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1. The function f is continuous at $x = 0$ and is defined for $-1 < x < 1$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2a}{x} \ln(1+x) & \text{if } -1 < x < 0 \\ b & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{x^2 \cos x}{1 - \sqrt{1-x^2}} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1. \end{cases}$$

Determine the values of the constants a and b .

Solution

For f to be continuous at $x = 0$,

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 \cos x}{1 - \sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 \cos x (1 + \sqrt{1-x^2})}{1 - (1-x^2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \cos x (1 + \sqrt{1-x^2}) \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

So $b = 2$.

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = f(0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{2a}{x} \ln(1+x) \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{2a}{e^y - 1} y \quad (\text{sub } 1+x = e^y) \\ &= 2a \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

So $a = 1$.

2. Determine whether the following functions are differentiable at $x = 0$.

$$(a) f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 - 2x, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ x^2 - 2x + 5, & \text{when } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(b) f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + 3x - x^2, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ x^2 + 3x + 2, & \text{when } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(c) f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}}, & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(d) f(x) = |\sin x|$$

$$(e) f(x) = x|x|$$

Solution

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 - 2x + 5 - 5}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x - 2 \\ &= -2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{5 - 2x - 5}{x - 0} \\ &= -2\end{aligned}$$

Hence, f is differentiable at $x = 0$.

(b) Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 + 3x + 2 \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 1 + 3x - x^2 \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 1 \neq 2\end{aligned}$$

Hence, f is not continuous at $x = 0$, thus not differentiable at $x = 0$.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}}}{x} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} ye^{-y^2} \quad (\text{Let } y = \frac{1}{x}) \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y}{e^{y^2}} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2ye^{y^2}} \quad (\text{L'Hopital}) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}}}{x} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} ye^{-y^2} \quad (\text{Let } y = \frac{1}{x}) \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{y}{e^{y^2}} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{2ye^{y^2}} \quad (\text{L'Hopital}) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence, f is differentiable at $x = 0$.

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|\sin x| - 0}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{x} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|\sin x| - 0}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-\sin x}{x} \\ &= -1 \neq 1\end{aligned}$$

Hence, f is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x|x| - 0}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2}{x} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x|x| - 0}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-x^2}{x} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

3. Let $f(x) = |x|^3$.

(a) Find $f'(x)$ for $x \neq 0$.

(b) Show that $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 0$.

(c) Determine whether $f'(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 0$.

Solution (a)

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2, & \text{when } x > 0; \\ -3x^2, & \text{when } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

(b) Note that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|^3 - 0}{h - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |h|h = 0.$$

Hence f is differentiable at $x = 0$ with $f'(x) = 0$.

(c) Note that, by (a) and (b),

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f'(h) - f'(0)}{h - 0} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{3h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 3h = 0. \\ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f'(h) - f'(0)}{h - 0} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-3h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} -3h = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Hence $f'(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 0$ with $f''(0) = 0$.

4. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x - 2)^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x - 2}\right), & \text{when } x \neq 2; \\ 0, & \text{when } x = 2. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Is f continuous on \mathbb{R} ?
- (b) Is f differentiable on \mathbb{R} ?
- (c) Is f' continuous on \mathbb{R} ?

Solution

- (a) We only need to check whether f is continuous at $x = 2$.
Since,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x - 2)^2 = 0,$$

and

$$-1 \leq \sin \frac{1}{x - 2} \leq 1$$

we have,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x - 2)^2 \sin \frac{1}{x - 2} = 0 = f(2)$$

so f is continuous at $x = 2$, and f is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

- (b) Similarly, we only need to check whether f is differentiable at $x = 2$. since $(x - 2)^2 \sin \frac{1}{x - 2}$ is differentiable on $x \neq 2$.

By definition,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2 + h) - f(2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right)$$

Because $|\sin(\frac{1}{h})| \leq 1$, we have,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) = 0$$

So, f is differentiable at $x = 2$, moreover $f'(2) = 0$. f is differentiable on \mathbb{R} .

(c) According to (b), we have

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2(x-2) \sin\left(\frac{1}{x-2}\right) + (-1) \cos\left(\frac{1}{x-2}\right), & \text{when } x \neq 2; \\ 0, & \text{when } x = 2. \end{cases}$$

However, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f'(x)$ doesn't exist, since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x-2}\right)$$

doesn't exist.

So f' is not continuous at $x = 2$.

5. Find natural domains of the following functions and differentiate them on their natural domains. You are not required to do so from first principles.

(a) $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x}$.

(b) $f(x) = (1 + \tan^2 x) \cos^2 x$.

