

Chapter 14 Differentiation 2

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1. Variables x and y are related by the equation $y = \frac{\ln x}{e^x}$.

a. Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-x \ln x}{xe^x}$.

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b. Hence find the approximate change in y as x increases from 2 to $2 + h$, where h is small.

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2. The number, B , of a certain type of bacteria at time t days can be described by

$$B = 200e^{2t} + 800e^{-2t}.$$

a. Find the value of B when $t = 0$.

[1]

b. At the instant when $\frac{dB}{dt} = 1200$, show that $e^{4t} - 3e^{2t} - 4 = 0$.

[3]

c. Using the substitution $u = e^{2t}$, or otherwise, solve $e^{4t} - 3e^{2t} - 4 = 0$.

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3. It is given that $y = \frac{\ln(2x^3+5)}{x-1}$ for $x > 1$.

a. Find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 2$. You must show all your working.

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b. Find the approximate change in y as x increases from 2 to $2 + p$, where p is small.

[1]

4. $f: x \rightarrow e^{3x}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$g: x \rightarrow 2x^2 + 1 \text{ for } x \geq 0$$

Solve $f'(x) = 6g''(x)$, giving your answer in the form $\ln a$, where a is an integer.

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5. Two variables x and y are such that $y = \frac{\ln x}{x^3}$ for $x > 0$.

a. Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-3 \ln x}{x^4}$.

[3]

b. Hence find the approximate change in y as x increases from e to $e + h$, where h is small.

[2]

6. The variables x , y and u are such that $y = \tan u$ and $x = u^3 + 1$.

a. State the rate of change of y with respect to u .

[1]

b. Hence find the rate of change of y with respect to x , giving your answer in terms of x .

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7. Given that $y = \frac{\sin x}{\ln x^2}$, find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

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8. Differentiate $\tan 3x \cos \frac{x}{2}$ with respect to x .

[4]

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9. It is given that $y = \frac{\ln(4x^2+1)}{2x-3}$.

a. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

[3]

b. Find the approximate change in y as x increases from 2 to $2+h$, where h is small.

[2]

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10. It is given that $y = (1 + e^{x^2})(x + 5)$.

a. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

[3]

b. Find the approximate change in y as x increases from 0.5 to $0.5+p$, where p is small.

[2]

c. Given that y is increasing at a rate of 2 units per second when $x = 0.5$, find the corresponding rate of change in x .

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11. The equation of a curve is given by $y = xe^{-2x}$.

a. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

[3]

b. Find the exact coordinates of the stationary point on the curve $y = xe^{-2x}$.

[2]

c. Find, in terms of e , the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = xe^{-2x}$ at the point $(1, \frac{1}{e})$.

[2]

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12. Given that $y = 2\sin 3x + \cos 3x$, show that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = k\sin 3x$, where k is a constant to be determined.

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