

Complete Solutions to Supplementary Exercises on Differentiation

1. (a) We need to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given that $y = \left(1 + \sqrt[3]{x}\right)^3$. Rewriting y we have

$$y = \left(1 + \sqrt[3]{x}\right)^3 = \left(1 + x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3$$

Differentiating this gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \cancel{3} \left(1 + x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2 \frac{1}{\cancel{3}} x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \frac{1 + 2x^{\frac{1}{3}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{x^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{2x^{\frac{1}{3}}}{x^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{\cancel{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}}{\cancel{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}} = 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x}} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt[3]{x}\right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) We are asked to differentiate $y = a \tan\left(\frac{x}{k} + b\right)$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a \sec^2\left(\frac{x}{k} + b\right) \left(\frac{1}{k}\right) = \frac{a}{k} \sec^2\left(\frac{x}{k} + b\right) = \frac{a}{k} \left[1 + \tan^2\left(\frac{x}{k} + b\right)\right]$$

- (c) We need to differentiate $y = \log_{10}(x - \cos(x))$. First converting the log of base 10 to natural logarithm:

$$y = \log_{10}(x - \cos(x)) = \frac{\ln(x - \cos(x))}{\ln(10)}$$

Differentiating this by taking out $\frac{1}{\ln(10)}$ we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\ln(10)} \left[\frac{1 + \sin(x)}{x - \cos(x)} \right]$$

- (d) For $y = \sin(x) \cdot e^{\cos(x)}$ we use the product rule with

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin(x) & v &= e^{\cos(x)} \\ u' &= \cos(x) & v' &= -e^{\cos(x)} \sin(x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= u'v + uv' = \cos(x) e^{\cos(x)} + \sin(x) \left[-e^{\cos(x)} \sin(x) \right] \\ &= e^{\cos(x)} \left[\cos(x) - \sin^2(x) \right] \\ &= e^{\cos(x)} \left[\cos^2(x) + \cos(x) - 1 \right] \quad \left[\text{Using } \sin^2(x) = 1 - \cos^2(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

(e) We are asked to differentiate $y = e^{-x^2} \ln(x)$. Again using the product rule with:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= e^{-x^2} & v &= \ln(x) \\ u' &= -2xe^{-x^2} & v' &= \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

Applying the product rule we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= -2xe^{-x^2} \ln(x) + e^{-x^2} \frac{1}{x} \\ &= e^{-x^2} \left[\frac{1}{x} - 2x \ln(x) \right] = \frac{e^{-x^2}}{x} [1 - 2x^2 \ln(x)] \end{aligned}$$

(f) We need to differentiate $y = x \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x})$. Applying the product rule with:

$$u = x \quad v = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x})$$

The derivative of u is straightforward but the derivative of v is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(v) &= \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \sec^2(v) \frac{dv}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x} \sec^2(v)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x} [1 + \tan^2(v)]} \end{aligned}$$

Recall $\tan(v) = \sqrt{x}$ so $v = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x})$. Substituting this $v = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x})$ into the above gives

$$\begin{aligned} v' &= \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x} [1 + \tan^2(v)]} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x} [1 + \tan^2(\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x}))]} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x} [1 + x]} \quad \left[\text{Because } \tan(\tan^{-1}(\theta)) = \theta \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now using the product rule we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= u'v + uv' = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x}) + x \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x} [1 + x]} \\ &= \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x}) + \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2[1 + x]} \end{aligned}$$