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

(d) $f(x) = \ln |\sin x|$

Solution

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \cos x &= 0 \\ \cos x &= -1 \\ x &= (2n - 1)\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the natural domain is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{(2n - 1)\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{(1 + \cos x) \cos x - \sin x(-\sin x)}{(1 + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{\cos x + \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{(1 + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{\cos x + 1}{(1 + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \cos x} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\tan x$ is well-defined on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Therefore, this is also the natural domain of f .

Note that $f(x) = (1 + \tan^2 x) \cos^2 x = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$. Hence, $f'(x) = 0$.

(c)

$$\ln x > 0 \tag{1}$$

$$x > 1 \tag{2}$$

$$\ln(\ln x) > 0 \tag{3}$$

$$\ln x > 1 \tag{4}$$

$$x > e \tag{5}$$

By considering the intersection of the intervals above, the natural domain is given by (e, ∞) .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{\ln(\ln x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{x \ln x \ln(\ln x)} \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$|\sin x| > 0$$

$$\sin x \neq 0$$

$$x \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore, the natural domain of f is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{n\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Note that $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln|x|) = \frac{1}{x}$ for $x \neq 0$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \cos x \\ &= \cot x \end{aligned}$$

6. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function satisfying

$$f(x+y) = f(x)f(y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Suppose f is differentiable at $x = 0$, with $f'(0) = a$. Show that f is differentiable at every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and find $f'(x)$ in terms of a and $f(x)$.

Solution

Let $x = y = 0$, we have

$$f(0) = [f(0)]^2.$$

Hence $f(0) = 0$ or 1 .

Case 1: $f(0) = 0$.

Let $y = 0$, we have, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = f(x)f(0) = 0.$$

So, $f(x) \equiv 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. In this case, f is differentiable at every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and $f'(x) \equiv 0$.

Case 2: $f(0) = 1$

Since f is differentiable at $x = 0$, we have

$$f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 1}{h} = a.$$

Now we show f is differentiable for all x .

By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h)f(x) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= f(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 1}{h} \\ &= f(x)f'(0) \\ &= af(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, f is differentiable for all x , and $f'(x) = af(x)$.

7. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if

(a) $x^2 + y^2 = e^{xy}$

(b) $x^3y + \sin xy^2 = 4$

(c) $y = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x}$

(d) $y = 3^{\sin x}$

(e) $y = x^{\ln x}$

(f) $y = x^{x^x}$

Solution

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if

(a) $x^2 + y^2 = e^{xy}$

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = \left(y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) e^{xy}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ye^{xy} - 2x}{2y - xe^{xy}}$$

(b) $x^3y + \sin xy^2 = 4$

$$3x^2y + x^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(y^2 + 2xy \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \cos xy^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3x^2y - y^2 \cos xy^2}{x^3 + 2xy \cos xy^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c) } y &= \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x} \\
 \tan y &= \sqrt{x} \\
 \sec^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\cos^2 y}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}(1+x)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(d) } y &= 3^{\sin x} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3^{\sin x} \ln 3 \cos x
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(e) } y &= x^{\ln x} \\
 \ln y &= (\ln x)^2 \\
 \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2 \ln x}{x} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2y \ln x}{x} = \frac{2x^{\ln x} \ln x}{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(f) } y &= x^{x^x} \\
 \ln y &= x^x \ln x \\
 \ln \ln y &= x \ln x + \ln \ln x \\
 \frac{1}{y \ln y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \ln x + 1 + \frac{1}{x \ln x} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= (y \ln y) \left(\ln x + 1 + \frac{1}{x \ln x} \right) = x^{x^x} \cdot x^x \ln x \left(\ln x + 1 + \frac{1}{x \ln x} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

8. Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ if

$$\text{(a) } y = \ln \tan x$$

$$\text{(b) } y = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\text{(c) } x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

Solution

(a)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\tan x} \cdot \sec^2 x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\sin x \cos x} = \frac{2}{\sin 2x} = 2 \csc(2x)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -4 \csc(2x) \cot(2x)$$

(b)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(\sqrt{1-x^2})^2}} \cdot \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-x^4}}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{\sqrt{x^2-x^4} - x \cdot \frac{2x-4x^3}{2\sqrt{x^2-x^4}}}{x^2-x^4} = -\frac{x^2-x^4-x(x-2x^3)}{(x^2-x^4)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = -\frac{x^4}{(x^2-x^4)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{x}{y} \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= -\frac{y - x \frac{dy}{dx}}{y^2} = -\frac{y - x(-\frac{x}{y})}{y^2} = -\frac{x^2 + y^2}{y^3}\end{aligned}$$

