

Chapter 5: Practice/review problems

The collection of problems listed below contains questions taken from previous MA123 exams.

Derivatives

[1]. If $f(x) = 6x^2 + 3x - 1$, find $f'(x)$.

- (a) $6x + 1$ (b) $12x + 3$ (c) $12x - 1$ (d) $2x + 3$ (e) $2x + 5$

[2]. If $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x + 1$ then $f'(x) =$

- (a) $3x^2 + 8x + 3$ (b) $x^2 + x + 1$ (c) $3x^2 + 8x + 2$
 (d) $3x^2 + 8x + 1$ (e) $3x^2 + 4x + 1$

[3]. If $f(x) = x^3$ then

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$$

(Hint: Relate the limit to the derivative of $f(x)$.)

- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3 (e) 4

[4]. Suppose $f(t) = t^3 - t^2 + t + 1$. Find the limit

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$$

(Hint: Relate the limit to the derivative.)

- (a) -1 (b) 0 (c) 1 (d) 2 (e) The limit does not exist

[5]. If $Q(s) = s^7 + 1$, find

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{Q(1+h) - Q(1)}{h}$$

- (a) 2 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7 (e) 8

[6]. If $f(x) = |x - 1|$ find $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$

- (a) 3 (b) -3 (c) 1 (d) -1 (e) Does not exist

[7]. Let $f(x) = x|x| - x$. Find the derivative, $f'(0)$, by evaluating the limit

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h}$$

- (a) -2 (b) -1 (c) 0 (d) 1 (e) Does not exist

[8]. Let $[x]$ denote the greatest integer function. Recall the definition:

$[x]$ equals the greatest integer less than or equal to x .

How many points are there in the interval $(1/2, 9/2)$ where the derivative of $[x]$ is not defined?

- (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4 (e) 5

The product rule

[9]. Suppose that $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$. Assume that $f(2) = 3$, $f'(2) = -2$, $g(2) = 1$, and $g'(2) = 5$. Find $h'(2)$.

- (a) -20 (b) -17 (c) 11 (d) 13 (e) Cannot be determined

[10]. If $h(t) = (t - 1)(t + 1)(t^2 + 1)$ then $h'(2)$ equals

- (a) 0 (b) 4 (c) 8 (d) 16 (e) 32

[11]. Let $k(x) = (x + 3)(x + 4)(x + 1)$. Find $k'(x)$.

- (a) 12 (b) $3x^2 + 16x + 19$ (c) $3x^2 + 18x + 20$
(d) $3x^2 + 14x + 16$ (e) 1

[12]. If $R(x) = (x - 2)(x^2 - 2)(x^3 - 2)$, find $R'(2)$

- (a) 0 (b) 12 (c) 48 (d) -8 (e) -6

The quotient rule

[13]. If $f(x) = \frac{x - 1}{x + 1}$ then $f'(x) =$

- (a) $\frac{2}{x^2 + 1}$ (b) $\frac{2}{(x + 1)^2}$ (c) $\frac{-2}{(x + 1)^2}$ (d) $\frac{-2}{x^2 + 1}$ (e) $\frac{-2}{(x - 1)^2}$

[14]. Suppose that $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 4}$. Find $f'(-3)$.

- (a) -8 (b) -9 (c) -10 (d) -14 (e) -16

[15]. Find $Y'(s)$ if $Y(s) = \frac{1}{4s^2} - \frac{5}{s}$.

- (a) $\frac{5}{2}s^{-3} + s^{-2}$ (b) $-\frac{1}{2}s^{-3} + 5s^{-2}$ (c) $-\frac{2}{5}s^{-3} + s^{-2}$
(d) $\frac{1}{2}s^{-3} + 5s^{-2}$ (e) $-2s^{-3} - 3s^{-2}$

[16]. If $F(t) = \frac{3t+1}{t-1}$ then $F'(t) =$

- (a) $-4/(t-1)^2$ (b) $-4/(3t+1)^2$ (c) $-2/(t-1)^2$
(d) $-3/(t-1)^2$ (e) $-2/(t-1)$

[17]. Let $T(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$. If $f(2) = 3$, $f'(2) = 4$, $g(2) = 5$, and $g'(2) = 6$, find $T'(2)$.

- (a) $\frac{38}{9}$ (b) $\frac{38}{25}$ (c) $\frac{2}{25}$ (d) $-\frac{2}{9}$ (e) 38

[18]. Evaluate the derivative, $H'(1)$ if

$$H(s) = \frac{2s}{s+1}$$

- (a) 2/9 (b) 4/9 (c) 1/2 (d) 3/2 (e) 8/9

[19]. Suppose the cost, $C(q)$, of stocking a quantity q of a product equals

$$C(q) = 12 + 3q + \frac{8}{q}.$$

The rate of change of the cost with respect to q is called the marginal cost. What is the marginal cost when the cost equals 23 and the cost is decreasing?

- (a) -5 (b) -1 (c) 0 (d) 1 (e) 5

[20]. Suppose the cost, $C(q)$, of stocking a quantity q of a product equals

$$C(q) = \frac{100}{q} + q$$

For which positive value of q is the tangent line to the graph of $C(q)$ a horizontal line?

- (a) 1/100 (b) 1/10 (c) 1 (d) 10 (e) 100

[21]. Suppose $u(t)$ and $w(t)$ are differentiable for all t and the following values of the functions and derivatives are known: $u(7) = 2$, $u'(7) = -1$, $w(7) = 1$, and $w'(7) = 9$. Find the value of $h'(7)$ when

$$h(t) = \frac{w(t) + 5}{u(t)}.$$

- (a) 3 (b) 6 (c) -3 (d) 12 (e) -6

[22]. Suppose $f(t) = \frac{F(t)}{t}$ and $F(1) = 2$, $F'(1) = 6$. Find $f'(1)$.

- (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) -4 (e) -1