(g) We use the chain rule to find the derivative of $y = \sqrt[3]{1 + x\sqrt{x + 3}}$. Firstly rewriting this we have

$$y = \sqrt[3]{1 + x\sqrt{x + 3}} = \left(1 + x(x + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + x(x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left(1 + x(x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)' \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + x(x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left(1 + (x^3 + 3x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)' \quad \left[\text{Taking the } x \text{ under the} \right. \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + x(x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left(0 + \frac{1}{2}(x^3 + 3x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [3x^2 + 6x] \right) \quad \left. \text{square root in the last bracket} \right] \\
 &= \frac{3x^2 + 6x}{6 \left(1 + x(x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{(x^3 + 3x^2)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(h) We need to find derivative of $y = \sin^{-1}(x) + \sqrt{1-x^2}$. Differentiating each one separately. Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 u = \sin^{-1}(x) &\Rightarrow \sin(u) = x \\
 \cos(u) \frac{du}{dx} &= 1 \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos(u)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $\cos(u) = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(u)}$. Substituting this into the above yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{du}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\cos(u)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2(u)}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\sin^{-1}(x))}} \quad \left[\text{Because } u = \sin^{-1}(x) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \quad \left[\text{Because } \sin(\sin^{-1}(\theta)) = \theta \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Now let $v = \sqrt{1-x^2} = (1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and differentiating this gives

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{2(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Adding both of these derivatives $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ and $\frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ together

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= \frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= \frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x}\sqrt{1+x}} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1+x}} = \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}} \end{aligned}$$

(i) We need to apply logarithmic differentiation to $y = 2^{\frac{x}{\ln(x)}}$. Applying logs to both sides gives

$$\ln(y) = \ln\left(2^{\frac{x}{\ln(x)}}\right) = \frac{x}{\ln(x)} \ln(2)$$

Differentiating this yields

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \ln(2) \underbrace{\left[\frac{\ln(x) - \cancel{x}}{\ln^2(x)} \right]}_{\text{Quotient rule}} = \frac{\ln(2)}{\ln^2(x)} [\ln(x) - 1]$$

Therefore we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \frac{\ln(2)}{\ln^2(x)} [\ln(x) - 1] = 2^{\frac{x}{\ln(x)}} \frac{\ln(2)}{\ln^2(x)} [\ln(x) - 1]$$

(j) Again we apply logarithmic differentiation to $y = [\tan(2x)]^{\cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}$ in order to find the derivative. Taking logs of both sides gives

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(y) &= \ln\left([\tan(2x)]^{\cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}\right) = \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \ln[\tan(2x)] \\ \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \left[\cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \ln[\tan(2x)] \right]' \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

We differentiate the right hand side by using the product rule. Let

$u = \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ and $v = \ln[\tan(2x)]$ then

$$u' = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad v' = \frac{2 \sec^2(2x)}{\tan(2x)}$$

Using the product rule we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \ln[\tan(2x)] \right)' &= u'v + uv' \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \ln[\tan(2x)] + 2 \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \frac{\sec^2(2x)}{\tan(2x)} \end{aligned}$$

Putting this into (*) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \ln[\tan(2x)] + 2 \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \frac{\sec^2(2x)}{\tan(2x)} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= y \left[2 \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \frac{\sec^2(2x)}{\tan(2x)} - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \ln[\tan(2x)] \right] \\ &= [\tan(2x)]^{\cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \left[2 \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \frac{\sec^2(2x)}{\tan(2x)} - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \ln[\tan(2x)] \right] \end{aligned}$$

(k) We are asked to differentiate $y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x^{2n}-1}{x^{2n}+1}\right)$. Taking cos of both sides:

$$\cos(y) = \frac{x^{2n}-1}{x^{2n}+1}$$

Differentiating this gives

$$-\sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{x^{2n}-1}{x^{2n}+1} \right)' \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sin(y)} \left(\frac{x^{2n}-1}{x^{2n}+1} \right)' \quad (\dagger)$$

We differentiate the bracketed term by using the quotient rule with

$u = x^{2n} - 1$ and $v = x^{2n} + 1$. Therefore we have

$$u' = 2nx^{2n-1} \text{ and } v' = 2nx^{2n-1}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{x^{2n}-1}{x^{2n}+1} \right)' &= \frac{u'v - uv'}{v^2} \\ &= \frac{2nx^{2n-1}(x^{2n}+1) - (x^{2n}-1)2nx^{2n-1}}{(x^{2n}+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{2nx^{4n-1} + 2nx^{2n-1} - 2nx^{4n-1} + 2nx^{2n-1}}{(x^{2n}+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{4nx^{2n-1}}{(x^{2n}+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this $\left(\frac{x^{2n} - 1}{x^{2n} + 1}\right)' = \frac{4nx^{2n-1}}{(x^{2n} + 1)^2}$ into (†) gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sin(y)} \frac{4nx^{2n-1}}{(x^{2n} + 1)^2} \quad (\dagger\dagger)$$

