

1. Find the derivatives of the following functions. You need not simplify the result.

(a) $2^x + x^2$

$$2^x \ln 2 + 2x$$

(b) $\sin(\sin(\sin x))$

This is a composition of three functions $f(g(h(x)))$. Using the chain rule, its derivative is a product of the derivatives of those three functions,

$$f'(g(h(x)))g'(h(x))h'(x) = \cos(\sin(\sin x)) \cos(\sin x) \cos x$$

(c) $\frac{x^3}{\frac{x}{3} + \frac{3}{x}}$

Directly applying the quotient rule, we have

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

Or, simplifying the function first and then differentiating using the quotient rule gives

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{\frac{x}{3} + \frac{3}{x}} = \frac{3x^4}{x^2 + 9}, \quad f'(x) = \frac{(x^2 + 9)12x^3 - 3x^4(2x)}{(x^2 + 9)^2}.$$

(d) $x^5 e^{\tan x}$ Using the product rule and the chain rule, we have

$$x^5 (e^{\tan x})' + e^{\tan x} (x^5)' = x^5 e^{\tan x} \sec^2 x + 5x^4 e^{\tan x}.$$

(e) $\cos(x^2) \cos^2 x$

Using the product rule and the chain rule, we have

$$\cos(x^2)(\cos^2 x)' + \cos^2 x(\cos(x^2))' = \cos(x^2)(2 \cos x \sin x) + \cos^2 x(2x \sin(x^2)).$$

2. For what values of r is $y = e^{rx}$ a solution of

$$y'' - 4y' + y = 0?$$

We have

$$y = e^{rx}, \quad y' = r e^{rx}, \quad y'' = r^2 e^{rx}$$

so that the differential equation above becomes

$$y'' - 4y' + y = r^2 e^{rx} - 4r e^{rx} + e^{rx} = e^{rx}(r^2 - 4r + 1) = 0.$$

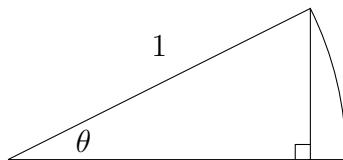
Note that $e^{rx} > 0$ so that the above reduces to

$$r^2 - 4r + 1 = 0.$$

This has the two solutions (using the quadratic formula)

$$r = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}.$$

3. Consider the diagram:



If $S(\theta)$ is the area of the sector and $T(\theta)$ is the area of the triangle, what is

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{S(\theta)}{T(\theta)}?$$

We have

$$S(\theta) = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \pi(1)^2 = \frac{\theta}{2}$$

because we are considering a fraction $\frac{\theta}{2\pi}$ of the area of a circle of radius 1. We have

$$T(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

because the triangle has base $\cos \theta$ and height $\sin \theta$. Hence the ratio of the areas is

$$\frac{S(\theta)}{T(\theta)} = \frac{\theta/2}{(\cos \theta \sin \theta)/2} = \frac{\theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}.$$

In the limit as $\theta \rightarrow 0^+$, we have

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{S(\theta)}{T(\theta)} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\theta}{\sin \theta} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = 1$$

Using the fact that

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1,$$

which we proved in order to find the derivatives of the trigonometric functions. It's important that θ is measured in radians here. Using $\sin_{deg}(\theta)$ to represent the sine of an angle measured in degrees, we have (2π radians being 360 degrees)

$$\sin_{deg}(\theta) = \sin\left(\theta \frac{2\pi}{360}\right).$$

This would give

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin_{deg}(\theta)}{\theta} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\theta \frac{2\pi}{360}\right)}{\theta} = \frac{2\pi}{360} \lim_{\phi \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \phi}{\phi} = \frac{\pi}{180}.$$