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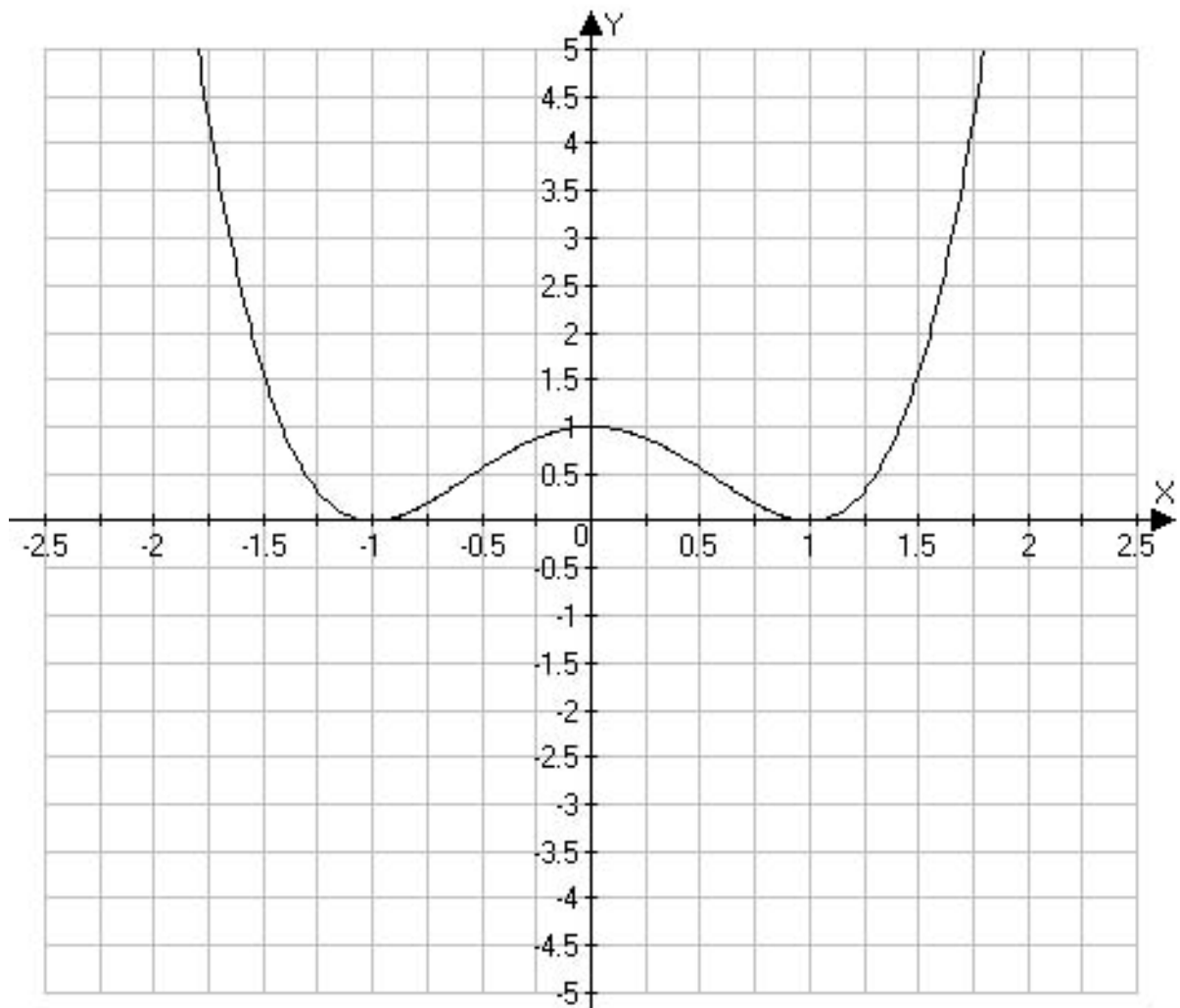
a. $y = (2x - 1)^3$ at $(1, 1)$.

b. $y = \sin^2(\pi x)$ at $\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

