

# MTH 1125 - Test 2 (2pm Class) - Pod A - Solutions

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**Instructions.** Show CLEARLY how you arrive at your answers.

1. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} [3x^5 + 3x^4 + 5x^3 + 6x^2 + 15x + 24\sqrt{x} + 6] =$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [3x^5 + 3x^4 + 5x^3 + 6x^2 + 15x + 24\sqrt{x} + 6]$$

$$= 3 [5x^4] + 3 [4x^3] + 5 [3x^2] + 6 [2x] + 15 + 24 \left[ \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] + 0$$

$$= 15x^4 + 12x^3 + 15x^2 + 12x + 15 + 12x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} [3x^5 + 3x^4 + 5x^3 + 6x^2 + 15x + 24\sqrt{x} + 6] = 15x^4 + 12x^3 + 15x^2 + 12x + 15 + 12x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

2. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} [(5x^2 + \sec(x))(2x^3 + 6x)] =$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \underbrace{(5x^2 + \sec(x))}_{1^{st}} \cdot \underbrace{(2x^3 + 6x)}_{2^{nd}} \right] = \underbrace{(10x + \sec(x) \tan(x))}_{1^{st} \text{ prime}} \cdot \underbrace{(2x^3 + 6x)}_{2^{nd}} + \underbrace{(6x^2 + 6)}_{2^{nd} \text{ prime}} \cdot \underbrace{(5x^2 + \sec(x))}_{1^{st}}$$

$\frac{d}{dx} [(5x^2 + \sec(x))(2x^3 + 6x)] = (10x + \sec(x) \tan(x))(2x^3 + 6x) + (6x^2 + 6)(5x^2 + \sec(x))$

3. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{3x^4 + 6x^2 + 9}{4x^2 + 1} \right] =$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{\overbrace{3x^4 + 6x^2 + 9}^{\text{top}}}{\underbrace{4x^2 + 1}_{\text{Bottom}}} \right] = \frac{\overbrace{(12x^3 + 12x)}^{\text{top prime}} \cdot \overbrace{(4x^2 + 1)}^{\text{bottom}} - \overbrace{8x}^{\text{bottom prime}} \cdot \overbrace{(3x^4 + 6x^2 + 9)}^{\text{top}}}{\underbrace{(4x^2 + 1)^2}_{\text{bottom squared}}}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{3x^4 + 6x^2 + 9}{4x^2 + 1} \right] = \frac{(12x^3 + 12x)(4x^2 + 1) - 8x(3x^4 + 6x^2 + 9)}{(4x^2 + 1)^2}$

4. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} [(6x^3 + 9x^2 + 4x)^6] =$  This is the derivative of a function raised to a power.

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(6x^3 + 9x^2 + 4x)^6] = \underbrace{6(6x^3 + 9x^2 + 4x)^5}_{\substack{\text{power rule} \\ \text{as usual}}} \cdot \underbrace{(18x^2 + 18x + 4)}_{\substack{\text{derivative} \\ \text{of inner}}}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} [(6x^3 + 9x^2 + 4x)^6] = 6(6x^3 + 9x^2 + 4x)^5(18x^2 + 18x + 4)$

5. Given that  $f(x) = 2x^2 + x - 5$ , give the *equation* of the line tangent to the graph of  $f(x)$  at the point  $(2, 5)$ .

We need two things:

- i. A **point** on the line (We have that:  $(x_1, y_1) = (2, 5)$ )
- ii. The **slope** of the line (This is  $f'(x_1)$ )

$$f'(x) = 4x + 1$$

At the point  $(x_1, y_1) = (2, 5)$ , **the slope is**  $f'(2) = 4(2) + 1 = 9$

We will use the Point-Slope equation of a line:

$(y - y_1) = m(x - x_1)$  (Where  $m$  is the slope and  $(x_1, y_1)$  is a known point on the line.)

