

# MTH 1125 - Test 2 (12pm Class) - Solutions

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

1. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} [8x^5 + 10x^4 + 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 12x + 24\sqrt{x} + 10] =$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ 8x^5 + 10x^4 + 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 12x + 24x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 10 \right]$$

$$= 8 [5x^4] + 10 [4x^3] + 8 [3x^2] + 12 [2x] + 12 + 24 \left[ \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] + 0$$

$$= 40x^4 + 40x^3 + 24x^2 + 24x + 12 + 12x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ 8x^5 + 10x^4 + 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 12x + 24x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 10 \right] = 40x^4 + 40x^3 + 24x^2 + 24x + 12 + 12x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

2. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} [(\sin(x) + \cos(x))(8x^5 + 4x + 2)] =$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \underbrace{(\sin(x) + \cos(x))}_{1^{st}} \cdot \underbrace{(8x^5 + 4x + 2)}_{2^{nd}} \right] = \underbrace{(\cos(x) - \sin(x))}_{1^{st} \text{ prime}} \cdot \underbrace{(8x^5 + 4x + 2)}_{2^{nd}} + \underbrace{(40x^4 + 4)}_{2^{nd} \text{ prime}} \cdot \underbrace{(\sin(x) + \cos(x))}_{1^{st}}$$

$\frac{d}{dx} [(\sin(x) + \cos(x))(8x^5 + 4x + 2)] = (\cos(x) - \sin(x))(8x^5 + 4x + 2) + (40x^4 + 4)(\sin(x) + \cos(x))$

3. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{3x^5 + 5x^3 + 15x}{4x^2 + 8} \right] =$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{\overbrace{3x^5 + 5x^3 + 15x}^{\text{top}}}{\underbrace{4x^2 + 8}_{\text{Bottom}}} \right] = \frac{\overbrace{(15x^4 + 15x^2 + 15)}^{\text{top prime}} \cdot \underbrace{(4x^2 + 8)}_{\text{bottom}} - \underbrace{8x}_{\text{bottom prime}} \cdot \overbrace{(3x^5 + 5x^3 + 15x)}^{\text{top}}}{\underbrace{(4x^2 + 8)^2}_{\text{bottom squared}}}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{3x^5 + 5x^3 + 15x}{4x^2 + 8} \right] = \frac{(15x^4 + 15x^2 + 15)(4x^2 + 8) - 8x(3x^5 + 5x^3 + 15x)}{(4x^2 + 8)^2} : 36x^6 + 140x^4 + 60x^2 + 120$

4. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (3x^3 + 6x^2 + 15x)^{10} \right] =$  This is the derivative of a function raised to a power.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (3x^3 + 6x^2 + 15x)^{10} \right] = \underbrace{10 (3x^3 + 6x^2 + 15x)^9}_{\substack{\text{power rule} \\ \text{as usual}}} \cdot \underbrace{(9x^2 + 12x + 15)}_{\substack{\text{derivative} \\ \text{of inner}}}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (3x^3 + 6x^2 + 15x)^{10} \right] = 10 (3x^3 + 6x^2 + 15x)^9 (9x^2 + 12x + 15)$

5. Given that  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 2$ , give the *equation* of the line tangent to the graph of  $f(x)$  at the point  $(2, 4)$ .

We need two things:

- i. A **point** on the line (We have that:  $(x_1, y_1) = (2, 4)$ )
- ii. The **slope** of the line (This is  $f'(x_1)$ )

$$f'(x) = 4x - 3$$

At the point  $(x_1, y_1) = (2, 4)$ , **the slope is**  $f'(2) = 4(2) - 3 = 5$

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:

$$(y - 4) = 5(x - 2)$$

The equation of the line tangent is  $(y - 4) = 5(x - 2)$

6. Given that  $w = \cos(u)$  and that  $u = 4t^2 + 2t + 2$ ; compute  $\frac{dw}{dt}$  **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:**

$$\frac{dw}{du} = -\sin(u)$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 8t + 2$$

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

By the Leibniz form of the Chain Rule:

