

1. (15 Points) Find $f'(x)$ for

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{x}}$$

using the definition of the derivative.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{x+h}} - \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{x}}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + \sqrt{x}) - (1 + \sqrt{x+h})}{h(1 + \sqrt{x+h})(1 + \sqrt{x})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x+h}}{h(1 + \sqrt{x+h})(1 + \sqrt{x})} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+h}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+h}} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - (x+h)}{h(1 + \sqrt{x+h})(1 + \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+h})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h(1 + \sqrt{x+h})(1 + \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+h})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(1 + \sqrt{x+h})(1 + \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+h})} \\ &= \frac{-1}{(1 + \sqrt{x})(1 + \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x})} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x}(1 + \sqrt{x})^2} \end{aligned}$$

2. (15 Points) Find $f'(x)$ for

$$f(x) = \frac{x+1}{4x-1}$$

using the definition of the derivative.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x+h+1}{4(x+h)-1} - \frac{x+1}{4x-1}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4x-1)(x+h+1) - (x+1)(4(x+h)-1)}{h(4(x+h)-1)(4x-1)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2 + 4xh + 4x - x - h - 1 - (4x^2 + 4xh - x + 4x + 4h - 1)}{h(4(x+h)-1)(4x-1)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-5h}{h(4(x+h)-1)(4x-1)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-5}{(4(x+h)-1)(4x-1)} = -\frac{5}{(4x-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

3. (10 Points) Using the definition of the derivative, prove that $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(x)) = -\sin(x)$.

You may use the facts that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x} = 0$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x+h) - \cos(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)\cos(h) - \sin(x)\sin(h) - \cos(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)\cos(h) - \cos(x) - \sin(x)\sin(h)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)(\cos(h) - 1)}{h} - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)\sin(h)}{h} \\
 &= \cos(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} - \sin(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \\
 &= \cos(x) \cdot 0 - \sin(x) \cdot 1 = -\sin(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

4. (10 Points) Using the definition of the derivative prove the quotient rule in general, $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}$.

Solution: Let $F(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{f(x+h)}{g(x+h)} - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h)}{hg(x)g(x+h)} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h) + f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{hg(x)g(x+h)} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(x+h) + f(x)g(x)}{hg(x)g(x+h)} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x)(f(x+h) - f(x)) - f(x)(g(x+h) - g(x))}{hg(x)g(x+h)} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{g(x)g(x+h)} \cdot \left(g(x) \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - f(x) \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{g(x)g(x)} \cdot (g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)) \\
 &= \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}
 \end{aligned}$$

5. (25 Points) Using the derivative rules, find the derivatives of each of the following functions. You do not need to simplify your results.

(a) $f(x) = e^x(x + x\sqrt{x})$

Solution: $f'(x) = e^x(x + x\sqrt{x}) + e^x(1 + \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x})$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{x}{1 + \sqrt{x}}$

Solution: $f'(x) = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{x}) - x(\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2})}{(1 + \sqrt{x})^2}$

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

Solution: $f'(x) = (x \cos(x)) \cos(x) + (x \cos(x))' \sin(x) = (x \cos(x)) \cos(x) + (-x \sin(x) + \cos(x)) \sin(x) = x \cos^2(x) - x \sin^2(x) + \cos(x) \sin(x)$

(d) $f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{e^x}{1 + e^x}\right)$

Solution: $f'(x) = \cos\left(\frac{e^x}{1 + e^x}\right) \cdot \frac{(1 + e^x)e^x - e^x e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2} = \cos\left(\frac{e^x}{1 + e^x}\right) \cdot \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2}$

(e) $f(x) = (1 - 4x)^2 \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$

Solution: $f'(x) = (1 - 4x)^{2\frac{1}{2}}(x^2 + 1)^{-1/2}2x + 2(1 - 4x)(-4)\sqrt{x^2 + 1} = \frac{x(1-4x)^2}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} - 8(1 - 4x)\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$

6. (10 Points) Find a parabola with equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ that has slope 7 at $x = 1$, slope -17 at $x = -2$, and passes through the point $(1, 8)$.

Solution: $y' = 2ax + b$ so the information gives us the following equations.

$$a + b + c = 8$$

$$2a + b = 7$$

$$-4a + b = -17$$

So $6a = 24$ and hence $a = 4$. Then $8 + b = 7$ so $b = -1$. Finally, $4 - 1 + c = 8$ so $c = 5$. Hence the final equation is $y = 4x^2 - x + 5$.

7. (10 Points) Find all values of x where the following function has a horizontal tangent?

$$f(x) = x + 2 \sin(x)$$

Solution: $f'(x) = 1 + 2 \cos(x)$, so we need to solve, $1 + 2 \cos(x) = 0$, which is $\cos(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$. The values of x within the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ are $x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ and $x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$. So in general our solutions are $x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi k$ and $x = \frac{4\pi}{3} + 2\pi k$ where k is an integer.

8. (10 Points) At what point on the curve $y = \sqrt{4 + 3x}$ is the tangent line perpendicular to the line $8x + 3y = 7$?

Solution: $y' = \frac{1}{2}(4 + 3x)^{-1/2} \cdot 3 = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{4+3x}}$. The slope of the given line is $-\frac{8}{3}$ so we need to solve, $\frac{3}{2\sqrt{4+3x}} = \frac{3}{8}$. Hence $\sqrt{4 + 3x} = 4$, $4 + 3x = 16$, $3x = 12$, which gives $x = 4$.