

Derivatives AP Exam Practice

$$6x + 2y + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-6x - 2y}{2x + 2y}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,1)} = \frac{-6(1) - 2(1)}{2(1) + 2(1)} = \frac{-8}{4} = -2$$

1.  $3x^2 + 2xy + y^2 = 2$

If  $3x^2 + 2xy + y^2 = 2$ , then the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x=1$  is

- (A) -2 (B) 0 (C) 2 (D) 4 (E) not defined

2.

If  $f(x) = 2 + |x-3|$  for all  $x$ , then the value of the derivative  $f'(x)$  at  $x=3$  is

- (A) -1 (B) 0 (C) 1 (D) 2 (E) nonexistent

since  $f(3)$  is a corner

3.

An equation for a tangent to the graph of  $y = \arcsin \frac{x}{2}$  at the origin is

- (A)  $x-2y=0$  (B)  $x-y=0$  (C)  $x=0$  (D)  $y=0$  (E)  $\pi x-2y=0$

pt (0,0)  
slope  $y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{x}{2})^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$   
 $y'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$

4.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln e^{2x}) = \frac{1}{e^{2x}} \cdot e^{2x} \cdot 2 = 2$$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{e^{2x}}$  (B)  $\frac{2}{e^{2x}}$  (C)  $2x$  (D) 1 (E) 2

Equation:  $y = \frac{1}{2}x$

5.

If  $\sin x = e^y$ ,  $0 < x < \pi$ , what is  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $x$ ?

- (A)  $-\tan x$  (B)  $-\cot x$  (C)  $\cot x$  (D)  $\tan x$  (E)  $\csc x$

no y in answer!!

$$\cos x = e^y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos x}{e^y} = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = \cot x$$

6.

If  $f'(x) = -f(x)$  and  $f(1) = 1$ , then  $f(x) =$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{2}e^{-2x+2}$  (B)  $e^{-x-1}$  (C)  $e^{1-x}$  (D)  $e^{-x}$  (E)  $-e^x$

7.

If  $y = \tan u$ ,  $u = v - \frac{1}{v}$ , and  $v = \ln x$ , what is the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x = e$ ?

- (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{1}{e}$  (C) 1 (D)  $\frac{2}{e}$  (E)  $\sec^2 e$

REWRITE:  
 $y = \tan(v - \frac{1}{v})$

$$= \tan(\ln x - \frac{1}{\ln x})$$

$$y' = \sec^2(\ln x - \frac{1}{\ln x}) \left( \frac{1}{x} + (\ln x)^{-2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$y'(e) = \sec^2(1-1) \left( \frac{1}{e} + (1)^{-2} \cdot \frac{1}{e} \right)$$

$$= \sec^2(0) \cdot \left( \frac{2}{e} \right) = 1 \cdot \frac{2}{e} = \frac{2}{e}$$

8.

If  $\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) = g(x)$  and  $\frac{d}{dx}(g(x)) = f(x^2)$ , then  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(f(x^3)) =$

- (A)  $f(x^6)$  (B)  $g(x^3)$   
 (D)  $9x^4 f(x^6) + 6xg(x^3)$  (E)  $f(x^6) + g(x^3)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x^3)) = f'(x^3) \cdot 3x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(f(x^3)) &= 3x^2 \cdot f''(x^3) \cdot 3x^2 + f'(x^3) \cdot 6x \\ &= 9x^4 \cdot f''(x^3) + 6x \cdot g(x^3) \\ &= 9x^4 \cdot f(x^6) + 6xg(x^3) \end{aligned}$$

9.

The slope of the line tangent to the graph of  $y = \ln(x^2)$  at  $x = e^2$  is

- (A)  $\frac{1}{e^2}$  (B)  $\frac{2}{e^2}$  (C)  $\frac{4}{e^2}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{e^4}$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \ln x^2 \\ y' &= \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot 2x = \frac{2}{x} \\ y'(e^2) &= \frac{2}{e^2} \end{aligned}$$

10.

If  $f(x) = x + \sin x$ , then  $f'(x) =$

- (A)  $1 + \cos x$  (B)  $1 - \cos x$  (C)  $\cos x$   
 (D)  $\sin x - x \cos x$  (E)  $\sin x + x \cos x$

$$f'(x) = 1 + \cos x$$

11.

If  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$  for all  $x \neq -1$ , then  $f'(1) =$

- (A)  $-1$  (B)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  (C)  $0$  (D)  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x+1) - (x-1)}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$f'(1) = \frac{(2) - (0)}{(2)^2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

12.

If  $y = \cos^2 3x$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- (A)  $-6 \sin 3x \cos 3x$  (B)  $-2 \cos 3x$  (C)  $2 \cos 3x$   
 (D)  $6 \cos 3x$  (E)  $2 \sin 3x \cos 3x$

REWRITE  $y$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (\cos 3x)^2 \\ y' &= 2(\cos 3x)' \cdot \sin 3x \cdot 3 \\ &= -6 \cos 3x \sin 3x \end{aligned}$$

13.