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dw}{du} \frac{du}{dt} = -\sin(u)(8t + 2) = \underbrace{-\sin(4t^2 + 2t + 2)(8t + 2)}_{\substack{\text{express solely in terms of} \\ \text{independent variable } v}}$$

i.e.  $\frac{dw}{dt} = -\sin(u)(8t + 2) = -\sin(4t^2 + 2t + 2)(8t + 2)$

7. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} [\sec(8x^5 + 5x^2)] =$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sec(8x^5 + 5x^2) \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{outer} \quad \text{inner} \end{array} \right] = \underbrace{\sec(8x^5 + 5x^2) \tan(8x^5 + 5x^2)}_{\substack{\text{Deriv of outer,} \\ \text{eval. at inner}}} \cdot \underbrace{(40x^4 + 10x)}_{\substack{\text{deriv. of} \\ \text{inner}}}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} [\sec(8x^5 + 5x^2)] = \sec(8x^5 + 5x^2) \tan(8x^5 + 5x^2) (40x^4 + 10x)$

8. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \left( \frac{3x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x+16} \right)^8 \right] =$  In the broadest sense, this is the derivative of a *function raised to a power* - USE the CHAIN RULE.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \underbrace{\left( \frac{3x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x+16} \right)^8}_{(g(x))^n} \right] &= 8 \underbrace{\left( \frac{3x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x+16} \right)^7}_{\substack{\text{power rule} \\ \text{as usual}}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{3x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x+16} \right] \right)}_{\substack{\text{deriv of} \\ \text{inner Function}}} \\ &= 8 \left( \frac{3x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x+16} \right)^7 \underbrace{\frac{(6x+12)(4x^2+8x+16) - (8x+8)(3x^2+12x)}{(4x^2+8x+16)^2}}_{\substack{\text{quotient} \\ \text{rule}}} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \left( \frac{3x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x+16} \right)^8 \right] = 8 \left( \frac{3x^2+12x}{4x^2+8x+16} \right)^7 \frac{(6x+12)(4x^2+8x+16) - (8x+8)(3x^2+12x)}{(4x^2+8x+16)^2}$

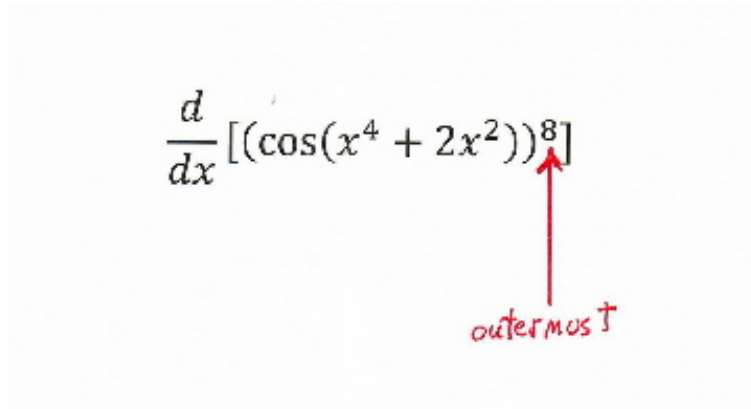
9. Compute:  $\frac{d}{dx} [\cos^8 (x^4 + 2x^2)] =$

Let's rewrite this:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(\cos(x^4 + 2x^2))^8]$$

This is the composition of *three* functions.

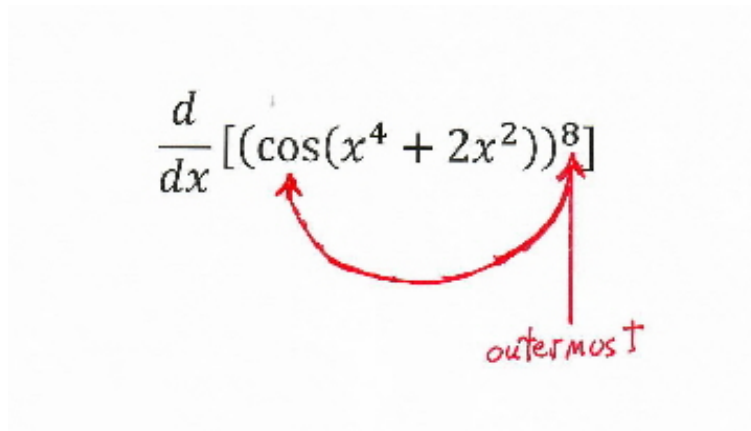
Differentiate the outermost function and evaluate it at everything inside


$$\frac{d}{dx} [(\cos(x^4 + 2x^2))^8]$$

outermost ↑

This yields:  $8 (\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^7$

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


$$\frac{d}{dx} [(\cos(x^4 + 2x^2))^8]$$

outermost ↑

This yields:  $8 (\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^7 \cdot (-\sin (x^4 + 2x^2))$