2. Let $f(x) = (x^2 - 1)^2$

a. Find $f'(x)$ and $f''(x)$.

b. The graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown below. Make tables, as necessary, and graph the functions $y = f'(x)$ and $y = f''(x)$ on top of the graph below:



3. Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-1}$.
- Find a value of x where the slope of the tangent line to the curve is $-\frac{4}{3}$.
 - Write an equation of that tangent line.
4. Prove, using the definition of the derivative, that if $f(x) = \cos(x)$, the $f'(x) = -\sin(x)$.
You may use the facts that $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin u}{u} = 1$ and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos u}{u} = 0$.
5. Find the first and second derivatives of $f(x) = e^{2x} \sin(3x)$.
6. Find the first and second derivatives of $y = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$
7. The displacement (in meters) of a particle on a string vibrating in simple harmonic motion is given by $s = a \cos(\omega t + \delta)$, where t is in seconds and a, ω, δ are constants. Find the following
- The velocity of the particle after t seconds.
 - The maximum velocity, in terms of the parameters.
8. Find an equation of the tangent line to $x^2 + 4xy - 4y^2 + x = 2$ at $(1,0)$.
9. Find an equation of the tangent line to $y = x^{\sin(\pi x)}$ at $(1,1)$.

Math 1A – §3.1-3.6 Test Solutions – Fall '10.

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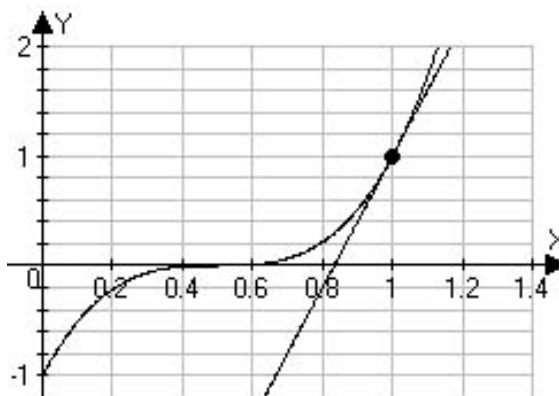
SOLN: $y' = 3(2x-1)^2 (2) = 6(2x-1)^2$

so the tangent line at $(1,1)$ has slope

$m = 6(2-1)^2 = 6$. The point slope

formula yields

$y-1 = 6(x-1) \Leftrightarrow y = 6x-5$



b. $y = \sin^2(\pi x)$ at $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$

SOLN: You can differentiate directly:

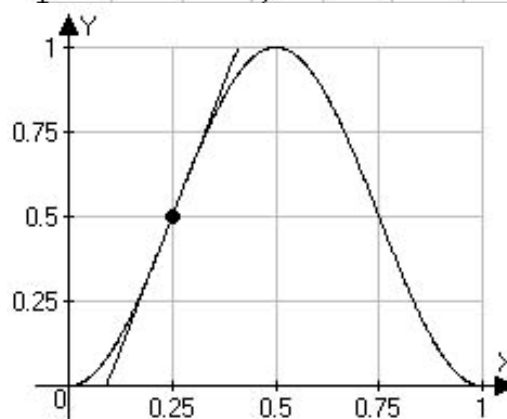
$y' = 2\pi \sin(\pi x)\cos(\pi x) = \pi \sin(2\pi x)$

so the tangent line where $x = \frac{1}{4}$ has slope

$m = \pi \sin\left(2\pi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\right) = \pi \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \pi$

The point slope formula yields

$y - \frac{1}{2} = \pi\left(x - \frac{1}{4}\right) \Leftrightarrow y = \pi x - \frac{\pi-2}{4}$



