

Math 1310 Lab 6. (Sec 3.3-3.5)

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1. (Play with differential rules, get trigonometric identities.)

**Question 1.** Differentiate the identity  $\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$  with respect to  $x$ . Derive a formula for  $\sin 2x$ . (2 pts)

**Question 2.** Differentiate the identity  $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$  with respect to  $x$ . Derive a formula for  $\cos 2x$ . (2 pts)

**Question 3.** We know that  $\sin 3x = 3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x$ . Differentiate it with respect to  $x$ , and apply the identity  $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$ , to get a formula for  $\cos 3x$ . (**2 pts**)

**Solution:** A1.  $-2 \sin 2x = -2 \cos x \sin x - 2 \sin x \cos x = -4 \sin x \cos x$ . So  $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$ . A2.  $2 \cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 2 \sin^2 x$ . So  $\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$ . A3.  $3 \cos 3x = 3 \cos x - 12 \sin^2 x \cos x = -9 \cos x + 12 \cos^3 x$ . Therefore,  $\cos 3x = 4 \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x$ .

2. (All roads lead to Rome.)

We'd like to differentiate  $y = f(x) = \frac{1}{(x^2+1)(x^2+2)}$  in four different ways.

**Question 1.** Composite function approach, I. Let  $a(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $b(x) = (x+1)(x+2) = x^2 + 3x + 2$ ,  $c(x) = x^2$ , so you can see  $f(x) = a \circ b \circ c(x)$ . If we differentiate it with respect to  $x$ , we have  $f'(x) = a'(b(c(x))) \cdot b'(c(x)) \cdot c'(x)$  (This is the chain rule for three functions). Explicitly compute  $f'(x)$  using this strategy. **(3 pts)**

**Question 2.** Composite function approach, II. Since  $(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 2) = x^4 + 3x^2 + 2$ , We consider  $A(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $B(x) = x^4 + 3x^2 + 2$ , and  $f(x) = A \circ B(x)$ . Apply the chain rule for two functions to get  $f'(x)$ . Explicitly compute  $f'(x)$  using this strategy. **(3 pts)**

**Question 3.** Product rule. Let  $C(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$ ,  $D(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+2}$ . Then we have  $f(x) = C(x)D(x)$ . Use the product rule with respect to  $C$  and  $D$  to get  $f'(x)$ . Explicitly compute  $f'(x)$  using this strategy. (3 pts)

**Question 4.** Implicit differentiation. Set  $y = \frac{1}{(x^2+1)(x^2+2)}$ , so we have  $y \cdot (x^2+1) \cdot (x^2+2) = 1$ . Now differentiate with respect to  $x$ , to get an equality involving  $y'$  and solve it for  $y'$  (which is our  $f'(x)$ ). Remember that  $y = \frac{1}{(x^2+1)(x^2+2)}$ . Explicitly compute  $f'(x)$  using this strategy. (3 pts)

**Solution:** A1.  $f'(x) = a'(b(c(x))) \cdot b'(c(x)) \cdot c'(x) = \frac{-1}{((x^1+1)(x^2+2))^2} \cdot (2x^2 + 3) \cdot (2x)$ .  
 A2.  $f'(x) = A'(B(x)) \cdot B'(x) = \frac{-1}{(x^4+3x^2+2)^2} \cdot (4x^3 + 6x)$ .  
 A3.  $f'(x) = C(x)D'(x) + C'(x)D(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1} \cdot \frac{-1}{(x^2+2)^2} \cdot (2x) + \frac{1}{x^2+2} \cdot \frac{-1}{(x^2+1)^2} \cdot (2x)$   
 $= \frac{-1}{((x^1+1)(x^2+2))^2} \cdot (2x^2 + 3) \cdot (2x)$ .  
 A4. Solve for  $y'$  to get  $\frac{-1}{((x^1+1)(x^2+2))^2} \cdot (2x^2 + 3) \cdot (2x)$ .

3. (Application of derivatives)

An artist has created an ice sculpture representing the world. It is an ice sphere of radius  $1m$ . Because of the temperature of the room, the sculpture is slowly melting. Assume that the function describing the radius is given by  $r(t) = A(1 - e^{\alpha t - \beta})$ , where  $t$  is measured in hours and  $A$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants. Also, the sculpture will take exactly 10 hours to melt and the rate at which the radius is decreasing at  $t = 0$  is  $-\frac{e^{-10}}{1 - e^{-10}}m/s$ .

**Question 1** Determine the function  $r(t)$ . Remember that it has to describe the radius of the sphere for the time  $0 \leq t \leq 10$  (the domain given by the physics of the problem). Also, what function gives you the rate of change given by the data? (3 pts)

**Question 2** Determine the surface area of the sculpture and provide the function describing the rate at which the area of the surface is decreasing. (2 pts)

**Question 3** Determine the volume of the sculpture and provide the function describing the rate at which the volume is decreasing. (2 pts)

**Solution:**

- (a)  $\beta = 10$  was given in class. Since at time 10 the radius has to be 0, we have  $A(1 - e^{\alpha \cdot 10 - 10}) = 0$ . Since the radius for  $t < 10$  is not 0,  $A$  is not zero. So we have the condition  $1 - e^{\alpha \cdot 10 - 10} = 0$ . Since  $e^x = 1$  if and only if  $x = 0$ , we get  $10\alpha = 10$ . Hence  $\alpha = 1$ . Now to determine  $A$  we just use the fact that for  $t = 0$  the radius has to be 1. Plugging in 0 in  $r(t)$  we get  $1 = A(1 - e^{-10})$ . So  $A = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-10}}$ . This gives us that the function describing the radius is

$$r(t) = \frac{1 - e^{t-10}}{1 - e^{-10}} \quad (1)$$

- (b) The surface area of a sphere is given by  $4\pi r^2$ . Hence we have to take the derivative with respect to time of  $S(t) = 4\pi \left(\frac{1 - e^{t-10}}{1 - e^{-10}}\right)^2$ . We get

$$S'(t) = \frac{8\pi}{(1 - e^{-10})^2} (1 - e^{t-10})(-e^{t-10}) \quad (2)$$

- (c) The volume of a sphere is given by  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ . Hence we have to take the derivative with respect to time of  $V(t) = \frac{4}{3}\pi \left(\frac{1 - e^{t-10}}{1 - e^{-10}}\right)^3$ . We get

$$V'(t) = \frac{4\pi}{(1 - e^{-10})^3} (1 - e^{t-10})^2 (-e^{t-10}) \quad (3)$$