



MATHEMATICS 201-103-RE

Differential Calculus

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VIII – The Chain Rule

1. Differentiate the function.

a) $f(x) = (3x^2 - 4x)^{15}$

b) $f(x) = \left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{12}$

c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{(2x-5)^7}$

d) $f(t) = \sqrt{t^4 - t} + 3$

e) $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^3 - 2x} + 1$

f) $f(x) = \tan \sqrt{x}$

g) $f(x) = 2 \cos 4x$

h) $f(x) = 3 \cos^5 x$

i) $f(x) = 3 \cos^5(10x)$

j) $f(x) = 2 \sec^2(x^6)$

k) $f(x) = \sin(\cos x)$

l) $f(x) = \frac{\sin 3x}{1 + \cos 3x}$

m) $f(z) = \csc^2(12z) - \cot^2(12z)$

n) $f(x) = \cos^3\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)$

o) $f(x) = (\sec x - 1)^{-4}$

p) $f(x) = \sqrt{x + \cos^3(5x)}$

q) $f(x) = (3x^2 - 1)^4 (2x + 4)^3$

r) $f(x) = (2x - 5)^2 (x^2 + 4)^3$

s) $f(x) = \frac{(2x+3)^3}{(4x^2-1)^8}$

t) $f(x) = \left(\frac{x^2+x}{1-2x}\right)^4$

u) $f(x) = \sin^3(x^2) \cos^4(x^2)$

v) $f(x) = \sqrt{\csc^3(5x)} \cot^4(5x)$

w) $f(x) = (2x-1)^{\frac{3}{2}} (5x+2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

x) $f(t) = \sqrt{t} \sec \sqrt{t} - \frac{1}{t} \tan \frac{1}{t}$

y) $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3x-1}}{\sqrt[3]{2x+5}}$

z) $f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2+1}} - \sqrt{1+\sin^2 z} + \sqrt[5]{\pi}$

2. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

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

b) $y = \tan^4(\sqrt{3x-1})$

c) $y = \sin(\cos(\tan 5x))$

d) $y = \sec^2 x \tan^3 x$

e) $y = \frac{(4x^2-1)^5}{(1-2x)^3}$

f) $y = \left(\frac{16x+1}{2x-1}\right)^{-4}$

g) $y = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x(x+2)^3}$

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

i) $y = (4x+3)^4 \sqrt[3]{2x+1}$

3. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph at the specified point.

a) $y = \sec^3\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) \quad x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

b) $y = \left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4 \quad x = 2$

4. Find all points on the graph of the function at which the tangent line is horizontal.

a) $y = (3x-5)^4(2x+1)^5$

b) $y = \frac{(x^2-9)^4}{(x^2+9)^5}$

5. Find the equation of all tangent lines to the graph of $f(x) = (3x-1)^4$ that are parallel to $y = 12x + 5$.

6. Find the equation of all tangent lines to the graph of $f(x) = \frac{-9}{(3x+2)^3}$ that are parallel to $y = 16x - 2$.

ANSWERS

1. a) $f'(x) = 30(3x - 2)(3x^2 - 4x)^{14}$
- b) $f'(x) = 12\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)\left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{11}$
- c) $f'(x) = \frac{-14}{(2x - 5)^8}$
- d) $f'(t) = \frac{4t^3 - 1}{2\sqrt{t^4 - t + 3}}$
- e) $f'(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 2}{5(x^3 - 2x + 1)^{\frac{4}{5}}}$
- f) $f'(x) = \frac{\sec^2 \sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x}}$
- g) $f'(x) = -8 \sin 4x$
- h) $f'(x) = -15 \cos^4 x \sin x$
- i) $f'(x) = -150 \cos^4(10x) \sin(10x)$
- j) $f'(x) = 24x^5 \sec^2(x^6) \tan(x^6)$
- k) $f'(x) = -\sin x \cos(\cos x)$
- l) $f'(x) = \frac{3 \cos 3x + 3}{(1 + \cos 3x)^2} = \frac{3}{1 + \cos 3x}$
- m) $f'(z) = 0$
- n) $f'(x) = \frac{-3 \cos^2\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)}{(x+1)^2}$
- o) $f'(x) = \frac{-4 \sec x \tan x}{(\sec x - 1)^5}$
- p) $f'(x) = \frac{1 - 15 \cos^2(5x) \sin(5x)}{2\sqrt{x + \cos^3(5x)}}$
- q) $f'(x) = 6(11x^2 + 16x - 1)(2x + 4)^2(3x^2 - 1)^3$
- r) $f'(x) = 2(8x^2 - 15x + 8)(2x - 5)(x^2 + 4)^2$
- s) $f'(x) = \frac{-2(2x + 3)^2(52x^2 + 96x + 3)}{(4x^2 - 1)^9}$
- t) $f'(x) = \frac{-4(x^2 + x)^3(2x^2 - 2x - 1)}{(1 - 2x)^5}$
- u) $f'(x) = 6x \sin^2(x^2) \cos^5(x^2) - 8x \sin^4(x^2) \cos^3(x^2)$
- v) $f'(x) = \frac{-15}{2} \csc^{\frac{3}{2}}(5x) \cot^5(5x) - 20 \csc^{\frac{7}{2}}(5x) \cot^3(5x)$
- w) $f'(x) = \frac{(55x + 13)\sqrt{2x - 1}}{3(5x + 2)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$
- x) $f'(t) = \frac{\sec \sqrt{t}}{2\sqrt{t}} + \frac{1}{2} \sec \sqrt{t} \tan \sqrt{t} + \frac{\sec^2 \frac{1}{t} + t \tan \frac{1}{t}}{t^3}$
- y) $f'(x) = \frac{6x + 49}{6(3x - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2x + 5)^{\frac{4}{3}}}$
- z) $f'(z) = \frac{-z}{(z^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{\sin z \cos z}{\sqrt{1 + \sin^2 z}}$

2. a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \sin^3(2x) + 6x^2 \sin^2(2x) \cos(2x)$

b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6 \tan^3 \sqrt{3x-1} \sec^2 \sqrt{3x-1}}{\sqrt{3x-1}}$

c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -5 \cos(\cos(\tan 5x)) \sin(\tan(5x)) \sec^2(5x)$

d) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sec^2 x \tan^4 x + 3 \sec^4 x \tan^2 x$

e) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2(2x+1)^4(2x-1)(14x-3)$

f) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{72(2x-1)^3}{(16x+1)^5}$

g) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x + 2}{x^2(x+2)^4}$

h) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 24x \sin^3(3x^2) \cos^4(3x^2) - 18x \sin^5(3x^2) \cos^2(3x^2)$

i) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2(52x+27)(4x+3)^3}{3(2x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$

3. a) $y = 1$

b) $y = 6x - 11$

4. a) $x = \frac{19}{27}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{-1}{2}$

b) $x = 0, \pm 3, \pm 9$

5. $y = 12x - 7$

6. $y = 16x$ and $y = 16x + \frac{64}{3}$