

Math 161 Lab 9/16

1. Calculate the derivatives of the following functions:

a. $f(x) = 3x^2 - \sin x$

$$f'(x) = 6x - \cos x$$

b. $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x^3}}$$

c. $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{\cos x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\cos(x) \cdot 3x^2 + x^3 \sin(x)}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{3x^2}{\cos x} + x^3 \frac{\tan(x)}{\cos x} = 3x^2 \sec(x) + x^3 \sec(x) \tan(x)$$

2. If $g(x)$ is differentiable find an expression for the derivatives of:

a. $f(x) = x \cdot g(x)$

$$f'(x) = g(x) + xg'(x)$$

b. $f(x) = \frac{x}{g(x)}$

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stop here.

$$f'(x) = \frac{g(x) - xg'(x)}{(g(x))^2} = \frac{1}{g(x)} - \frac{xg'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$$

c. $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{xg'(x) - g(x)}{x^2}$$

3. Use the Quotient Rule to prove that:

$$\text{a. } \frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}\right) = \frac{-\sin^2(x) - \cos^2(x)}{\sin^2(x)} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2(x)} = -\csc^2(x)$$

$$\text{b. } \frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cdot \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}((\sin(x))^{-1}) = -1(\sin(x))^{-2} \cdot \cos(x) = -\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)} = -\csc(x)\cot(x)$$

4. Use the Product Rule twice to compute the derivative of $f(x) = x^3 \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 \underbrace{(\sin x \cos x)}_{\frac{1}{2}\sin(2x)} + x^3 \underbrace{(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)}_{\cos(2x)}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}x^2 \sin(2x) + x^3 \cos(2x)$$

5. Find the first and second derivatives of $f(t) = t^3 \cdot \cos t$

$$f'(t) = 3t^2 \cos t - t^3 \sin t$$

$$f''(t) = 6t \cos t - 3t^2 \sin t - (3t^2 \sin t + t^3 \cos t)$$

$$= (6t - t^3) \cos t - 6t^2 \sin t$$

6. Find the equation of the tangent line and normal line to $f(x) = \tan x$ at $(\frac{\pi}{4}, 1)$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2(x)$$

$$f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{1}{\cos^2(\frac{\pi}{4})} = \frac{1}{(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^2} = 2$$

normal line

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tangent line: } & y - 1 = 2(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) \\ \text{normal line: } & y - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) \end{aligned}$$