

Section 8.2 – Practice Problems

1. Simplify

$$\text{a) } \frac{2}{e^{-x}} = 2e^x$$

$$\text{b) } (e^x)^4 = e^{4x}$$

$$\text{c) } e^{1-x}e^{3x}$$

$$= e^1 \cdot e^{-x} \cdot e^{3x} \rightarrow e^{2x+1}$$

$$\text{d) } e^x e^{-x}$$

$$e^0 = 1$$

$$\text{e) } e^{2x}(1 - 5e^{3x})$$

$$e^{2x} - 5e^{5x}$$

$$\text{f) } \frac{6e^{8x}}{e^{3x}}$$

$$6e^{5x}$$

2. Differentiate

$$\text{a) } y = 2e^{-x}$$

$$\boxed{-2e^{-x}}$$

$$\text{b) } y = x^4 e^x$$

$$y' = 4x^3 e^x + x^4 e^x$$

$$= \boxed{x^3 e^x (4 + x)}$$

$$\text{c) } y = e^{2x} \sin 3x$$

$$e^{2x} \cdot 2 \sin 3x + e^{2x} \cos 3x \cdot 3$$

$$2e^{2x} \sin 3x + 3e^{2x} \cos 3x$$

$$\boxed{y' = e^{2x} (2 \sin 3x + 3 \cos 3x)}$$

$$\text{d) } y = e^{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$y' = e^{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{e^{\sqrt{x}}}{2\sqrt{x}}}$$

e) $y = e^{\tan x}$

$$y' = e^{\tan x} \cdot \sec^2 x$$

$$y' = \sec^2 x e^{\tan x}$$

f) $y = \tan(e^x)$

$$y' = \sec^2(e^x) \cdot e^x$$

$$= e^x \sec^2(e^x)$$

g)

$$y = \frac{e^x}{x}$$

$$y' = \frac{xe^x - e^x}{x^2} = \frac{e^x(x-1)}{x^2}$$

h)

$$y = \frac{e^x}{1-e^{2x}}$$

$$y' = \frac{(1-e^{2x})e^x - e^x(-e^{2x})(2)}{(1-e^{2x})^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{(1-e^{2x})e^x + 2e^{2x}e^x}{(1-e^{2x})^2} = \frac{e^x[(1-e^{2x}) + 2e^{2x}]}{(1-e^{2x})^2}$$

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

i) $y = e^{\sin(x^2)}$

$$y' = e^{\sin x^2} \cdot \cos x^2 \cdot 2x$$

$$= 2x \cos(x^2) e^{\sin(x^2)}$$

j) $y = xe^{\cot 4x}$

$$y' = e^{\cot 4x} + xe^{\cot 4x} \cdot (-\csc^2 4x) \cdot 4$$

$$= e^{\cot 4x} - 4x \csc^2 4x e^{\cot 4x}$$

$$= e^{\cot 4x} [1 - 4x \csc^2 4x]$$

k) $y = (1 + 5e^{-10x})^4$

$$y' = 4(1 + 5e^{-10x})^3 \cdot 5e^{-10x} \cdot -10$$

$$= -200e^{-10x} (1 + 5e^{-10x})^3$$

l) $y = \sqrt{x + e^{1-x^2}}$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x + e^{1-x^2}}} \cdot (1 + e^{1-x^2} \cdot -2x)$$

$$y' = \frac{1 - 2xe^{1-x^2}}{2\sqrt{x + e^{1-x^2}}}$$

3. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = 1 + xe^{2x}$ at the point where $x = 0$.

$$y' = xe^{2x} \cdot 2 + e^{2x}$$

then $y = 1$

$$= e^{2x}(2x+1)$$

at $x=0$

$$e^0(1)$$

$$e^0 = 1$$

$$y - 1 = 1(x - 0)$$

$$\boxed{y = x + 1}$$

4. Find y' if $e^{xy} = 2x + y$

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

$$xe^{xy} \frac{dy}{dx} + ye^{xy} = 2 + \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} xe^{xy} - \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - ye^{xy}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (xe^{xy} - 1) = 2 - ye^{xy}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 - ye^{xy}}{xe^{xy} - 1}}$$

5. Find the intervals of increase and decrease for the function $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$

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

$$= x e^{-x} (2 - x)$$

$$\text{at pt: } x = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

Interval	xe^{-x}	$(2-x)$	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$
$(-\infty, 0)$	-	+	-	dec
$(0, 2)$	+	+	+	inc
$(2, \infty)$	+	-	-	dec

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{inc on } (0, 2) \\ \text{dec on } (-\infty, 0) \\ \text{dec on } (2, \infty) \end{array}}$$