x^2 - 9)'$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - 9)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (2x)$$

$$y' = x (x^2 - 9)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y' = 5 (5^2 - 9)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y' = 5 (25 - 9)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y' = \frac{5}{\sqrt{16}} = \frac{5}{4} \Rightarrow \text{Slope: } \frac{5}{4}$$

Tangent Line

$$y - 4 = \frac{5}{4} (x - 5)$$

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$$y = \frac{5}{4} x - \frac{25}{4} + \frac{16}{4}$$

$$y = \frac{5}{4} x - \frac{9}{4}$$