

Name: Solutions

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- There are 12 points possible on this proficiency: **One point per problem. No partial credit.**
- A passing score is 10/12.
- You have 60 minutes to complete this proficiency.
- No aids (book, calculator, etc.) are permitted.
- You do **not** need to simplify your expressions.
- Your final answers **must start with**  $f'(x) =$ ,  $dy/dx =$ , or similar.
- Circle your final answer.

Compute the derivatives of the following functions.

1.  $f(x) = \ln(3) - \frac{1}{x^2}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$$

2.  $y = e^{(ax^2)} + bx^3$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are fixed constants

$$y' = e^{ax^2} \cdot 2ax + 3bx^2$$

$$= 2ax e^{ax^2} + 3bx^2$$

3.  $g(x) = \left(\frac{1}{x} - x^2\right)(x-1)^3$

$$g'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{x} - x^2\right) \cdot 3(x-1)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} - 2x\right)(x-1)^3$$

4.  $h(y) = (y + \ln(y))^{3/2}$

$$h'(y) = \frac{3}{2} (y + \ln y)^{1/2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{y}\right)$$

5.  $r(\theta) = \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} = \sec(\theta)$

$$r'(\theta) = \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta)$$

$$r'(\theta) = \frac{\cos \theta (0) - 1(-\sin \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta \sec \theta$$

6.  $f(x) = \frac{\cos(\pi x)}{e^{3x} - 1}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(e^{3x} - 1) \cdot (-\sin(\pi x) \cdot \pi) - 3e^{3x} \cos(\pi x)}{(e^{3x} - 1)^2}$$

7.  $y = e^{-x} \tan(3x) \sin(x - \pi)$

$$y' = -e^{-x} \tan(3x) \sin(x - \pi) + e^{-x} \left[ \sec^2(3x) \cdot 3 \sin(x - \pi) + \tan(3x) \cos(x - \pi) \right]$$

8.  $g(t) = \frac{t^2 - t^3 + 3t^{1/2}}{t^{1/2}} = t^{3/2} - t^{5/2} + 3$

$$g'(t) = \frac{3}{2} t^{1/2} - \frac{5}{2} t^{3/2}$$

9.  $f(x) = \ln(e^x + \sqrt{5})$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{e^x + \sqrt{5}} \cdot e^x$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{e^x + \sqrt{5}}$$

10.  $f(x) = (\sqrt{1-x^2}) \arcsin(x)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} (1-x^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (-2x) \arcsin x + \sqrt{1-x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{-x \arcsin x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} + 1$$

11.  $s(t) = \tan(\ln(-t^3))$

$$s'(t) = \sec^2(\ln(-t^3)) \cdot \frac{1}{-t^3} \cdot (-3t^2)$$

$$= \frac{3}{t} \sec^2(\ln(-t^3))$$

12. Compute  $dy/dx$  if  $\ln(y) + xy^2 = x^2 - 1$ . You must solve for  $dy/dx$ .

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 + 2xy \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{y} + 2xy \right) = 2x - y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x - y^2}{\frac{1}{y} + 2xy}$$

or

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy - y^3}{1 + 2xy^2}$$