

Derivative Exam Practice

1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $x^3 + x^2y + 4y^2 = 6$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^3 + x^2y + 4y^2] = 0$$

$$3x^2 + (x^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cdot 2x) + 8y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$x^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 8y \frac{dy}{dx} = -3x^2 - 2xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3x^2 + 2xy}{x^2 + 8y}$$

2. Differentiate implicitly $\sqrt{xy} = 1 + x^2y$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{xy} = \frac{d}{dx} (1 + x^2y)$$

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

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

$$\frac{x}{2\sqrt{xy}} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} - x^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy - \frac{y}{2\sqrt{xy}}$$

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

$$= \frac{4xy\sqrt{xy} - y}{x - 2x^2\sqrt{xy}}$$

3. Find the tangent to $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$ at the point (3,3).

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^3 + y^3] = \frac{d}{dx} 6xy$$

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 6(x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + y)$$

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 6x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y$$

$$3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} - 6x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 6y - 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6y - 3x^2}{3y^2 - 6x}$$

$$\frac{6(3) - 3(3)^2}{3(3)^2 - 6(3)} = \frac{18 - 27}{27 - 18} = -1$$

$$y - 3 = -1(x - 3)$$

At what points on the curve is the tangent horizontal?

$$\begin{cases} 6y - 3x^2 = 0 \\ x^3 + y^3 = 6xy \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} (0, 0) \\ (\sqrt[3]{6}, 2^{2/3}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$6y = 3x^2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

$$x^3 + \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2\right)^3 = 6x \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2\right)$$

$$x^3 + \frac{1}{8}x^6 = 3x^3$$

$$\frac{1}{8}x^6 - 2x^3 = 0$$

$$x^3 \left(\frac{1}{8}x^3 - 2\right) = 0 ; x = 0, y = 0 \quad y = 2^{2/3}$$

$$\frac{1}{8}x^3 - 2 = 0$$

$$x^3 = 16$$

$$\frac{1}{8}x^3 = 2$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{16}$$

$$6y - 3x^2 = 0$$

$$6y - 3(\sqrt[3]{16})^2 = 0$$

4. What is the derivative of $y = \sin^{-1}(x^2)$?

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(x^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^4}} \cdot 2x$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{2x}{\sqrt{1-x^4}}}$$

5. Find the jerk of $y = 5x^3 - 6x^2 - 5x + 34$

$$f'(x) = 15x^2 - 12x - 5$$

$$f''(x) = 30x - 12$$

$$f'''(x) = \boxed{30}$$

6. Find y'' if $x^4 + y^4 = 16$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^4 + y^4] = 0$$

$$4x^3 + 4y^3 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$4y^3 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = -4x^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-4x^3}{4y^3}$$

$$= -\frac{x^3}{y^3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[-\frac{x^3}{y^3} \right]$$

$$\therefore - \frac{y^3 \cdot 3x^2 - x^3 \cdot 3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}}{y^6}$$

$$\therefore - \frac{3y^2 x^2 - 3x^3 y^2 \left(-\frac{x^3}{y^3} \right)}{y^6}$$

$$= - \frac{3y^4 x^2 + 3x^6}{y^7}$$

$$\therefore - \frac{3x^2(y^4 + x^4)}{y^7}$$

$$\boxed{= - \frac{48x^2}{y^7}}$$

7. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $y = x^x$

$$\ln y = x \ln x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx} (x \ln x)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y (1 + \ln x)$$

$$\boxed{= x^x (1 + \ln x)}$$

8. Find y' for $y = \log_a a^{\cos x}$

$$y = \cos x \cdot \log_a a$$

$$= \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = \boxed{-\sin x}$$

9. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = \ln \ln x$ at $(e, 0)$.

$$y = \ln(\ln x)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\ln x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x \ln x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e}$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{1}{e} (x - e)}$$

10. Differentiate $f(x) = \ln |\sqrt{6x-1} (4x+5)^3|$

$$\ln |\sqrt{6x-1}| + \ln |(4x+5)^3|$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln |6x-1| + 3 \ln |4x+5|$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6x-1} \cdot 6 + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{4x+5} \cdot 4 \right]$$

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{6x-1} + \frac{12}{4x+5}}$$

11. Differentiate $y = \frac{(\sin 2x)(\tan x)^3}{(x+2)^3}$

$$\ln y = \ln(\sin 2x \cdot (\tan x)^3) - 3 \ln(x+2)$$

$$= \ln(\sin 2x) + 3 \ln(\tan x) - 3 \ln(x+2)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sin 2x} \cdot \cos 2x \cdot 2 + \frac{3}{\tan x} \cdot \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \cot 2x + \frac{3}{\sin x \cos x}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin 2x \cdot \tan^3 x}{(x+2)^3} \left[2 \cot 2x + \frac{3}{\sin x \cos x} \right]}$$

12. $x = 2\sqrt{4 \sin y - 6 \cos y}$

$$1 = (4 \sin y - 6 \cos y)^{-1/2} \left(4 \cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 6 \sin y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$= \frac{dy}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4 \sin y - 6 \cos y}} \right) (4 \cos y + 6 \sin y)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{4 \sin y - 6 \cos y}}{4 \cos y + 6 \sin y}}$$

$$13. y = \sin(\cos x) + \sin x \cdot \cos x$$

$$y' = \cos(\cos x) \cdot -\sin x + [\sin x \cdot -\sin x + \cos^2 x]$$

$$= -\cos(\cos x) \sin x - \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x$$

$$14. y = \sin^{-1} x^2$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^4}} \cdot 2x$$

$$= \frac{2x}{\sqrt{1-x^4}}$$

$$15. y = \log_{19} \frac{x+1}{x^2+1}$$

~~$$y' = \frac{1}{\ln 19} \cdot \frac{x+1}{x^2+1} \cdot (2x)$$~~

$$y' = \log_{19}(x+1) - \log_{19}(x^2+1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln 19 \cdot (x+1)} - \frac{1}{\ln 19 \cdot (x^2+1)} \cdot 2x$$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln 19 \cdot (x+1)} - \frac{2x}{\ln 19 \cdot (x^2+1)}$$

$$16. y = x e^x$$

$$\ln y = e^x \cdot \ln x$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x \cdot e^x$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = x e^x \left(\frac{e^x}{x} + e^x \ln x \right)}$$

$$17. y = \left(\frac{1}{b^{2x}} \right)^{2bx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln y &= 2bx \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1}{b^{2x}} \right) \\ &= 2bx \cdot \ln (b^{-2x}) \\ &= -4x^2 b \cdot \ln b \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = -8xb \cdot \ln b$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot -8xb \ln b$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{b^{2x}} \right)^{2bx} \cdot -8xb \ln b$$

18. A particle's position as it travels is given by $s(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t$. When is it speeding up?

$$s'(t) = 3t^2 - 12t + 9$$

$$s''(t) = 6t - 12$$

$$\boxed{(1, 2) \cup (3, \infty)}$$