Thus, the equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $f(x)$  is:

$$(y - 5) = 9(x - 2)$$

The equation of the line tangent is  $(y - 5) = 9(x - 2)$

6. Given that  $w = 2x^2 + 3x$  and that  $x = \sec(v)$ ; compute  $\frac{dw}{dv}$  **using the Leibniz form of the Chain Rule.** (In particular, when doing this exercise, *write explicitly the Leibniz form of the chain rule that you are going to use.*)

**We know:**

$$\frac{dw}{dx} = 4x + 3$$

$$\frac{dx}{dv} = \sec(v) \tan(v)$$

**We want:**  $\frac{dw}{dv}$

By the Leibniz form of the Chain Rule:

$$\frac{dw}{dv} = \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{dx}{dv} = (4x + 3) \sec(v) \tan(v) = \underbrace{(4 \sec(v) + 3) \sec(v) \tan(v)}_{\substack{\text{express solely in terms of} \\ \text{independent variable } v}}$$

i.e.  $\frac{dw}{dv} = (4 \sec(v) + 3) \sec(v) \tan(v)$

7. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} [\sec(4x^3 + 6x^2)] =$

Outer:  $= \sec(\quad)$   
 Deriv. of outer  $= \sec(\quad) \tan(\quad)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sec(4x^3 + 6x^2) \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{outer} \quad \text{inner} \end{array} \right] = \underbrace{\sec(4x^3 + 6x^2) \tan(4x^3 + 6x^2)}_{\substack{\text{Deriv of outer,} \\ \text{eval. at inner}}} \cdot \underbrace{(12x^2 + 12x)}_{\substack{\text{deriv. of} \\ \text{inner}}}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} [\sec(4x^3 + 6x^2)] = \sec(4x^3 + 6x^2) \tan(4x^3 + 6x^2) (12x^2 + 12x)$

8. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \left( \frac{5x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x} \right)^6 \right] =$  In the broadest sense, this is the derivative of a *function raised to a power* - USE the CHAIN RULE.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \underbrace{\left( \frac{5x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x} \right)^6}_{(g(x))^n} \right] &= \underbrace{6 \left( \frac{5x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x} \right)^5}_{\text{power rule as usual}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{5x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x} \right] \right)}_{\text{deriv of inner Function}} \\ &= 6 \left( \frac{5x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x} \right)^5 \underbrace{\frac{(10x+12)(4x^2+8x) - (8x+8)(5x^2+12x)}{(4x^2+8x)^2}}_{\text{quotient rule}} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \left( \frac{5x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x} \right)^6 \right] = 6 \left( \frac{5x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x} \right)^5 \frac{(10x+12)(4x^2+8x) - (8x+8)(5x^2+12x)}{(4x^2+8x)^2}$

9. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} [\sin^8 (3x^3 + 9x)] =$

Let's rewrite this:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(\sin (3x^3 + 9x))^8]$$

This is the composition of *three* functions.

Differentiate the outermost function and evaluate it at everything inside

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(\sin(3x^3 + 9x))^8] =$$

outermost

This yields:  $8 (\sin (3x^3 + 9x))^7$

**Next:** Multiply by the derivative of the next outermost function and evaluate it at everything inside of it.

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(\sin(3x^3 + 9x))^8] =$$

outermost

This yields:  $8 (\sin (3x^3 + 9x))^7 \cdot \cos (3x^3 + 9x)$

**Finally:** Multiply by the derivative of the innermost function.

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(\sin(3x^3 + 9x))^8] =$$

outermost

This yields:  $8 (\sin (3x^3 + 9x))^7 \cos (3x^3 + 9x) \cdot (9x^2 + 9)$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{d}{dx} [(\sin^8(3x^3 + 9x))] = 8(\sin(3x^3 + 9x))^7 \cos(3x^3 + 9x) \cdot (9x^2 + 9)$$

**Alternatively:**

$\frac{d}{dx} [(\sin^8(3x^3 + 9x))]$  In the broadest sense, this is the derivative of a *function raised to a power* - USE the CHAIN RULE. Re-write!