If the line  $3x - 4y = 0$  is tangent in the first quadrant to the curve  $y = x^3 + k$ , then  $k$  is

- (A)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (C)  $0$  (D)  $-\frac{1}{8}$  (E)  $-\frac{1}{2}$

①  $y = \frac{3}{4}x$   
 slope

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x^3 + k \\ y' &= 3x^2 = \frac{3}{4} \\ x^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \\ x &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

① sub:  $3(\frac{1}{2}) - 4y = 0$   
 $y = \frac{3}{8}$   
 ② sub:  $\frac{3}{8} = (\frac{1}{2})^3 + k$

14.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin 2x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x)^2}} \cdot 2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$$

(A)  $\frac{-1}{2\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$

(B)  $\frac{-2}{\sqrt{4x^2-1}}$

(C)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$

(D)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$

(E)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{4x^2-1}}$

15.

If  $y = e^{nx}$ , then  $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} =$

(A)  $n^n e^{nx}$

(B)  $n!e^{nx}$

(C)  $ne^{nx}$

(D)  $n^n e^x$

(E)  $n!e^x$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{nx} \cdot n = n e^{nx}$

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = n e^{nx} \cdot n = n^2 e^{nx}$

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note pattern  
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$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = n^n e^{nx}$

16.

If  $\tan(xy) = x$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

(A)  $\frac{1 - y \tan(xy) \sec(xy)}{x \tan(xy) \sec(xy)}$

(B)  $\frac{\sec^2(xy) - y}{x}$

(C)  $\cos^2(xy)$

(D)  $\frac{\cos^2(xy)}{x}$

(E)  $\frac{\cos^2(xy) - y}{x}$

$\sec^2(xy) \cdot (y + x \frac{dy}{dx}) = 1$

$y + x \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos^2(xy)$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos^2(xy) - y}{x}$

17.

If  $f(x) = (2x+1)^4$ , then the 4th derivative of  $f(x)$  at  $x=0$  is

(A) 0

(B) 24

(C) 48

(D) 240

(E) 384

$f'(x) = 4(2x+1)^3 \cdot 2 = 8(2x+1)^3$

$f''(x) = 24(2x+1)^2 \cdot 2 = 48(2x+1)^2$

$f'''(x) = 96(2x+1) \cdot 2 = 192(2x+1)$

$f^{(4)}(x) = 192 \cdot 2 = 384$

18.

If  $y = \frac{3}{4+x^2}$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(4+x^2)(0) - (3)(2x)}{(4+x^2)^2} = \frac{-6x}{(4+x^2)^2}$

(A)  $\frac{-6x}{(4+x^2)^2}$

(B)  $\frac{3x}{(4+x^2)^2}$

(C)  $\frac{6x}{(4+x^2)^2}$

(D)  $\frac{-3}{(4+x^2)^2}$

(E)  $\frac{3}{2x}$

19.

The slope of the line tangent to the graph of  $y = \ln\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  at  $x=4$  is

REWRITE:  $y = \ln x - \ln 2$

(A)  $\frac{1}{8}$

(B)  $\frac{1}{4}$

(C)  $\frac{1}{2}$

(D) 1

(E) 4

$y' = \frac{1}{x} - 0$

$y'(4) = \frac{1}{4}$

20.

If  $x^2 + xy + y^3 = 0$ , then, in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- (A)  $-\frac{2x+y}{x+3y^2}$  (B)  $-\frac{x+3y^2}{2x+y}$  (C)  $-\frac{2x}{1+3y^2}$  (D)  $-\frac{2x}{x+3y^2}$  (E)  $-\frac{2x+y}{x+3y^2-1}$

$$2x + y + x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (x + 3y^2) = -2x - y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x-y}{x+3y^2} = -\frac{(2x+y)}{x+3y^2}$$

21.

$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x} + x^2 \right)$  at  $x = -1$  is

- (A) -6 (B) -4 (C) 0 (D) 2 (E) 6

$$y = x^{-3} - x^{-1} + x^2$$

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

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=-1} = -3(-1)^{-4} + (-1)^{-2} + 2(-1) = -3 + 1 - 2 = -4$$

22.

If  $y = x^2 e^x$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \cdot 2x + x^2 \cdot e^x = x e^x (2 + x)$

- (A)  $2x e^x$  (B)  $x(x + 2e^x)$  (C)  $x e^x (x + 2)$   
 (D)  $2x + e^x$  (E)  $2x + e$

23.

If  $y = \frac{\ln x}{x}$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \ln x}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{x}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  (C)  $\frac{\ln x - 1}{x^2}$  (D)  $\frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$  (E)  $\frac{1 + \ln x}{x^2}$

24.

If  $x + 2xy - y^2 = 2$ , then at the point  $(1, 1)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is

- (A)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (C) 0 (D)  $-\frac{3}{2}$  (E) nonexistent

$$1 + 2y + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1 - 2y}{2x - 2y} \rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,1)} = \frac{-1 - 2(1)}{2(1) - 2(1)} = -\frac{3}{0}$$

25.

An equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $f(x) = x(1 - 2x)^3$  at the point  $(1, -1)$  is

- (A)  $y = -7x + 6$  (B)  $y = -6x + 5$  (C)  $y = -2x + 1$   
 (D)  $y = 2x - 3$  (E)  $y = 7x - 8$

pt  $(1, -1)$

Slope  $f'(x) = (1 - 2x)^3 + x \cdot 3(1 - 2x)^2 \cdot -2$

$$f'(1) = (-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 \cdot -2$$

$$= -1 - 6 = -7$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y + 1 &= -7(x - 1) \\ y + 1 &= -7x + 7 \\ y &= -7x + 6 \end{aligned} \right\}$$