9. Find the n -th derivative of the following functions for all positive integers n .

(a) $f(x) = (e^x + e^{-x})^2, x \in \mathbb{R}$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x^2}, x \in (-1, 1)$

(c) $f(x) = \sin x \cos x, x \in \mathbb{R}$

(d) $f(x) = \cos^2 x, x \in \mathbb{R}$

(e) $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{e^x}, x \in \mathbb{R}$

Solution

(a) Simplify $f(x)$ first,

$$f(x) = (e^x + e^{-x})^2 = e^{2x} + 2 + e^{-2x}.$$

Hence,

$$f^{(n)}(x) = 2^n e^{2x} + (-2)^n e^{-2x}.$$

(b) Process the partial fraction for $f(x)$. Suppose

$$f(x) = \frac{A}{1+x} + \frac{B}{1-x},$$

where A, B is a constant, then we have

$$\frac{1}{1-x^2} = \frac{(B-A)x + (B+A)}{1-x^2},$$

by comparing the coefficients, we have

$$\begin{cases} B + A = 1, \\ B - A = 0. \end{cases}$$

Hence, $A = B = \frac{1}{2}$, and

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

Therefore,

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(-1)^n \frac{n!}{(1+x)^{n+1}} + \frac{n!}{(1-x)^{n+1}} \right].$$

(c) By double angle formula,

$$f(x) = \sin x \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x.$$

Hence,

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \begin{cases} 2^{n-1} \sin 2x & \text{if } n = 4k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 2^{n-1} \cos 2x & \text{if } n = 4k + 1 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ -2^{n-1} \sin 2x & \text{if } n = 4k + 2 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ -2^{n-1} \cos 2x & \text{if } n = 4k + 3 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

(d) By double angle formula,

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

Hence,

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \begin{cases} 2^{n-1} \cos 2x & \text{if } n = 4k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ -2^{n-1} \sin 2x & \text{if } n = 4k + 1 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ -2^{n-1} \cos 2x & \text{if } n = 4k + 2 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 2^{n-1} \sin 2x & \text{if } n = 4k + 3 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

(e) Note that

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{e^x} = x^2 e^{-x} = g(x)h(x)$$

where $g(x) = x^2$, $h(x) = e^{-x}$. Using Leibniz Rule (proved by mathematical induction and product rule),

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} g^{(k)}(x) h^{(n-k)}(x).$$

Note that $g'(x) = 2x$, $g''(x) = 2$ and $g^{(k)}(x) = 0$ for all $k \geq 3$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(n)}(x) &= \binom{n}{0} g(x) h^{(n)}(x) + \binom{n}{1} g'(x) h^{(n-1)}(x) + \binom{n}{2} g''(x) h^{(n-2)}(x) \\ &= (-1)^n x^2 e^{-x} + (-1)^{n+1} 2nx e^{-x} + (-1)^n n(n-1) e^{-x}. \end{aligned}$$

10. (a) If $x^y = y^x$, where $x, y > 0$, show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy \ln y - y^2}{xy \ln x - x^2}$$

(b) Using implicit or inverse differentiation, show that

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

for $x \in (-1, 1)$.

(c) Let $f(x) = \arctan |x|$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Find all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that f is differentiable at x , and find $f'(x)$ for all such x .

Solution

(a) Take logarithm, and then differentiate both sides with respect to x :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(y \ln x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(x \ln y) \\ \frac{dy}{dx}(\ln x) + \frac{y}{x} &= \ln y + \frac{x}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dy}{dx}(xy \ln x) + y^2 &= xy \ln y + x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{xy \ln y - y^2}{xy \ln x - x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let $y = \arcsin x$. Then $x = \sin y$, for $y \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dy} &= \cos y = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y}. \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Suppose $x > 0$. Let $y = \arctan x$. Then $x = \tan y$, for $y \in (0, \pi/2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dy} &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 y} = \frac{\sin^2 y + \cos^2 y}{\cos^2 y} = 1 + \tan^2 y. \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 y} = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence f is differentiable for $x > 0$ with $f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$.

By similar arguments, we can prove that f is differentiable for $x < 0$ with $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$.

Now we prove that f is not differentiable at $x = 0$. By inverse differentiation, we know that $g(x) = \arctan x$ is differentiable at $x = 0$ with $g'(0) = 1$.

