

Solution Key

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Note: y' is the same as $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

MAC 2311: Worksheet #13

1) For each of the following implicitly defined functions, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$:

a) $y^4 - 3y^3 - x = 3$ at $(x, y) = (-5, 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(y^4 - 3y^3 - x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(3) && \rightarrow y'(4y^3 - 9y^2) = 1 \\ 4y^3 y' - 9y^2 y' - 1 &= 0 \\ 4y^3 y' - 9y^2 y' &= 1 && y' = \frac{1}{4y^3 - 9y^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{4y^3 - 9y^2} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(-5, 1)} &= \frac{1}{4 - 9} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

b) $\cos(xy) = x - y$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(\cos(xy)) &= \frac{d}{dx}(x - y) && \rightarrow y' - xy' \sin(xy) = 1 + y \sin(xy) \\ -\sin(xy) \cdot (xy)' &= 1 - y' \\ -\sin(xy)(y + xy') &= 1 - y' \\ -y \sin(xy) - xy' \sin(xy) &= 1 - y' && y'(1 - x \sin(xy)) = 1 + y \sin(xy) \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1 + y \sin(xy)}{1 - x \sin(xy)} \end{aligned}$$

2) Consider the function implicitly defined by $y^4 = x + y$.

a) Find an expression for the derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(y^4) &= \frac{d}{dx}(x + y) && \rightarrow y'(4y^3 - 1) = 1 \\ 4y^3 \cdot y' &= 1 + y' \\ 4y^3 y' - y' &= 1 && \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{4y^3 - 1} \end{aligned}$$

b) Find the equation of the line tangent to this function at the point $(0, 1)$.

Point: $(0, 1)$

Slope = $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(0, 1)} = \frac{1}{3}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(0, 1)} = \frac{1}{4-1} = \frac{1}{3}$

Tangent Line

$$y - 1 = \frac{1}{3}(x - 0)$$

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$$y = \frac{1}{3}x + 1$$

c) Find where the tangent line is vertical.

The tangent line is vertical when $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is undefined. For rational functions, this occurs when the numerator is not zero and the denominator is equal to 0.

$$\frac{1}{4y^3 - 1} = \text{und.} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 4y^3 - 1 &= 0 \\ y^3 &= \frac{1}{4} \\ y &= \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \Rightarrow \text{The tangent line is vertical at: } \left(\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$$

3) Without using a calculator, compute the following:

- a) $\log_2(8) = 3$; $2^3 = 8$
 b) $\log_5\left(\frac{1}{25}\right) = -2$; $5^{-2} = \frac{1}{5^2} = \frac{1}{25}$
 c) $\log_{1/3}(9) = -2$; $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} = 3^2 = 9$

4) If $\log_b(A) = 5$, $\log_b(B) = 3$, and $\log_b(C) = 2$, compute

$$\begin{aligned} \log_b\left(\frac{A^2}{B^4C^3}\right) &= \log_b(A^2) - [\log_b(B^4) + \log_b(C^3)] \\ &= \log_b(A^2) - \log_b(B^4) - \log_b(C^3) \\ &= 2\log_b A - 4\log_b B - 3\log_b C = 2(5) - 4(3) - 3(2) \\ &= 10 - 12 - 6 = \boxed{-6} \end{aligned}$$

5) Solve the equation $\log_2(x^2 + 1) = 1$.

$$x^2 + 1 = 2 \rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

6) Solve the equation $5^{3x} = 7$.

$$\begin{aligned} \log_5 5^{3x} &= \log_5 7 \\ 3x &= \log_5 7 \end{aligned} \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3} \log_5 7 \text{ or } x = \frac{\ln 7}{3 \ln 5}$$

7) Find each of the following derivatives. What are you using in each case?

(a) $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{7x}) = e^{7x} \cdot 7 = 7e^{7x}$

(b) $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{f(x)}) = e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) = f'(x)e^{f(x)}$

(c) $\frac{d}{dx}(e^\pi) = e^\pi \cdot 0 = 0$

*We use chain rule in each case.

8) Use the trick that $2^x = e^{\ln(2^x)} = e^{x \ln 2}$, to find a formula for

$$\frac{d}{dx}(2^x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x \ln 2}) = e^{x \ln 2} \cdot \ln 2 = \boxed{2^x \ln 2 = \frac{d}{dx}[2^x]}$$