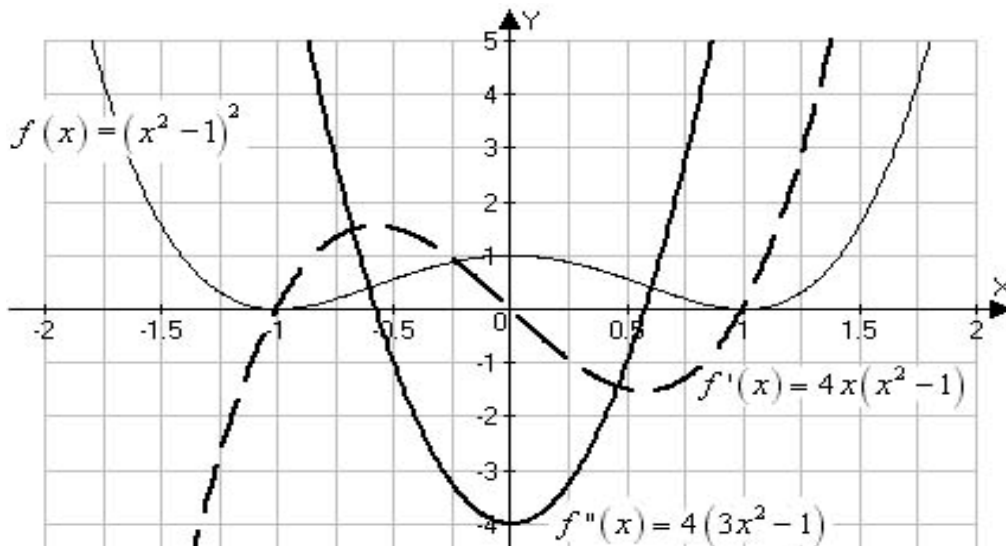
2. Let $f(x) = (x^2 - 1)^2$

a. Find $f'(x)$ and $f''(x)$.

SOLN: $f'(x) = 2(x^2 - 1)(2x) = 4x(x^2 - 1)$ and $f''(x) = 4(x^2 - 1) + 4x(2x) = 4(3x^2 - 1)$

b. The graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown below. Make tables, as necessary, and graph the functions

$y = f'(x)$ and $y = f''(x)$ on top of the graph below:



3. Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-1}$.

a. Find a value of x where the slope of the tangent line to the curve is $-\frac{4}{3}$.

SOLN: A little division algorithm will produce $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-1} = 1 + \frac{3}{x-1}$, which is slightly easier to

differentiate: $f'(x) = \frac{-3}{(x-1)^2}$. So the slope of the tangent line will be $-4/3$ when

$$\frac{-3}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{-4}{3} \Leftrightarrow (x-1)^2 = \frac{9}{4} \Leftrightarrow x = 1 \pm \frac{3}{2}. \text{ So either } x = \frac{5}{2} \text{ or } -\frac{1}{2}.$$

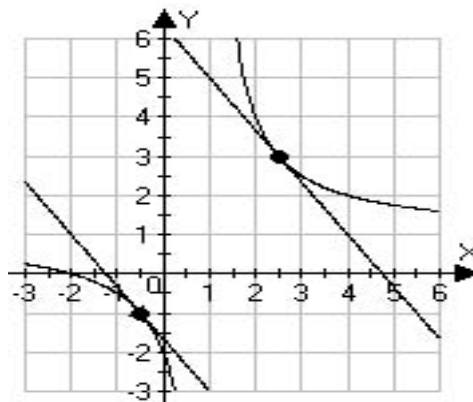
b. Write an equation of that tangent line.

SOLN: $f\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = 1 + \frac{3}{5/2-1} = 1 + 2 = 3$ so the

tangent line there is $y - 3 = -\frac{4}{3}\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)$

Also, $f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 + \frac{3}{-1/2-1} = 1 - 2 = -1$ so the

tangent at $(-0.5, -2)$ is $y + 1 = -\frac{4}{3}\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)$



4. Prove, using the definition of the derivative, that if $f(x) = \cos(x)$, the $f'(x) = -\sin(x)$.

You may use the facts that $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin u}{u} = 1$ and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos u}{u} = 0$.