Hence f is not differentiable at $x = 0$ by noting the following facts.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h - 0} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\arctan h}{h} = g'(0) = 1. \\ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h - 0} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\arctan(-h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-\arctan h}{h} = -g'(0) = -1. \end{aligned}$$

11. The chain rule says

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x),$$

or equivalently,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx},$$

where $y = f(u)$ and $u = g(x)$.

(a) Give examples to show

$$(f \circ g)''(x) \neq f''(g(x)) \cdot g''(x),$$

or equivalently,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \neq \frac{d^2y}{du^2} \cdot \frac{d^2u}{dx^2},$$

where $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ denotes the second derivative of $y = f(x)$.

(b) Prove

$$(f \circ g)''(x) = f''(g(x)) \cdot (g'(x))^2 + f'(g(x)) \cdot g''(x).$$

Solution

(a) Let $y = u^2$ and $u = x$.

Then $y = x^2$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{du^2} \cdot \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = 0$$

(b) Prove

$$(f \circ g)''(x) = f''(g(x)) \cdot (g'(x))^2 + f'(g(x)) \cdot g''(x).$$

Solution

$y = f(u)$ and $u = g(x)$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{du} \right) \cdot \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} \\
&= \frac{d^2y}{du^2} \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 + \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{d^2u}{dx^2}
\end{aligned}$$

12. (a) Suppose $a, b > 0$ are constants, and

$$y = \frac{1}{ab} \arctan \left(\frac{b}{a} \tan x \right)$$

for $x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$. Express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ as a function of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$.

(b) Suppose $a, b > 0$ are constants, and

$$y = \ln \left| \frac{a + b \tan x}{a - b \tan x} \right|$$

for $x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \setminus \left\{ \pm \arctan \frac{a}{b} \right\}$. Express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ as a function of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$.

Solution

(a)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{ab} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{b}{a} \tan x \right)^2} \cdot \frac{b}{a} \sec^2 x = \frac{1}{a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x}$$

(b) Note that

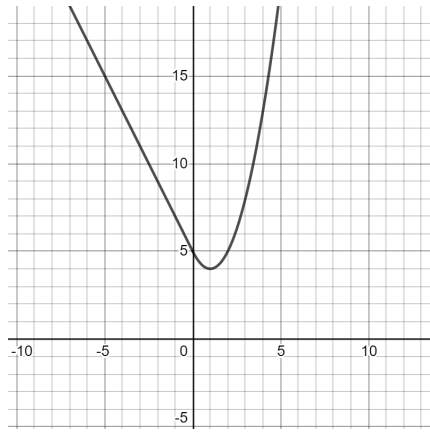
$$(\ln |x|)' = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{for } x \neq 0$$

and

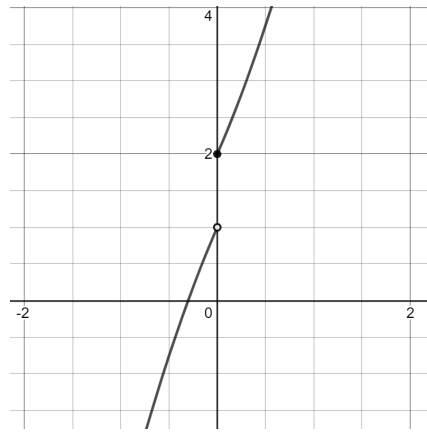
$$y = \ln \left(\left| \frac{a \cos x + b \sin x}{a \cos x - b \sin x} \right| \right) \quad \text{for } x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \setminus \left\{ \pm \arctan \frac{b}{a} \right\}$$

Hence

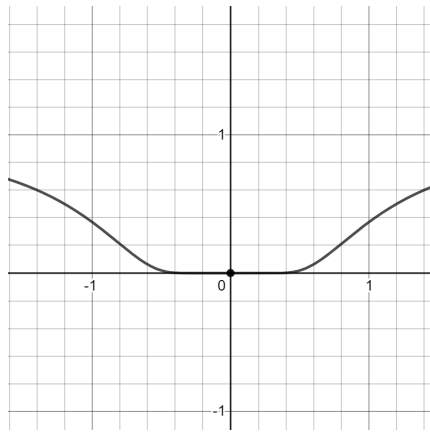
$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dy}{dx} &= \left(\frac{a \cos x - b \sin x}{a \cos x + b \sin x} \right) \\
&\quad \times \left(\frac{(a \cos x - b \sin x)(-a \sin x + b \cos x) - (a \cos x + b \sin x)(-a \sin x - b \cos x)}{(a \cos x - b \sin x)^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{2ab}{a \cos^2 x - b \sin^2 x}
\end{aligned}$$



