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Math 1210-3
Quiz 5 Solutions
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Show all work for complete credit. There are two sides to this quiz!

Compute the following derivatives. Do not simplify your answers unless the question asks you to.

1) Find $D_x \left(x^3 + \frac{5}{x^2} \right) (4x + 5)$

(2 points)

Using the product rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\left(x^3 + \frac{5}{x^2} \right) (4x + 5) \right) = \left[3x^2 - \frac{10}{x^3} \right] (4x + 5) + \left(x^3 + \frac{5}{x^2} \right) [4]$$

Alternately, you could "foil" the function first, and then use polynomial calculus to get an answer agreeing with your product rule computation.

2) Use the quotient rule to find $D_x \left[\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right]$, and simplify your answer to show that your computation reproduces the derivative formula for $\cot(x)$ which you have memorized.

(2 points)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right) = \frac{-\sin(x)^2 - \cos(x)^2}{\sin(x)^2}$$

$$= - \frac{1}{\sin(x)^2}$$

(we just used the Pythagorean trig identity),

$$= -\cot(x)^2.$$

3) Find $D_x \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$.

(2 points)

Use the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} D_x \sqrt{x^2 + 1} &= D_x (x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} 2x \\ &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}. \end{aligned}$$

4) Find $f'(t)$, for $f(t) = (t^2 + 3t + 4)^{11} \left(t^3 + \frac{1}{t^3} \right)^9$.

(2 points)

Use the product rule, and then the chain rule:

$$f'(t) = 11(t^2 + 3t + 4)^{10} (2t + 3) \left(t^3 + \frac{1}{t^3} \right)^9 + (t^2 + 3t + 4)^{11} 9 \left(t^3 + \frac{1}{t^3} \right)^8 \left(3t^2 - \frac{3}{t^4} \right)$$

5) Find $D_t \left[\frac{(t^2 + 1)^{11}}{\sec(2t)} \right]$.

(2 points)

Use the quotient rule, and then the chain rule:

$$D_t \left[\frac{(t^2 + 1)^{11}}{\sec(2t)} \right] = \frac{11(t^2 + 1)^{10} 2t \sec(2t) - (t^2 + 1)^{11} (\sec(2t) \tan(2t)) 2}{\sec(2t)^2}.$$

The more clever way to simplify this problem is to use the fact that \sec and \cos are multiplicative reciprocals, so

$$\begin{aligned} D_t \left[\frac{(t^2 + 1)^{11}}{\sec(2t)} \right] &= D_t (t^2 + 1)^{11} \cos(2t) \\ &= 11(t^2 + 1)^{10} 2t \cos(2t) - (t^2 + 1)^{11} (\sin(2t)) 2. \end{aligned}$$

(You should be able to see that these two answers agree!)