MATH 161

SOLUTIONS: QUIZ V

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1. *[Stewart]* Find an equation of the tangent line to the cardioid

$$x^2 + y^2 = (2x^2 + 2y^2 - x)^2$$

at the point $P = (0, \frac{1}{2})$.



Solution:

We differentiate implicitly the given curve

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}((2x^2 + 2y^2 - x)^2)$$

So, using the general power rule,

$$2x + 2y\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(2x^2 + 2y^2 - x)\left(4x + 4y\frac{dy}{dx} - 1\right)$$

At the point $P = (0, \frac{1}{2})$, we find:

$$0 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\left(0 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 0\right)\left(4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{dy}{dx} - 1\right)$$

Simplifying,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(2\frac{dy}{dx} - 1\right) = 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 1$$

And so, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$.

Hence an equation of the tangent line is

$$y - \frac{1}{2} = 1(x - 0)$$

Simplifying, $y = x + \frac{1}{2}$

2. Using logarithmic differentiation, compute dy/dx for the function

$$y = \frac{x^5}{(1 - 10x)\sqrt{x^2 + 2}}$$

Solution: Taking the log of each side,

$$\ln y = \ln\left(\frac{x^5}{(1-10x)\sqrt{x^2+2}}\right) = \ln(x^5) - \ln\left((1-10x)\sqrt{x^2+2}\right) = \ln(x^5) - \left(\ln(1-10x) + \ln\sqrt{x^2+2}\right) = 5\ln x - \ln(1-10x) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(x^2+2)$$

Next, differentiating each side wrt x, then applying the chain rule,

$$\frac{d}{dx}\ln y = \frac{d}{dx} \left(5\ln x - \ln(1 - 10x) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(x^2 + 2) \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{y}\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5}{x} - \frac{-10}{1 - 10x} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{2x}{x^2 + 2} = \frac{5}{x} + \frac{10}{1 - 10x} - \frac{x}{x^2 + 2}$$

Hence,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{5}{x} + \frac{10}{1 - 10x} - \frac{x}{x^2 + 2}\right)y = \left(\frac{5}{x} + \frac{10}{1 - 10x} - \frac{x}{x^2 + 2}\right)\left(\frac{x^5}{(1 - 10x)\sqrt{x^2 + 2}}\right)$$

3. Suppose that a balloon (modeled as a sphere) of radius r is being deflated and that, at the moment



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when r = 8 cm, its radius is decreasing at the rate of 3 cm/min. How quickly is

the surface area of the balloon changing at the moment when the balloon's radius is 8 cm?

(*Hint*: The surface area of a sphere of radius *r* is given by $S = 4\pi r^2$.)

Solution: Let r denote the radius of the sphere (in cm). Let S be the surface area of the sphere (in cm²).

Given: dr/dt = -3 when r = 8. *Find*: dS/dt when r = 8

Since S = f(r) and r = g(t), we can invoke the Chain Rule:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{dS}{dr}\frac{dr}{dt}$$
Now: $\frac{dS}{dr} = 8\pi r$; evaluating at $r = 8$: $\frac{dS}{dr} = 8\pi (8) = 64\pi$

Since dr/dt = 3, we have:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{dS}{dr} \frac{dr}{dt} = (-3)(64\pi) = -192 \pi \ cm^2/sec \approx -603.2 \ cm^2/sec$$

Thus, when r = 8 cm, the surface area is decreasing at a rate of 603.2 cm^2/sec

Extra Credit:



[University of Michigan] The Kampyle of Eudoxus is a family of curves that was studied by the Greek mathematician and astronomer Eudoxus of Cnidus with the classical problem of doubling the cube. This family of curves is given by

$$a^2 x^4 = b^4 (x^2 + y^2)$$

where a and b are nonzero constants and $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ ---- that is, the origin is not included.

a) Find
$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$
 for the curve $a^2x^4 = b^4(x^2 + y^2)$

Solution: Using implicit differentiation, we have

$$4a^2x^3 = 2b^4x + 2b^4y\frac{dy}{dx}$$
 so $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4a^2x^3 - 2b^4x}{2b^4y}$.

b) Find the coordinates of all points on the curve $a^2x^4 = b^4(x^2 + y^2)$ at which the tangent line is vertical, or show that there are no such points.

Solution:

If the tangent is vertical, the slope is undefined.

Setting the denominator from part (a) equal to zero gives y = 0.

Substituting y = 0 in the original equation gives

$$a^2x^4 = b^4x^2$$

And since (0, 0) is excluded, we know that $x \neq 0$ so $x^2 = \frac{b^4}{a^2}$. Hence $x = \pm \frac{b^2}{a}$.

Thus there are two points on the curve where the tangent line is vertical, viz.

$$\left(\frac{b^2}{a},0\right)$$
 and $\left(-\frac{b^2}{a},0\right)$

c) Show that when a = 1 and b = 2, there are no points on the curve at which the tangent line is horizontal.

Solution: Using a = 1 and b = 2 in $\frac{dy}{dx}$ from part (a), we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x^3 - 32x}{32y}.$$

If the tangent line is horizontal, the slope of the curve is zero. So solving

$$4x^3 - 32x = 4x(x^2 - 8) = 0$$

yields x = 0 or $x = \pm \sqrt{8}$.

We must check to see if any of these values of x correspond to a point on the curve.

Note that when x = 0, y = 0, and this point has been excluded from the family.

If $x = \pm \sqrt{8}$, the equation of the curve gives us $64 = 16(8) + 16y^2$.

So $y^2 = -4$. This equation has no real solution; hence **there are no horizontal tangents** to the given curve.

DERIVATIVE RULES

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^{n}) = nx^{n-1}$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\csc^{2} x$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) \cdot g(x)) = f(x) \cdot g'(x) + g(x) \cdot f'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^{2}}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arctan x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^{2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arcsec} x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^{2} - 1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sinh x) = \cosh x$$

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