

Quiz 4

Your name:

Solutions

Your TA's name:

1. Find the derivatives of the given functions

(a) [10 points] $f(x) = 2^{\sin 3x}$

$$f'(x) = \ln 2 \cdot 2^{\sin 3x} \cdot \cos 3x \cdot 3$$

(b) [10 points] $f(t) = e^{\sec^{-1} t}$

$$f'(t) = e^{\sec^{-1} t} \cdot \frac{1}{t \sqrt{t^2 - 1}}$$

2. [10 points] A certain radioactive isotope has a half-life of 5 years. How many years will it take for 100 grams to decay to 25 grams?

$$m(t) = m_0 e^{kt}$$

$$\text{half-life 5 years} \Rightarrow m(5) = \frac{1}{2} m_0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow m_0 e^{5k} = \frac{1}{2} m_0 \Rightarrow e^{5k} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$5k = \ln \frac{1}{2}, \quad k = \frac{1}{5} \ln \frac{1}{2} = \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$m(t) = m_0 \cdot e^{\ln \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \cdot t} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{t/5}$$

$$m_0 = 100$$

$$m(t) = 25 \Leftrightarrow 100 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{t/5} = 25$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{t/5} = \frac{1}{4} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{t}{5} = 2 \Rightarrow t = 10$$

Answer: 10 years

3. [10 points] Use a linear approximation (or differentials) to estimate the number $\sqrt{99.8}$.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}, \quad a = 100$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}, \quad f'(a) = \frac{1}{20}$$

tan. line (linear approximation) is

$$y = \sqrt{100} + \frac{1}{20}(x-100) = 10 + \frac{x}{20} - 5$$

$$y = \frac{x}{20} + 5$$

$$\sqrt{99.8} \approx \frac{99.8}{20} + 5 = 4.99 + 5 = \boxed{9.99}$$

Another way : $f(x) = \sqrt{100+x}, \quad a=0$
 $x = -0.2$

$$f' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{100+x}}, \quad f'(0) = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$\text{tan line: } y = \sqrt{100} + \frac{1}{20}(x-0) = 10 + \frac{x}{20}$$

$$\sqrt{99.8} \approx 10 + \frac{-0.2}{20} = 9.99$$

Bonus problem for the first midterm [10 points]

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that there is a root of the equation $\sin x - 1 = -2x$ in the interval $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$. Provide all the necessary steps and details.

$$\sin x - 1 = -2x \Leftrightarrow f(x) = \sin x + 2x - 1 = 0$$

Need to show that there is a root

$$c \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \text{ s.t. } f(c) = 0$$

1. $f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

$$2. f(0) = -1 < 0$$

$$3. f(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \pi - 1 > 0$$

$$\text{Take } N = 0 \quad (f(0) < N < f(\frac{\pi}{2}))$$

By IVT there is $c \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ s.t.

$f(c) = 0$ and hence c is a root of the equation

$$\sin x - 1 = -2x \text{ in the interval } (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$$