

Answer Key

Math 180
Worksheet 6
Sections 3.5-3.7

1.) Suppose a stone is thrown vertically upward from the edge of a cliff with an initial velocity of 64 ft/s from a height of 32 feet above the ground. The height s (in ft) of the stone above the ground in t seconds after it is thrown is given by $s(t) = -16t^2 + 64t + 32$.

a. Determine the velocity v of the stone after t seconds.

$$s'(t) = v(t) = -32t + 64 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$$

b. When does the stone reach its highest point?

$$s'(t) = v(t) = 0 \Rightarrow -32t + 64 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 2 \text{ sec}$$

c. What is the height of the stone at its highest point?

$$s(2) = -16(2)^2 + 64(2) + 32 = -64 + 128 + 32 = 96 \text{ ft}$$

d. When does the stone strike the ground?

$$s(t) = 0 = -16t^2 + 64t + 32 \Rightarrow 0 = t^2 - 4t - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16+8}}{2} = 2 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{24} = 2 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6}\sqrt{4} = 2 \pm \sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 2 + \sqrt{6}$$

e. With what velocity does the stone strike the ground?

$$v(2 + \sqrt{6}) = -32(2 + \sqrt{6}) + 64 = -64 + 32\sqrt{6} + 64$$

$$= 32\sqrt{6} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$$

f. Determine the acceleration a of the stone after t seconds.

$$a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t) = -32 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$$

g. On what intervals is the speed increasing?

$$sp(t) = |v(t)| = \begin{cases} -32t + 64 & \text{if } t \leq 2 \\ 32t - 64 & \text{if } t > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$sp'(t) = \begin{cases} -32 & \text{if } t \leq 2 \\ 32 & \text{if } t > 2 \end{cases}$$

the speed is increasing on the interval $(2, 2 + \sqrt{6})$

2.) Use Chain Rule to calculate the derivatives of the following functions.

a. $f(x) = (3x + 2)^{14}$

$$f'(x) = 14(3x+2)^{13} \cdot 3$$

b. $\ln(3x + 8)$

$$y' = \frac{1}{3x+8} \cdot 3$$

c. $h(t) = e^{t^3+6t^2-10t-3}$

$$h'(t) = (e^{t^3+6t^2-10t-3}) (3t^2+12t-10)$$

d. $y = \sin(4 \cos \theta)$

$$y' = \cos(4 \cos \theta) \cdot (-4 \sin \theta)$$

3.) Find the derivatives of the following functions by making use of the Chain Rule more than once.

a. $y = \sqrt{(2x-7)^3 + 5x} = ((2x-7)^3 + 5x)^{1/2}$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2}((2x-7)^3 + 5x)^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}((2x-7)^3 + 5x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}((2x-7)^3 + 5x)^{-1/2} (5(2x-7) \cdot 2 + 5)$$

b. $f(t) = \cos(2^{5t+3})$

$$f'(t) = \sin(2^{5t+3}) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(2^{5t+3})$$

$$= \sin(2^{5t+3}) 2^{5t+3} \ln(2) \cdot 5$$

4.) Combine Chain Rule with Product or Quotient Rule to find the derivative of the following.

a. $f(x) = \left(\frac{e^x}{x+1}\right)^8$

$$f'(x) = 8 \left(\frac{e^x}{x+1}\right)^7 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{e^x}{x+1}\right) = 8 \left(\frac{e^x}{x+1}\right)^7 \left(\frac{e^x \frac{d}{dx}(x+1) - \frac{d}{dx}(e^x)(x+1) + e^x \frac{d}{dx}(x+1)}{(x+1)^2} \right)$$

$$= 8 \left(\frac{e^x}{x+1}\right)^7 \frac{e^x(x+1) + e^x(1)}{(x+1)^2} = 8 \frac{(e^x)^8 (x+1)}{(x+1)^9}$$

b. $g(x) = \tan(x \cdot 2^x)$

$$g'(x) = \sec^2(x \cdot 2^x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x \cdot 2^x)$$

$$= \sec^2(x \cdot 2^x) \left(\frac{d}{dx}(x) \cdot 2^x + x \frac{d}{dx}(2^x) \right)$$

$$= \sec^2(x \cdot 2^x) (2^x + x \cdot 2^x \ln(2)) = \sec^2(x \cdot 2^x) 2^x (1 + x \ln(2))$$

5.) Use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

a. $y^2 = 4x$

$$2yy' = 4$$

$$y' = \frac{4}{2y} = \frac{2}{y} = y'$$

b. $x^3 = \frac{x+y}{x-y}$

$$x^3(x-y) = x+y$$

$$x^4 - x^3y = x+y$$

c. $\cos y^2 + x = e^y$

$$4x^3 \left(\frac{d}{dx}(x^3) y + x^3 \frac{d}{dx}(y) \right) = 1 + y'$$

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

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

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

$$y' = \frac{4x^3 - 3x^2 y - 1}{1 - x^3}$$

6.) Use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

a. $xy^{5/2} + x^{3/2}y = 12$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx}(x) y^{5/2} + x \frac{d}{dx}(y^{5/2}) \right) + \left(\frac{d}{dx}(x^{3/2}) y + x^{3/2} \frac{d}{dx}(y) \right) = 0$$

$$y^{5/2} + x \frac{5}{2} y^{3/2} y' + \frac{3}{2} x^{1/2} y + x^{3/2} y' = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{2} x y^{3/2} + x^{3/2} \right) y' = - \left(y^{5/2} + \frac{3}{2} x^{1/2} y \right) \Rightarrow y' = \frac{- \left(y^{5/2} + \frac{3}{2} x^{1/2} y \right)}{\frac{5}{2} x y^{3/2} + x^{3/2}}$$

b. $\sin x \cos y = \sin x + \cos y$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(x)) \cos(y) + \sin(x) \frac{d}{dx}(\cos(y)) = \cos(x) + \sin(y) y'$$

$$\cos(x) \cos(y) - \sin(x) \sin(y) y' = \cos(x) - \sin(y) y'$$

$$\cos(x) \cos(y) - \cos(x) = \sin(x) \sin(y) y' - \sin(y) y'$$

$$\frac{\cos(x) (\cos(y) - 1)}{\sin(y) (\sin(x) - 1)} = y'$$