

1. (30 pts) Determine $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for each of the following.

(a) $y = \frac{\sin x}{2x + 1}$

Solution:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2x + 1) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] - \sin x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[2x + 1]}{(2x + 1)^2} = \boxed{\frac{(2x + 1) \cos x - 2 \sin x}{(2x + 1)^2}}$$

(b) $x^3 - y^3 = 5xy$

Solution:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^3 - y^3] = \frac{d}{dx}[5xy]$$

$$3x^2 - 3y^2y' = 5(xy' + y)$$

$$3x^2 - 5y = (5x + 3y^2)y'$$

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \boxed{\frac{3x^2 - 5y}{5x + 3y^2}}$$

(c) $y = 4 \cos^5(2x)$

Solution:

$$y = 4 \cos^5(2x) = 4[\cos(2x)]^5$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (4)(5)[\cos(2x)]^4 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[\cos(2x)] = 20 \cos^4(2x) \left[-\sin(2x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[2x] \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \boxed{-40 \cos^4(2x) \sin(2x)}$$

2. (25 pts) The position value of a particle is given by $s(t) = t^2 - 4t^{1.5} + 4t$, where $t \geq 0$ is in seconds and position is in feet. For each of the following, be sure to include the correct unit of measurement.

(a) Find the particle's velocity function $v(t)$.

Solution:

$$v(t) = s'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [t^2 - 4t^{1.5} + 4t] = 2t - (4)(1.5)t^{0.5} + 4 = \boxed{2t - 6t^{0.5} + 4 \text{ ft/s}}$$

(b) Determine the particle's speed at $t = \frac{9}{4}$ seconds.

Solution:

$$\left| v\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) \right| = \left| (2)\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) - (6)\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^{0.5} + 4 \right| = \left| \frac{9}{2} - (6)\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 4 \right| = \left| \frac{9}{2} - \frac{18}{2} + \frac{8}{2} \right| = \left| -\frac{1}{2} \right| = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \text{ ft/s}}$$

(c) Find the particle's acceleration function $a(t)$.

Solution:

$$a(t) = v'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [2t - 6t^{0.5} + 4] = 2 - (6)(0.5)t^{-0.5} = \boxed{2 - 3t^{-0.5} \text{ ft/s}^2}$$

(d) Find all values of $t \geq 0$ for which the particle's acceleration is equal to 0.

Solution:

$$2 - 3t^{-0.5} = 0$$

$$2 = 3t^{-0.5}$$

$$t^{0.5} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$t = \boxed{\frac{9}{4} \text{ sec}}$$

3. (25 pts) Parts (a) and (b) are unrelated.

(a) Find the equations of the tangent and normal lines to the curve $y = x^3 - 2x^2 + x + 10$ at $x = -1$.

Solution:

$$y(-1) = (-1)^3 - 2(-1)^2 + (-1) + 10 = -1 - 2 - 1 + 10 = 6$$

The point of tangency is $(-1, 6)$.

$$y'(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 1$$

$$y'(-1) = (3)(-1)^2 - (4)(-1) + 1 = 3 + 4 + 1 = 8$$

The slope of the tangent line at $(-1, 6)$ is 8.

$$\text{The equation of the tangent line is } y - 6 = 8(x - (-1)) = \boxed{y - 6 = 8(x + 1)}$$

The slope of the normal line is $-\frac{1}{\text{slope of tangent line}} = -\frac{1}{8}$.

$$\text{The equation of the normal line is } \boxed{y - 6 = -\frac{1}{8}(x + 1)}$$

(b) Find all values of x on the interval $[0, \pi]$ for which the curve $y = \tan x - 4x$ has a horizontal tangent line.

Solution:

$$y'(x) = \sec^2 x - 4 = 0$$

$$\sec^2 x = 4$$

$$\sec x = \pm 2$$

$$\cos x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{The solutions on the interval } [0, \pi] \text{ are } x = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

4. (20 pts) Parts (a) and (b) are unrelated.

- (a) Determine $f'(x)$ for the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ by using the **definition of derivative**. (You must obtain f' by evaluating the appropriate limit to earn credit.)

Solution:

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

- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^8 + 2x^5 - 3}{x - 1}$ represents the derivative of a certain function f at a certain number a .

i. Identify f and a .

Solution:

The definition of a derivative states that $f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$.

Since the given expression represents $f'(a)$ for some f and a , we have

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^8 + 2x^5 - 3}{x - 1}$$

Based on the structure of the terms in the preceding equation, we can hypothesize that $a = 1$ and $f(x) = x^8 + 2x^5$, in which case $f(a)$ would have to equal 3.

For $a = 1$ and $f(x) = x^8 + 2x^5$, we have $f(1) = 1^8 + (2)(1^5) = 3$, which confirms our hypothesis.

Therefore, $\boxed{f(x) = x^8 + 2x^5}$ and $\boxed{a = 1}$.

ii. Use $f'(a)$ to evaluate the given limit.

Solution:

Based on the work in part (i), $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^8 + 2x^5 - 3}{x - 1} = f'(1)$.

$$f'(x) = 8x^7 + 10x^4 \Rightarrow f'(1) = (8)(1^7) + (10)(1^4) = 18 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^8 + 2x^5 - 3}{x - 1} = \boxed{18}$$