



Tutoring Sheet 7

Unit 05a : Mathematics 1

Answers

1. Find the derivative of the following functions:

a. $f(x) = (2x-3)^5$ is of the form U^k , its derivative : $kU^{k-1} (U')$
 $f'(x) = 5(2x-3)^4 (2) = 10(2x-3)^4$

b. $f(x) = \frac{5-3x}{4x-1}$ is of the form $\frac{u}{v}$, its derivative :
$$\frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2} = \frac{-3(4x-1) - 4(5-3x)}{(4x-1)^2} = \frac{-17}{(4x-1)^2}$$

c. $f(x) = \frac{3}{x^2+1}$ is of the form $\frac{u}{v}$, its derivative :
$$\frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2} = \frac{(0)(x^2+1) - (2x)(3)}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{-6x}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

d. $f(x) = \frac{x^2-3x+1}{x^2+x-2}$ is of the form $\frac{u}{v}$, its derivative :
$$\frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2} = \frac{(2x-3)(x^2+x-2) - (2x+1)(x^2-3x+1)}{(x^2+x-2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4x^2 - 6x + 5}{(x^2+x-2)^2}$$

e. $f(x) = x^2 e^x$ is of the form uv , its derivative: $u'v + v'u$

$$f'(x) = 2xe^x + x^2e^x = (x^2 + 2x)e^x$$

f. $f(x) = (x^2 - 1)\ln x$ is of the form uv , its derivative: $u'v + v'u$

$$f'(x) = (2x)\ln x + (x^2 - 1)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = (2x)\ln x + \frac{x^2 - 1}{x}$$

g. $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$ is of the form $\frac{u}{v}$, its derivative :

$$\frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)(x) - (1)(\ln x)}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$$

h. $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$ is of the form $\frac{u}{v}$, its derivative :

$$\frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2} = \frac{(\cos x)(x) - (1)(\sin x)}{x^2} = \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2}$$

i. $f(x) = x^2 \cos x$ is of the form uv , its derivative: $u'v + v'u$

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

j. $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 3}$ is of the form \sqrt{U} , its derivative :

$$\frac{U'}{2\sqrt{U}} = \frac{2x + 3}{2\sqrt{x^2 + 3}}$$

k. $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + x + 2)$ is of the form $\ln U$, its derivative :

$$\frac{U'}{U} = \frac{2x + 1}{x^2 + x + 2}$$

l. $f(x) = \frac{e^x + 1}{e^x - 1}$ is of the form $\frac{u}{v}$, its derivative :

$$\frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2} = \frac{e^x(e^x - 1) - e^x(e^x + 1)}{(e^x - 1)^2} = \frac{e^{2x} - e^x - e^{2x} - e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2} = \frac{-2e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2}$$

m. $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{\sqrt{3x - 1}}$ is of the form $\frac{u}{v}$, its derivative :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2} &= \frac{(2x)(\sqrt{3x - 1}) - \frac{3(x^2 + 1)}{2\sqrt{3x - 1}}}{(\sqrt{3x - 1})^2} \\ &= \frac{4x(3x - 1) - 3(x^2 + 1)}{3x - 1} = \frac{9x^2 - 4x - 3}{2(3x - 1)(\sqrt{3x - 1})} \end{aligned}$$

n. $f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$ is of the form $\ln U$, its derivative : $\frac{U'}{U}$

$$U = \frac{1+x}{1-x} \Rightarrow U' = \frac{2}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\frac{U'}{U} = \frac{\frac{2}{(1-x)^2}}{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} = \frac{2}{(1-x)(1+x)}$$

2. Find the derivative of $f(x) = (1 + 2x)e^{-x^2}$

find the value of x that makes $f'(x) = 0$

is of the form uv ,its derivative: $u'v + v'u$

$$u = 1 + 2x \Rightarrow u' = 2$$

$$v = e^{-x^2} \Rightarrow v' = -2xe^{-x^2}$$

$$f'(x) = 2e^{-x^2} + (-2xe^{-x^2})(1+2x)$$

$$= 2e^{-x^2} - 2xe^{-x^2} - 4x^2e^{-x^2}$$

$$= 2e^{-x^2} (1 - x - 2x^2)$$

$F'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow -2x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ a Quadratic equation with
 $a = -2$, $b = -1$ and $c = 1$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{9}}{-4} = \frac{1 \pm 3}{-4}$$

$$x = -1 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

3. Find the derivative of $f(x) = x^2 - \ln(\sqrt{2x})$

find the value of x that makes $f'(x) = 0$

$$f'(x) = 2x - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2x}} = 2x - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 2x - \frac{1}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow 2x = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow 2x^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$F(x) = \ln(cx)$ $\Rightarrow F'(x) = \frac{1}{cx} \times c = \frac{1}{x}$ <p>Example: $f(x) = \ln 3x$</p> $\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

End of Answers