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

This yields:  $8 (\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^7 \cdot (-\sin (x^4 + 2x^2)) \cdot (4x^3 + 4x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } \frac{d}{dx} [\cos^8 (x^4 + 2x^2)] &= 8 (\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^7 \cdot (-\sin (x^4 + 2x^2)) \cdot (4x^3 + 4x) \\ &= -8 (\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^7 \cdot \sin (x^4 + 2x^2) \cdot (4x^3 + 4x) \end{aligned}$$

**Alternatively:**

**Re-Write!**

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos^8 (x^4 + 2x^2)] = \frac{d}{dx} [(\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^8]$$

In the broadest sense, this is *the derivative of a function raised to a power*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [(\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^8] &= \underbrace{8 (\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^7}_{\text{power rule as usual}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{d}{dx} [\cos (x^4 + 2x^2)] \right)}_{\text{derivative of inner}} \\ &= 8 (\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^7 \cdot \underbrace{[-\sin (x^4 + 2x^2) \cdot (4x^3 + 4x)]}_{\text{Chain Rule}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{d}{dx} [\cos^8 (x^4 + 2x^2)] = -8 (\cos (x^4 + 2x^2))^7 \cdot \sin (x^4 + 2x^2) \cdot (4x^3 + 4x)$$

10. Given that  $5x^4 - x^4y^4 = \cos(y)$ , compute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ 5x^4 - \underbrace{x^4}_{1^{\text{st}}} \underbrace{y^4}_{2^{\text{nd}}} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} [\cos(y)]$$
$$\Rightarrow 20x^3 - \left( \underbrace{4x^3}_{1^{\text{st}} \text{ prime}} \cdot \underbrace{y^4}_{2^{\text{nd}}} + \underbrace{4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx}}_{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ prime}} \cdot \underbrace{x^4}_{1^{\text{st}}} \right) = -\sin(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Simplifying, we have:

$$20x^3 - 4x^3y^4 - 4x^4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow -4x^4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + \sin(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = -20x^3 + 4x^3y^4$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (-4x^4y^3 + \sin(y)) = -20x^3 + 4x^3y^4$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-20x^3 + 4x^3y^4}{-4x^4y^3 + \sin(y)} = \frac{20x^3 - 4x^3y^4}{4x^4y^3 - \sin(y)}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[5(x+\Delta x)^2 - 6(x+\Delta x) + 2] - [5x^2 - 6x + 2]}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[5(x^2 + 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2) - 6(x + \Delta x) + 2] - [5x^2 - 6x + 2]}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[5x^2 + 10x\Delta x + 5\Delta x^2 - 6x - 6\Delta x + 2] - [5x^2 - 6x + 2]}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{10x\Delta x + 5\Delta x^2 - 6\Delta x}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x(10x + 5\Delta x - 6)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (10x + 5\Delta x - 6) = 10x + 5(0) - 6 = 10x - 6
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $f'(x) = 10x - 6$

**Extra (Wow! 10 Points)**

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

Outer: =  $S(\quad)$   
 Deriv. of outer =  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(\quad)^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} \left[ S \left( \underbrace{\cos(x)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{inner}}} \right) \right] &= \frac{1}{\underbrace{\sqrt{1 - (\cos(x))^2}}_{\substack{\text{Deriv of outer,} \\ \text{eval. at inner}}}} \cdot \underbrace{(-\sin(x))}_{\substack{\text{deriv. of} \\ \text{inner}}} = -\frac{\sin(x)}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2(x)}} = -\frac{\sin(x)}{\sqrt{\sin^2(x)}} = -\frac{\sin(x)}{|\sin(x)|}
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{d}{dx} [S(\cos(x))] = -\frac{\sin(x)}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2(x)}} = -\frac{\sin(x)}{|\sin(x)|}$