$\frac{d}{dx} [(\sin(3x^3 + 9x))^8]$  This is the derivative of a function, raised to a power

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [(\sin(3x^3 + 9x))^8] &= \underbrace{8(\sin(3x^3 + 9x))^7}_{\text{power rule as usual}} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(3x^3 + 9x)]\right)}_{\text{derivative of inner}} \\ &= 8(\sin(3x^3 + 9x))^7 \cdot \underbrace{[\cos(3x^3 + 9x) \cdot (9x^2 + 9)]}_{\text{Chain Rule}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{d}{dx} [(\sin^8(3x^3 + 9x))] = 8(\sin(3x^3 + 9x))^7 \cos(3x^3 + 9x) (9x^2 + 9)$$

10. Given that  $x^4 + x^3y^4 = \cos(y)$ , compute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

i. Differentiate both sides w.r.t.  $x$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ x^4 + \underbrace{x^3}_{1^{\text{st}}} \underbrace{y^4}_{2^{\text{nd}}} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} [\cos(y)]$$
$$\Rightarrow 4x^3 + \left( \underbrace{3x^2}_{1^{\text{st}} \text{ prime}} \cdot \underbrace{y^4}_{2^{\text{nd}}} + \underbrace{4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx}}_{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ prime}} \cdot \underbrace{x^3}_{1^{\text{st}}} \right) = -\sin(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Simplifying, we have:

$$4x^3 + 3x^2y^4 + 4x^3y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

ii. Solve algebraically for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

a. Get  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  terms on left side, all other terms on right side

$$\Rightarrow 4x^3y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + \sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = -4x^3 - 3x^2y^4$$

b. Factor out  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (4x^3y^3 + \sin(y)) = -4x^3 - 3x^2y^4$$

c. Divide both sides by the cofactor of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-4x^3 - 3x^2y^4}{4x^3y^3 + \sin(y)} = -\frac{4x^3 + 3x^2y^4}{4x^3y^3 + \sin(y)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-4x^3 - 3x^2y^4}{4x^3y^3 + \sin(y)} = -\frac{4x^3 + 3x^2y^4}{4x^3y^3 + \sin(y)}$$

11. Given that  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 5$ , compute  $f'(x)$  **using the definition of derivative.** (i.e., using the “limit process.”)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[3(x+\Delta x)^2 - 6(x+\Delta x) + 5] - [3x^2 - 6x + 5]}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[3(x^2 + 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2) - 6(x+\Delta x) + 5] - [3x^2 - 6x + 5]}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[3x^2 + 6x\Delta x + 3\Delta x^2 - 6x - 6\Delta x + 5] - [3x^2 - 6x + 5]}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6x\Delta x + 3\Delta x^2 - 6\Delta x}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x(6x + 3\Delta x - 6)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (6x + 3\Delta x - 6) = 6x + 3(0) - 6 = 6x - 6
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $f'(x) = 6x - 6$

**Extra (Wow! 10 Points)**

Given that  $L'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  (i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx}[L(x)] = \frac{1}{x}$ ); compute  $\frac{d}{dx}[L(x^2)]$

Outer:    =     $L(\quad)$

Deriv. of outer    =     $\frac{1}{(\quad)}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \frac{d}{dx} [L(\underbrace{x^2}_{\text{inner}})] & = & \frac{1}{\underbrace{(x^2)}_{\text{Deriv of outer, eval. at inner}}} & \cdot & \underbrace{2x}_{\text{deriv. of inner}} & = & \frac{2x}{x^2} = \frac{2}{x} \\
 \uparrow & & & & & & \\
 \text{outer} & & \text{inner} & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx}[L(x^2)] = \frac{2x}{x^2} = \frac{2}{x}$