We are given that $y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x^{2n} - 1}{x^{2n} + 1}\right)$ so writing $\sin(y)$ in terms of $\cos(y)$ by using the fundamental trigonometric identity:

$$\sin(y) = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2(y)}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(y) &= \sqrt{1 - \cos^2(y)} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x^{2n} - 1}{x^{2n} + 1}\right)^2} \left[\text{Because } y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x^{2n} - 1}{x^{2n} + 1}\right) \right] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(x^{2n} + 1)^2 - (x^{2n} - 1)^2}{(x^{2n} + 1)^2}} \left[\text{Because } 1 = \frac{(x^{2n} + 1)^2}{(x^{2n} + 1)^2} \right] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{x^{4n} + 2x^{2n} + 1 - (x^{4n} - 2x^{2n} + 1)}{(x^{2n} + 1)^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{4x^{2n}}{(x^{2n} + 1)^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(2x^n)^2}{(x^{2n} + 1)^2}} = \frac{2x^n}{x^{2n} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Putting this $\sin(y) = \frac{2x^n}{x^{2n} + 1}$ into (††) gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\frac{2x^n}{x^{2n} + 1}} \frac{4nx^{2n-1}}{(x^{2n} + 1)^2} = -\frac{2nx^{n-1}}{x^{2n} + 1}$$

(1) We are asked to differentiate $y = \tan^{-1}(\tanh(x))$. Taking \tan of both sides

$$\tan(y) = \tanh(x)$$

Differentiating this gives

$$\sec^2(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2(x) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sec^2(x)}{\sec^2(y)}$$

From the trigonometric identity

$$(4.65) \quad 1 + \tan^2(x) = \sec^2(x)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\sec h^2(x)}{\sec^2(y)} \\ &= \frac{\sec h^2(x)}{1 + \tan^2(y)} = \frac{\sec h^2(x)}{1 + \tanh^2(x)} \quad [\text{Because } \tan(y) = \tanh(x)] \end{aligned}$$

We have the hyperbolic identity

$$\tanh^2(x) + \sec h^2(x) = 1$$

Rearranging this yields

$$\sec h^2(x) = 1 - \tanh^2(x)$$

Putting this into the above

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sec h^2(x)}{1 + \tanh^2(y)} = \frac{1 - \tanh^2(x)}{1 + \tanh^2(x)}$$

(m) We are asked to differentiate $y = \cosh(\sinh(x))$. Using

$$[\cosh(u)]' = \sinh(u) \frac{du}{dx}$$

We have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sinh(\sinh(x)) \cosh(x)$$

(n) We need to differentiate $y = \sqrt[4]{(1 + \tanh^2(x))^3}$. Rewriting this

$$y = \sqrt[4]{(1 + \tanh^2(x))^3} = (1 + \tanh^2(x))^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Differentiating this

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{3}{4} (1 + \tanh^2(x))^{-\frac{1}{4}} [2 \tanh(x) \sec h^2(x)] \\ &= \frac{3}{4(1 + \tanh^2(x))^{\frac{1}{4}}} 2 \tanh(x) (1 - \tanh^2(x)) \\ &= \frac{3 \tanh(x) (1 - \tanh^2(x))}{2(1 + \tanh^2(x))^{\frac{1}{4}}} \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) We are given $y = \ln\left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right)$ and need to show $xy' + 1 = e^y$. Differentiating

y gives

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{1}{1/(1+x)} \left[(1+x)^{-1} \right]' \\ &= (1+x) \left[-\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} \right] = -\frac{1}{1+x} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this $y' = -\frac{1}{1+x}$ into the left hand side of the given $xy' + 1 = e^y$:

$$xy' + 1 = x \left(-\frac{1}{1+x} \right) + 1 = \frac{-x + 1 + x}{1+x} = \frac{1}{1+x}$$

Recall that we are given $y = \ln\left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right)$ therefore

$$e^y = e^{\ln\left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right)} = \frac{1}{1+x} \quad \left[\text{Because } e^{\ln(u)} = u \right]$$

Hence from these two results we have $xy' + 1 = e^y$.