SOLN:
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \cos x &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x+h) - \cos x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x \cos h - \sin x \sin h - \cos x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x (\cos h - 1)}{h} - \sin x \frac{\sin h}{h} = \cos x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cos h - 1)}{h} - \sin x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} = -\sin x \end{aligned}$$

5. Find the first and second derivatives of $f(x) = e^{2x} \sin(3x)$. SOLN:

$$f'(x) = 2e^{2x} \sin(3x) + 3e^{2x} \cos(3x) = e^{2x} (2 \sin(3x) + 3 \cos(3x)) = e^{2x} \sqrt{13} \sin\left(3x + \arctan \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$f''(x) = 2e^{2x} (2 \sin(3x) + 3 \cos(3x)) + e^{2x} (6 \cos(3x) - 9 \sin(3x))$$

$$= e^{2x} (12 \cos(3x) - 5 \sin(3x)) = -13e^{2x} \sin\left(3x - \arctan \frac{12}{5}\right)$$

Note that

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} e^{2x} \sqrt{13} \sin\left(3x + \arctan \frac{3}{2}\right) = 2e^{2x} \sqrt{13} \sin\left(3x + \arctan \frac{3}{2}\right) + 3e^{2x} \sqrt{13} \cos\left(3x + \arctan \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$= e^{2x} \left(2\sqrt{13} \sin\left(3x + \arctan \frac{3}{2}\right) + 3\sqrt{13} \cos\left(3x + \arctan \frac{3}{2}\right) \right)$$

$$= 13e^{2x} \sin\left(3x + 2 \arctan \frac{3}{2}\right) = -13e^{2x} \sin\left(3x - \arctan \frac{12}{5}\right)$$

6. Find the first and second derivatives of $y = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$

$$\text{SOLN: } y' = \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \left(1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right) = \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \left(\frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$$

Note that last simplification is a big one. If you missed it, then for y'' you'd be doing this:

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= \frac{-1}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})^2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}}{x^2 + 1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \left(\frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)^{3/2}} \right) - \frac{1}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})^2} \left(\frac{2x^2 + 1 + 2x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{x^2 + 1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})(x^2 + 1)^{3/2}} - \frac{2x^2 + 1 + 2x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})^2 (x^2 + 1)} \\ &= \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1} - (2x^2 + 1 + 2x\sqrt{x^2 + 1})\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})^2 (x^2 + 1)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1} - (2x^2 + 1)\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - 2x(x^2 + 1)}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})^2 (x^2 + 1)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{-x(2x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + 2x^2 + 1)}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})^2 (x^2 + 1)^{3/2}} = \boxed{\frac{-x}{(x^2 + 1)^{3/2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Entering “second derivative of $\ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$ ” into Wolfram Alpha yields the following

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) \right) = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} - \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^{3/2}}}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x} - \frac{\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} + 1 \right)^2}{\left(\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x \right)^2} - \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^{3/2}}$$

This, it is said, has the “alternative form.” Note the use of “log” for “ln”.

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- a. The velocity of the particle after t seconds.

$$\text{SOLN: } v = \frac{ds}{dt} = -a\omega \sin(\omega t + \delta)$$

- b. The maximum velocity, in terms of the parameters.

$$\text{SOLN: The maximum velocity is going to be } |a\omega|$$

8. Find an equation of the tangent line to $x^2 + 4xy - 4y^2 + x = 2$ at $(1,0)$.

$$2x + 4y + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} - 8y \frac{dy}{dx} + 1 = 0$$

SOLN:

$$(8y - 4x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 4y + 1$$

Substituting $(x, y) = (1, 0)$ we get $(-4) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 + 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{4}$ so the equation of the tangent line is

$$\boxed{y = -\frac{3}{4}(x-1)}$$

9. Find an equation of the tangent line to $y = x^{\sin(\pi x)}$ at $(1,1)$.

SOLN:

$$\ln y = \sin(\pi x) \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \pi \cos(\pi x) \ln x + \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \pi y \cos(\pi x) \ln x + \frac{y \sin(\pi x)}{x}$$

You could go further to solve for dy/dx in terms of x , but it's simpler to just substitute $(x,y) = (1,1)$ here:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \pi \cos(\pi) \ln 1 + \frac{\sin(\pi)}{1} = 0 + 0 \text{ so the equation of the tangent line is } y = 1.$$