

MATH 150

Exam 3 Solutions

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Remember to **show your work**. Unsupported solutions will receive no credit.

The calculus is the greatest aid we have to the appreciation of physical truth in the broadest sense of the word.

– W. F. Osgood, quoted in Bulletin American Mathematical Society

1. (10 points) Given that $\sin(\theta) = \frac{3}{7}$, determine each quantity below **exactly** (i.e., don't use your calculator to approximate a decimal answer).

(a) $\cos(\theta) =$ _____

(b) $\sin(2\theta) =$ _____

(c) $\tan(\theta) =$ _____

Solution: Create a right triangle with another angle labeled θ . Then we have the side opposite θ of length 3 and the hypotenuse of length 7 so that $\sin(\theta) = \frac{3}{7}$ as is given. The Pythagorean Theorem tells us the remaining leg of length x , say, must satisfy $x^2 + 3^2 = 7^2$, so $x^2 = 49 - 9 = 40$. Thus $x = \sqrt{40}$. Now we can determine $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{40}}{7}$, $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2 \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{40}}{7}$, and $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\frac{3}{7}}{\frac{\sqrt{40}}{7}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{40}}$.

2. (30 points) Differentiate each function. **You do not need to simplify your answers.**

(a) $f(x) = e^{\cos(x)}$

Solution: $f'(x) = e^{\cos(x)}(-\sin(x))$ using either the Chain Rule or our Exponential Derivative Rule $\left(\frac{d}{dx}(e^{g(x)}) = g'(x)e^{g(x)}\right)$.

(b) $f(x) = x^2 \sin(x)$

Solution: Use the Product Rule to obtain $f'(x) = 2x \sin(x) + \cos(x) \cdot x^2$.

(c) $f(x) = \arctan(e^{6x})$

Solution: Use the Chain Rule twice or the Chain Rule in combination with the Exponential Rule: $\frac{1}{1 + (e^{6x})^2} \cdot (6e^{6x})$.

(d) $f(x) = \tan(4x^2)$

Solution: Chain Rule: $f'(x) = \sec^2(4x^2) \cdot 8x$.

(e) $f(x) = (\ln(x+2) + \sec(5x^2))^4$

Solution: Chain Rule a few times: $f'(x) = 4(\ln(x+2) + \sec(5x^2))^3 \left(\frac{1}{x+2} + \sec(5x^2) \tan(5x^2) \cdot 10x\right)$.

(f) $f(x) = x^x$

Solution: $x^x = e^{x \ln(x)}$, so we get $f'(x) = \left(\ln(x) + \frac{1}{x} \cdot x\right) e^{x \ln(x)}$ using our Exponential Rule and using the Product Rule for the derivative of the exponent.

3. (10 points) Saruman is able to grow his Uruk-hai army at a rate of 18% every 14 days. How long does it take for Saruman to double the size of his army?

Solution 1: Let $A(t)$ represent the size of Saruman's army after t days. Then 18% growth in 14 days corresponds to a model of the form $A(t) = A_0(1.18)^{t/14}$, where A_0 is the initial size of his army. To reach $2A_0$, then (for doubling), we need to solve $A_0(1.18)^{t/14} = 2A_0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
A_0(1.18)^{t/14} &= 2A_0 \\
(1.18)^{t/14} &= 2 \\
\ln(1.18^{t/14}) &= \ln 2 \\
\frac{t}{14} \ln 1.18 &= \ln 2 \\
t &= \frac{14 \ln 2}{\ln 1.18} \\
&\approx 58.63
\end{aligned}$$

days.

