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- There are 12 points possible on this proficiency, one point per problem. **No partial credit will be given.**
- You have 60 minutes to complete this proficiency.
- No aids (book, calculator, etc.) are permitted.
- You do **not** need to simplify your expressions, but you must show sufficient work to justify your final expression.
- Your final answers **must start with** $f'(x) =$, $dy/dx =$, or similar.
- **Circle or box your final answer.**

1. [12 points] Compute the derivatives of the following functions.

a. $f(x) = \frac{3}{x^{1/3}} + e^{x-1} + \ln(2) = 3x^{-1/3} + e^{x-1} + \ln(2)$

$$f'(x) = -x^{-4/3} + e^{x-1} \cdot 1 = e^{x-1} - x^{-4/3}$$

b. $g(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} = \cot(x)$

$$g'(x) = -\csc^2(x)$$

c. $h(x) = (x - x^5) \sec(x)$

$$h'(x) = (1 - 5x^4) \sec(x) + (x - x^5) \sec(x) \cdot \tan(x)$$

d. $f(x) = \frac{1+e^{-2x}}{\cot(x)}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(-e^{-2x}) \cot(x) + (1+e^{-2x}) \csc^2(x)}{\cot^2(x)}$$

e. $f(t) = \frac{t\sqrt{t} - \sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{t}} = t - \sqrt{10} t^{-1/2}$

$$f'(t) = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2} t^{-3/2}$$

f. $f(x) = 2^x \sin(2x) = e^{\ln(2)x} \sin(2x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \ln(2) e^{\ln(2)x} \sin(2x) + e^{\ln(2)x} \cos(2x) \cdot 2 \\ &= \ln(2) 2^x \sin(2x) + 2^{x+1} \cos(2x) \end{aligned}$$

g. $y = x^a \ln(ax+3)$ where a is a constant

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= a x^{a-1} \ln(ax+3) + x^a \cdot \frac{1}{ax+3} \cdot a \\ &= a x^{a-1} \left[\ln(ax+3) + \frac{x}{ax+3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

h. $f(x) = \frac{1}{4x} + \left(\frac{\pi(x-1)}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} x^{-1} + \frac{\pi^2}{9} (x-1)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{4} x^{-2} + \frac{\pi^2}{9} \cdot 2(x-1) \cdot 1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{4x^2} + \frac{2\pi^2}{9} (x-1) \end{aligned}$$

i. $f(x) = \ln(x + \csc^2(x))$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{x + \csc^2(x)} \cdot \left(1 + 2 \csc(x) \cdot (-\csc(x) \cot(x)) \right) \\ &= \frac{1 - 2 \csc^2(x) \cot(x)}{x + \csc^2(x)} \end{aligned}$$

j. $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{x}{e^x}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= -\sin\left(\frac{x}{e^x}\right) \cdot \left[\frac{e^x - xe^x}{e^{2x}} \right] \\ &= -\sin\left(\frac{x}{e^x}\right) \left[e^{-x} - xe^{-x} \right] \\ &= \sin\left(\frac{x}{e^x}\right) (x-1)e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

k. $f(x) = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2}} \cdot (-1x^{-2}) \\ &= \frac{-1}{x^2 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{x^4 - x^2}} = \frac{-1}{|x| \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \end{aligned}$$

l. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $\cos(x) + \sin(y) = xy$. You must solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$\begin{aligned} -\sin(x) + \cos(y) y' &= y + xy' \\ \cos(y) \cdot y' - xy' &= y + \sin(x) \\ y' &= \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y + \sin(x)}{\cos(y) - x} \end{aligned}$$