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Sheet 00: Differentiation and Integration

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(b)[2](E/M/A) means: problem (b) counts 2 points and is easy/medium hard/advanced **Example Problem 1: Differentiation of polynomials [1]**

Points: (a)[0,5](E); (b)[0,5](E).

Compute the first and second derivatives of the following polynomials. [Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a;b,c] stands for f'(a)=b, f''(a)=c.]

(a)
$$f(x) = 3x^3 + 2x - 1$$

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 [2; 38, 36] (b) $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 2$

Example Problem 2: Derivatives involving powers, sine and cosine: product rule and chain rule [1]

Points: (a)[1](E); (b)[1](E)

Compute the first derivative of the following functions.

[Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for f'(a) = b.]

(a)
$$f(x) = x \sin x$$

$$\left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right]$$

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 $\left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right]$ (b) $f(x) = \cos\left[\pi(x^2 + x)\right]$ $\left[\frac{1}{2}, -\pi\sqrt{2}\right]$

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}, -\pi\sqrt{2}\right]$$

(c)
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{7 - x^2}$$

$$[3, \frac{3}{2}]$$

[3,
$$\frac{3}{2}$$
] (d) $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$

$$[3, \frac{1}{8}]$$

Example Problem 3: Differentiation of powers, exponentials, logarithms [2]

Points: [3](E).

Compute the first derivative of the following functions.

[Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for f'(a) = b.]

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

$$\left[2, \frac{1}{8}\right]$$

[2,
$$\frac{1}{8}$$
] (b) $f(x) = \frac{x^{1/2}}{(x+1)^{1/2}}$ [3, $\frac{1}{16\sqrt{3}}$] [1, e] (d) $f(x) = 3^x$ [-1, $\frac{\ln 3}{3}$]

$$\left[3, \frac{1}{16\sqrt{3}}\right]$$

(c)
$$f(x) = e^x(2x - 3)$$

(d)
$$f(x) = 3^x$$

$$\left[-1, \frac{\ln 3}{3}\right]$$

(e)
$$f(x) = x \ln x$$

[1,1] (f)
$$f(x) = x \ln(9x^2)$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{3}, 2\right]$$

Example Problem 4: Elementary integrals [1]

Points: (a)[0,5](E); (b)[0,5](E)

Compute the following integrals. [Check your results: (a) $I(2) = \frac{15}{2}$; (b) $I(\ln 2) = \frac{7}{3}$.]

(a)
$$I(x) = \int_{1}^{x} dy (2y^3 - 2y + 3),$$

(b)
$$I(x) = \int_0^x dy e^{3y}$$
.

Homework Problem 1: Differentiation of polynomials [1]

Points: (a)[0,5](E); (b)[0,5](E).

Compute the first and second derivatives of the following polynomials. [Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a; b, c] stands for f'(a) = b, f''(a) = c.

(a)
$$f(x) = 4x^5 - x^3 + 2$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}, 7\right]$$

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 $\left[\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}, 7\right]$ (b) $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 9$

Homework Problem 2: Derivatives involving powers, sine and cosine: product rule and chain rule [2]

Points: (a)[1](E); (b)[1](E)

Compute the first derivative of the following functions.

[Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for f'(a) = b.]

(a)
$$f(x) = (x + \frac{1}{\pi}) \sin\left[\pi(x + \frac{1}{4})\right]$$
 $\left[0, \sqrt{2}\right]$ (b) $f(x) = -x^2 \cos(\pi x)$ $\left[\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}}\right]$

$$[0,\sqrt{2}]$$

(b)
$$f(x) = -x^2 \cos(\pi x)$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}}\right]$$

(c)
$$f(x) = \cos[\pi \sin(x)]$$

$$\left[\frac{\pi}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\pi\right]$$

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$$f(x) = \cos\left[\pi \sin(x)\right]$$
 $\left[\frac{\pi}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\pi\right]$ (d) $f(x) = -\cos^4\left(\frac{3}{\pi}x^2 - x\right)$ $\left[\frac{\pi}{2}, 2\right]$

$$\left[\frac{\pi}{2},2\right]$$

(e)
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 - 2x^2}$$

$$[3, -\frac{5}{27}]$$

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

$$[2, \frac{12}{25}]$$

Homework Problem 3: Differentiation of powers, exponentials, logarithms [2]

Points: [2](E) (Solve any 4 subproblems; beyond that: 0.25 bonus per subproblem.)

Compute the first derivative of the following functions.

[Check your results against those in square brackets, where [a, b] stands for f'(a) = b.]

(a)
$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2}$$

$$\left[8,\frac{1}{3}\right]$$

(b)
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{(x^2+1)^{1/2}}$$

$$\left[1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}\right]$$

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

(d)
$$f(x) = 2^{x^2}$$

$$[1, 4 \ln 2]$$

(e)
$$f(x) = 2\frac{\sqrt{\ln x}}{x}$$

$$\left[e, -\frac{1}{e^2}\right]$$

(f)
$$f(x) = \ln \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

$$[1, \frac{1}{2}]$$

Homework Problem 4: Elementary integrals [1]

Points: (a)[0,5](E); (b)[0,5](E)

Compute the following integrals. [Check your results: (a) $I(6) = \ln 2$; (b) $I(\ln 9) = \frac{4}{3}$.]

(a)
$$I(x) = \int_0^x dy \frac{1}{2y+4}$$
,

(b)
$$I(x) = \int_0^x \mathrm{d}y \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2}y\right)$$
.

[Total Points for Homework Problems: 6]