Solution 2: With the same notation as above, $A(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$, where k is an unknown parameter we need to find. We are given that $A(14) = 1.18A_0$ (from 18% growth), and our model says $A(14) = A_0 e^{k(14)}$. We thus need to solve $1.18A_0 = A_0 e^{14k}$ for k :

$$\begin{aligned}
1.18A_0 &= A_0 e^{14k} \\
1.18 &= e^{14k} \\
\ln(1.18) &= \ln(e^{14k}) \\
\ln(1.18) &= 14k \\
k &= \frac{\ln(1.18)}{14}.
\end{aligned}$$

With k in hand, we now have a complete model: $A(t) = A_0 e^{t \ln(1.18)/14}$. We just need to solve for the doubling time:

$$\begin{aligned}
2A_0 &= A_0 e^{t \ln(1.18)/14} \\
2 &= e^{t \ln(1.18)/14} \\
\ln(2) &= \frac{t \ln(1.18)}{14} \\
t &= \frac{14 \ln(2)}{\ln(1.18)},
\end{aligned}$$

as above!

Note that the “solving for the doubling time” part was about the same amount of work in both solutions, but the second solution required solving for k , as well – quite a few more steps. This is why I prefer the first solution method.

4. (10 points) Grond is swung back and forth in an attempt to breach the gates of Minas Tirith. At time t seconds, Grond’s snout is $x(t) = 12 + 12 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right)$ meters from the gates of Minas Tirith. Find the speed of Grond’s snout at time $t = 1$ s.

Solution: We need $x'(1)$. Differentiating gives us $x'(t) = -12 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right) \cdot \frac{\pi}{6}$, so $x'(1) = -12 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cdot \frac{\pi}{6} = -12(1/2)(\pi/6) = -\pi$.

5. (20 points) True or False/fill-in.

- (a) **True** The domain of $\cos(x)$ is $(-\infty, \infty)$.
(b) **False** The domain of $\tan(x)$ is $(-\infty, \infty)$. **The tangent function has holes in its domain at odd multiples of $\pi/2$.**
(c) **False** $\sqrt{x^2 + 4} = x + 2$ for all $x \geq 0$.

- (d) **True** $\ln(ab) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$ for all $a, b > 0$.
- (e) **False** $\ln(a + b) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$ for all $a, b > 0$.
- (f) A sample of an element with a half-life of 12s has **25%** remaining after 24s. **(That's two half lives, so half of half remains.)**
- (g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{5x}}{3 + 2e^{5x}} = \underline{1/2}$ **(Use L'Hôpital's Rule .)**
- (h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{2020}}{1.00001^x} = \underline{0}$ **(Use L'Hôpital's Rule over and over and over and over and... or note that exponentials dominate polynomials.)**
- (i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^6 - 3x^4 + 2x^2 - 8x + 9}{7x^6 - 2x^5 + 3x^3 + 2x - 4} = \underline{4/7}$ **(ROTLC)**
- (j) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-3x} = \underline{0}$

6. (10 points) A surveyor measures an angle of 42° between the ground and the top of a building. If she is 50 feet from the building, how tall is the building?

Solution: The ground, building, and line of site from the surveyor to the top of the building form a right triangle in which the side adjacent to the given angle is 50 feet. Thus, $\tan(42^\circ) = \frac{h}{50}$, where h is the height of the building. Therefore $h = 50 \tan(42^\circ) \approx 45$ feet. (Note: if you use your calculator to find the cosine, make sure it's in degree mode.)

7. (10 points) Find an equation of the tangent line to $f(x) = \sin(4x)$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

Solution: As always, we need a point and the slope. The point is at $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$, which gives $y = f(\pi/6) = \sin(4\pi/6) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. The slope comes from (all together now!) the derivative: $f'(x) = \cos(4x) \cdot 4$, so $f'(\pi/6) = 4 \cos(4\pi/3) = 4(-1/2) = -2$. Thus the tangent line has equation $y - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = -2 \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$.

8. **BONUS!!!** (10 points) Express $\cos(3\theta)$ in terms of $\cos(\theta)$.

Solution: Just a hint since it's a bonus problem: $\cos(3\theta) = \cos(2\theta + \theta)$.