

MATH241-073D/101D Discussion Worksheet

Differentiation Rules from Sec.3.1–Sec.3.6

Sec 3.1

- **The Power Rule** For any real number “ n ”,

$$(x^n)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- $(c)' = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$, $(e^x)' = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.
- $(f + g)' = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$, $(f - g)' = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$, $(cf)' = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.

Sec.3.2

- **The Product Rule**

$$(fg)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- **The Quotient Rule**

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Sec 3.3

- **Derivatives of trigonometric functions** Must remember $(\sin x)'$ and $(\cos x)'$. For the other four, use Quotient Rule or Chain Rule, or remember by “tss sst” trick.

$$(\sin x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(\cos x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(\tan x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(\sec x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(\cot x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(\csc x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Sec 3.4

- **The Chain Rule** (do examples!)

- $(b^x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Sec 3.5

- **Implicit differentiation** (do examples!)

Given an implicit equation (a curve), say $x^2 + y^2 = 25$. Find y' or dy/dx :

1. Take $\frac{d}{dx}$ on both sides:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}25$$

2. Apply differentiation rules term-by-term. Note that y is a function of x , so things with y needs Chain Rule:

$$2x + 2yy' = 0$$

3. Solve y' in terms of x, y :
 $2yy' = -2x \Rightarrow y' = -x/y$.

If in addition, we want y' at a particular point (e.g., the slope of the tangent line at the point $(3, 4)$)

4. Plug in the given point (x, y) into y' from Step 3:

$$y' \big|_{(x,y)=(3,4)} = -3/4.$$

• Derivatives of inverse trigonometric functions

Note: $\arcsin x = \sin^{-1} x \neq \frac{1}{\sin x}$.

$$\begin{array}{lll} (\arcsin x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} & (\arctan x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} & (\operatorname{arcsec} x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ (\arccos x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} & (\operatorname{arccot} x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} & (\operatorname{arccsc} x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}$$

Sec 3.6

- $(\ln x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $(\log_b x)' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

• Four cases for exponents and bases

Cases	Differentiation rules	Examples
Constant base, constant exponent	$(b^n)' = 0$	$e^\pi, \pi^e, e^{\ln 2}, (\ln 2)^{\ln 3}$
Variable base, constant exponent	$\left((f(x))^n \right)' = n(f(x))^{n-1} \cdot f'(x)$	$(x^2 + 1)^5, (\sin x + e^x)^{\ln 5}$
Constant base, variable exponent	$\left(b^{g(x)} \right)' = b^{g(x)} \ln b \cdot g'(x)$	$2^{t^3}, e^{\sin x}$
Variable base, variable exponent	logarithmic differentiation, or use $y = e^{\ln y}$ and use Chain Rule	$x^x, (\ln x)^{\sin x}, x^{\ln x}$

• Logarithmic differentiation (not in LQ2) (do examples!)

Two examples: Given $f(x)^{g(x)}$, say $y = x^x$, or a complicate expression, say $y = \frac{(2x+1)^3 x^2}{(x^2+2)^4}$. Find y' .

1. Take \ln on both sides and simplify:

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

$$\ln y = \ln \left(\frac{(2x+1)^3 x^2}{(x^2+2)^4} \right) = 3 \ln(2x+1) + 2 \ln x - 4 \ln(x^2+2)$$

2. Implicit differentiation:

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

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{3}{2x+1} \cdot (2x+1)' + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{4}{x^2+2} \cdot (x^2+2)' = \frac{3}{2x+1} \cdot 2 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{4}{x^2+2} \cdot 2x = \frac{6}{2x+1} + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{8x}{x^2+2}$$

3. Solve y' and write y back to in terms of x .

$$y' = y(\ln x + 1) = x^x(\ln x + 1)$$

$$y' = y \left(\frac{6}{2x+1} + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{8x}{x^2+2} \right) = \frac{(2x+1)^3 x^2}{(x^2+2)^4} \left(\frac{6}{2x+1} + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{8x}{x^2+2} \right)$$