(b) We are given $y = \frac{\sin^{-1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ and need to show $(1-x^2)y' - xy = 1$.

From the solution of question 1(h) we have

$$\left[\sin^{-1}(x) \right]' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Using the quotient rule to differentiate $y = \frac{\sin^{-1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ with

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin^{-1}(x) & v &= \sqrt{1-x^2} \\ u' &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} & v' &= -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into the quotient rule formula gives

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{u'v - uv'}{v^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \sqrt{1-x^2} - \sin^{-1}(x) \left[-\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right]}{1-x^2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + x \sin^{-1}(x)}{(1-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this $y' = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + x \sin^{-1}(x)}{(1-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ and $y = \frac{\sin^{-1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ into the left

hand side of $(1-x^2)y' - xy = 1$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} (1-x^2)y' - xy &= (1-x^2) \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + x \sin^{-1}(x)}{(1-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - x \frac{\sin^{-1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + x \sin^{-1}(x)}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)}} - x \frac{\sin^{-1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \left[\text{Using the rules} \right. \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)}} = 1 \quad \left. \text{of indices} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have shown our result.

3. Differentiating $\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$ gives

$$2x + \frac{2y}{4} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{y/2} = -\frac{4x}{y}$$

We need to find the slope at the point $(1, \sqrt{2})$ which implies $x = 1$ and $y = \sqrt{2}$. Therefore

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4x}{y} = -\frac{4 \times 1}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{2^2}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} = -2^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

4. We are asked to find the slope of $(x-1)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 17$ at $(2, 1)$.

Differentiating the given function

$$\begin{aligned} 2(x-1) + 2(y+3) \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1-x}{3+y} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $x = 2$, $y = 1$ into this $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-x}{3+y}$ gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-x}{3+y} = \frac{1-2}{3+1} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

The slope of the circle is $-\frac{1}{4}$ at the point $(2, 1)$.

5. (a) First we need to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given $x = \frac{1+t}{t^3}$, $y = \frac{3}{2t^2} + \frac{2}{t}$:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{t^3 - 3t^2(1+t)}{t^6} = \frac{t^2[t - 3 - 3t]}{t^6} = -\frac{2t+3}{t^4} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Using the} \\ \text{quotient rule} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (-2)\frac{3}{2t^3} - \frac{2}{t^2} = -\frac{1}{t^3}[3 + 2t]$$

Using parametric differentiation we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{-\frac{1}{t^3}[3 + 2t]}{-\frac{2t+3}{t^4}} = t$$

Substituting this $y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = t$ and $x = \frac{1+t}{t^3}$ into the left hand side of

$$xy'^3 = 1 + y' :$$

$$xy'^3 = \frac{1+t}{t^3} \cancel{t^3} = 1+t$$

Now the right hand side $1 + y'$ is equal to

$$1 + y' = 1 + t$$

Hence we have $xy'^3 = 1 + y'$.

- (b) We are given $x = \cosh(2t)$, $y = \sinh(2t)$ so

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2\sinh(2t), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2\cosh(2t)$$

Applying parametric differentiation we have

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{\cancel{2} \cosh(2t)}{\cancel{2} \sinh(2t)} = \frac{\cosh(2t)}{\sinh(2t)}$$

Therefore

$$yy' = \cancel{\sinh(2t)} \frac{\cosh(2t)}{\cancel{\sinh(2t)}} = \cosh(2t) = x$$

We have shown our required result.