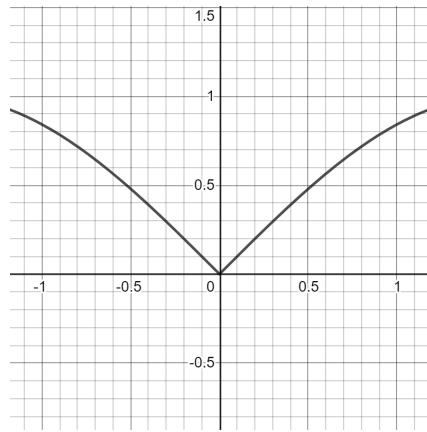
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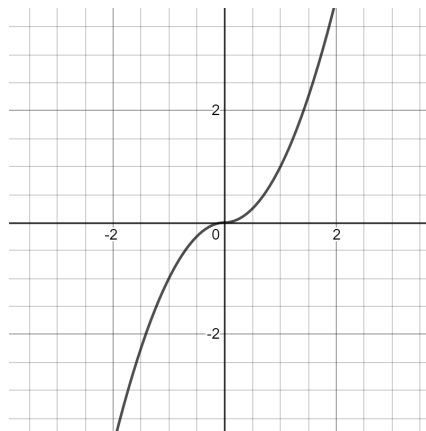
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(c) 2c



(d) 2d



(e) 2e

Figure 1: Graph of Q2

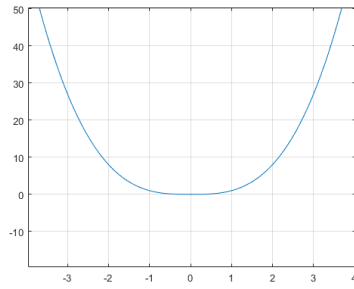


Figure 2: graph of f

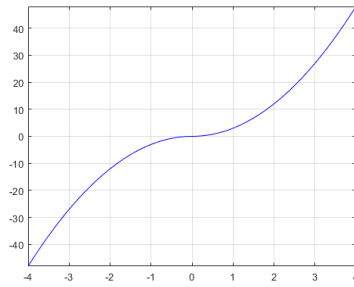


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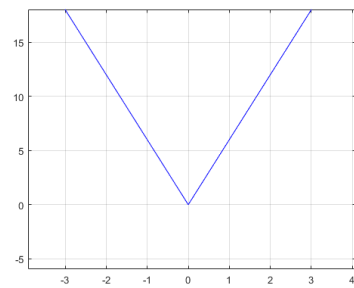
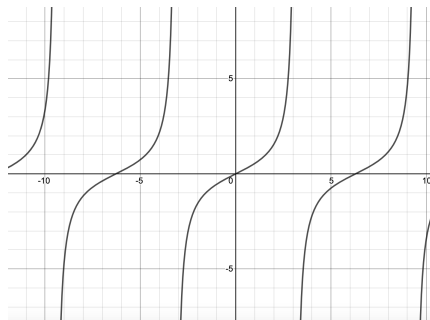
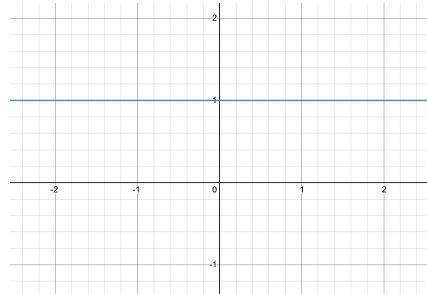


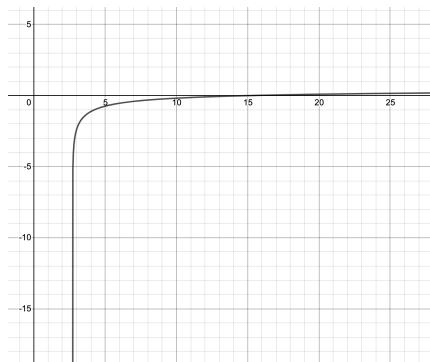
Figure 4: graph of f''



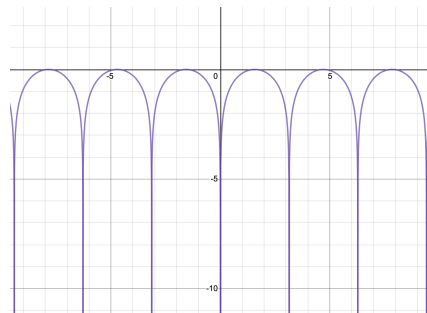
(a) 5a



(b) 5b



(c) 5c



(d) 5d

Figure 5: Graph of Q5