

MATH 131 Spring 2005  
EXAM 2 - Solution

1. A curve is given by the equation  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 3$ .

(a) (10) Compute the derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  of the curve at the point  $(1, 1)$ .

ANS:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + xy + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(3)$$

or

$$2x + x\frac{dy}{dx} + y + 2y\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x + y}{x + 2y} \quad (6 \text{ pts})$$

and

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,1)} = -\frac{2x + y}{x + 2y} \Big|_{(1,1)} = -\frac{1}{1} = -1 \quad (4 \text{ pts})$$

(b) (10) Find the points where the tangent to the curve is horizontal.

ANS:

The tangent line is horizontal at a point  $(x, y)$  when

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\frac{2x + y}{x + 2y} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2x + y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = -2x \quad (4 \text{ pts})$$

Now,  $(x, y)$  must also satisfy the equation for the curve, so

$$x^2 + x(-2x) + (-2x)^2 = 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \pm 1 \quad (4 \text{ pts})$$

This gives the x values, so the points are  $(1, -2)$  and  $(-1, 2)$  (2 pts).

2. Differentiate the following functions

(a) (10)  $f(x) = \sqrt{\ln(\tan(x))}$

ANS:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{\ln(\tan(x))} &= \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(\tan(x)))^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\ln(\tan(x)))^{-1/2} \frac{1}{\tan(x)} \sec^2(x). \end{aligned}$$

(b) (10)  $f(x) = x^{6x}e^{x^2-1}$

**ANS:** There is no way to do this problem without logarithmic differentiation.

$$f(x) = x^{6x}e^{x^2-1}$$

$$\ln(f(x)) = \ln(x^{6x}e^{x^2-1}) = \ln(x^{6x}) + \ln(e^{x^2-1}) = 6x \ln(x) + x^2 - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(f(x))) &= \frac{d}{dx}(6x \ln(x)) + \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 1) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}(6x \ln(x)) + 2x \quad \text{Use the product rule on the first} \\ &\text{term.} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 6x \frac{1}{x} + 6 \ln(x) + 2x$$

$$\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = 6 + 6 \ln(x) + 2x \quad \text{Multiplying both sides by } f(x)$$

$$f'(x) = f(x)(6 + 6 \ln(x) + 2x)$$

$$f'(x) = x^{6x}e^{x^2-1}(6 + 6 \ln(x) + 2x)$$

You may also use the product rule with  $u = x^{6x}$  and  $v = e^{x^2-1}$ . But you will still need logarithmic differentiation to find  $u' = x^{6x} \left(6x \frac{1}{x} + 6 \ln(x)\right)$  see example 8 in section 3.8 (pg. 247) in the text book for a calculation similar to the one for  $u'$ . You will also need to find  $v' = 2xe^{x^2-1}$  using the chain rule.

3. Let  $f(x) = e^{3x} + \sin(x)$ .

(a) (12) Compute the first three derivatives  $f'(x)$ ,  $f''(x)$ ,  $f'''(x)$ .

**ANS:**

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 3e^{3x} + \cos(x), \\ f''(x) &= 3(3e^{3x}) - \sin(x) = 9e^{3x} - \sin(x), \\ f'''(x) &= 9(3e^{3x}) - \cos(x) = 27e^{3x} - \cos(x). \end{aligned}$$

(b) (8) Find  $f^{(37)}(0)$ .

ANS:

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(37)}(x) &= 3^{37}e^{3x} + \cos(x), \\ f^{(37)}(0) &= 3^{37}e^0 + \cos(0) = 3^{37} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

4. In a building which is 100 ft high, a woman takes an elevator at the top of the building and moves downward at a speed of 16 ft/sec. At exactly the same time a man exits the building and travels along a straight line at a speed of 3ft/sec. Find the rate of increase of the distance between the man and woman after 5 seconds.

ANS:

Let  $x$  be the (horizontal) distance between the bottom of the building and the man and let  $y$  be the (vertical) distance between the bottom of the building and the woman.

The distance  $z$  between the man and the woman is related to  $x$  and  $y$  by

$$z^2 = x^2 + y^2.$$

We know that at time 0 we have  $x(0) = 0$  and  $y(0) = 100$  and that

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -16$$

(Be careful about the sign!)

After 5 seconds, we have  $x(5) = 3 \times 5 = 15$  and  $y(5) = 100 - 5 \times 16 = 20$ . Therefore the distance between the man and the woman after 5 seconds is

$$\sqrt{20^2 + 15^2} = \sqrt{625} = 25.$$

If we differentiate the relation  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  with respect to  $t$  we find

$$2z \frac{dz}{dt} = 2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt},$$

or

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt}}{z}.$$

After 5 seconds

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{15 \times 3 + 20 \times (-16)}{25} = -11.$$

5. If a piece of chalk is thrown vertically upward with a velocity of 32ft/sec, then the height after the  $t$  seconds is

$$s(t) = 32t - 16t^2.$$

- (a) (4) Find the velocity of the piece of chalk after 2 seconds.

ANS:

$$v(t) = 32 - 32t$$

so that  $v(2) = 32 - 64 = -32$ . The velocity after 2 seconds is  $-32\text{ft/sec}$

- (b) (4) When is the piece of chalk at rest?

ANS:

At rest when  $v(t) = 32(1 - t) = 0$ , i.e.,  $t = 1$ .

- (c) (4) What is the acceleration?

ANS:

$$a(t) = -32$$

- (d) (4) When is the piece of chalk speeding up/slowing down?

ANS:

Speeding up if  $a < 0, v < 0$ , i.e., for  $1 < t$ . Slowing down if  $a < 0, v > 0$ , i.e., for  $1 > t$ .

- (e) (4) What is the velocity of the piece of chalk when it is 12 ft above the ground on its way up?

ANS:

$$s(t) = 32t - 16t^2 = 12$$

if  $t^2 - 2t + \frac{3}{4} = 0$  which gives

$$t_1 = \frac{1}{2}, t_2 = \frac{3}{2}.$$

In the first case  $v(\frac{1}{2}) = 16$ , in the second  $v(\frac{3}{2}) = -16$ . This shows that the chalk is on its way up when  $t = \frac{1}{2}$  and then the velocity is  $16\text{ft/sec}$ .