

11am

Quiz 5

Fall 2012

S o l u t i o n s

Math 0220

1. Differentiate

(a) [1 point] $f(x) = \sin x + x^2$

Solution: $f'(x) = \cos x + 2x.$

(b) [2 point] $y = \sqrt{\cos(x^2)}$

Solution: Chain rule: $y' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\cos(x^2)}} (-\sin(x^2)) (2x) = -\frac{x \sin(x^2)}{\sqrt{\cos(x^2)}}.$

(c) [2 points] $f(\theta) = \frac{\sec \theta}{1 - \sec \theta}$

Solution: Quotient rule: $f'(\theta) = \frac{(\sec \theta)'(1 - \sec \theta) - \sec \theta(1 - \sec \theta)'}{(1 - \sec \theta)^2}$

$$= \frac{(\sec \theta \tan \theta)(1 - \sec \theta) - \sec \theta(-\sec \theta \tan \theta)}{(1 - \sec \theta)^2} = \frac{\sec \theta \tan \theta - \sec^2 \theta \tan \theta + \sec^2 \theta \tan \theta}{(1 - \sec \theta)^2}$$

$$f'(\theta) = \frac{\sec \theta \tan \theta}{(1 - \sec \theta)^2}.$$

2. [5 points] Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve

$y = \sin x - 2 \sin^2 x$ at the point $(\pi, 0)$. Simplify your answer.

Solution: Tangent line equation at $(\pi, 0)$ is $y = 0 + m(x - \pi)$ or $y = mx - m\pi$.

$m = y'(\pi)$, $y' = \cos x - 2 \cdot 2 \sin x \cos x$, $y'(\pi) = -1 - 0 = -1$, because $\cos \pi = -1$ and $\sin \pi = 0$.

Hence, $m = -1$ and the tangent line equation is $y = -x + \pi$.

bonus problem [5 points extra] Find an equation of the tangent line to the

curve $y = \frac{|x|}{\sqrt{2-x^2}}$ at the point $(-1, 1)$.

Solution: Tangent line equation at $(-1, 1)$ is $y = 1 + m(x - (-1))$ or $y = mx + m + 1$.

$m = y'(-1)$. Near the point $x = -1$ x is negative ($x < 0$) and $|x| = -x$. Then

$y = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{2-x^2}} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{2-x^2}}$. To find the derivative we apply the quotient and chain rules:

$$y' = -\frac{\sqrt{2-x^2} - x \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{2-x^2}}}{2-x^2}, \quad y'(-1) = -\frac{1 - (-1) \frac{(-2)(-1)}{2 \cdot 1}}{1} = -2.$$

Hence, $m = -2$ and the tangent line equation is $y = -2x - 1$.