

**Amherst College**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**  
**Math 106**  
**Midterm Exam #1**  
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- This is a closed-book examination. No books, notes, calculators, cell phones, communication devices of any sort, webpages, or other aids are permitted.
- Simplify numerical answers such as  $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$  and  $4^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .
- Please *show* all of your work and *justify* all of your answers. (You may use the backs of pages for additional work space.)

Problem	Score	Possible Points
1		22
2		20
3		12
4		16
5		20
6		10
Total		100

1. [22 Points] Differentiate each of the following functions. Do not simplify your answers.

(a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{\sin x}$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\sin x}} \cdot \cos x}$$

(b)  $f(x) = \sin \sqrt{x}$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{\cos \sqrt{x} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}$$

(c)  $f(x) = \sin^2(\tan x) = [\sin(\tan x)]^2$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{2\sin(\tan x) \cdot \cos(\tan x) \cdot \sec^2 x}$$

(d)  $f(x) = \sin x \cdot \tan\left(\frac{7}{x^6}\right)$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{\sin x \cdot \sec^2\left(\frac{7}{x^6}\right) (-42x^{-7}) + \tan\left(\frac{7}{x^6}\right) \cdot \cos x}$$

(e)  $f(x) = \left(\frac{\cos(7x)}{x^2 + \sec x}\right)^{\frac{7}{8}}$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{\frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{\cos(7x)}{x^2 + \sec x}\right)^{-1/8} \left[ \frac{(x^2 + \sec x)(-\sin(7x))7 - \cos(7x)(2x + \sec x \tan x)}{(x^2 + \sec x)^2} \right]}$$

2. [20 Points]

(a) Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\tan^2 x} + \cos^2 x + \sec(2x)$ . Compute  $f'(\frac{\pi}{6})$ . Simplify.

$$= \tan^{-2} x + \dots$$

$$f'(x) = -2\tan^{-3} x \cdot \sec^2 x + 2\cos x (-\sin x) + \sec(2x)\tan(2x)(2)$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f'(\frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{-2\sec^2(\frac{\pi}{6})}{\tan^3(\frac{\pi}{6})} - 2\cos(\frac{\pi}{6})\sin(\frac{\pi}{6}) + 2\sec(\frac{\pi}{3})\tan(\frac{\pi}{3})$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sec \frac{\pi}{3} = 2$$

$$= -2 \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$= -2\left(\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{4}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$= -8\sqrt{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 4\sqrt{3} = -4\sqrt{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = -\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \boxed{-\frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

(b) Let  $f(x) = 4\sin(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) - \cos x - \tan^2 x$ . Show that  $f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .

$$f'(x) = 4\cos(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) + \sin x - 2\tan x \sec^2 x$$

$$f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 4\cos(0) + \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) - 2\tan(\frac{\pi}{4}) \cdot \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sec \frac{\pi}{4} = \sqrt{2}$$

~~$$= 4 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 2(1)(\sqrt{2})^2 = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}$$~~

3. [12 Points] Let  $f(x) = \frac{5}{6}x + x^{\frac{5}{6}} + \frac{1}{x^{\frac{5}{6}}} + \frac{6}{5} + \frac{5}{6x^6} - \frac{6}{x^5}$ .

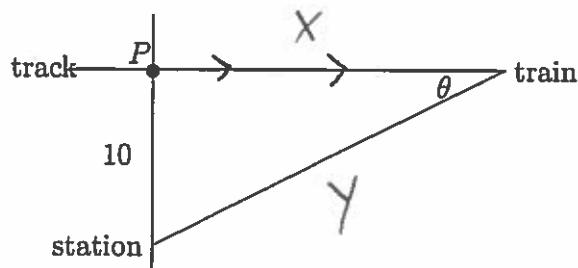
Compute the most general antiderivative

$$\int f(x) dx = \int \frac{5}{6}x + x^{\frac{5}{6}} + \frac{1}{x^{\frac{5}{6}}} + \frac{6}{5} + \frac{5}{6x^6} - \frac{6}{x^5} dx \quad \text{Do not simplify.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \frac{5}{6}x + x^{\frac{5}{6}} + x^{-\frac{5}{6}} + \frac{6}{5} + \frac{5}{6}x^{-6} - 6x^{-5} dx \\ &= \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^{\frac{11}{6}}}{\frac{11}{6}} + \frac{x^{\frac{1}{6}}}{\frac{1}{6}} + \frac{6}{5}x + \cancel{\frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{x^{-5}}{-5}} - 6 \frac{x^{-4}}{-4} + C \\ &= \boxed{\frac{5x^2}{12} + \frac{6}{11}x^{\frac{11}{6}} + 6x^{\frac{1}{6}} + \frac{6}{5}x - \frac{1}{6x^5} + \frac{3}{2x^4} + C} \end{aligned}$$

4. [16 Points] Consider a point  $P$  on a train track. Suppose a train depot station is 10 feet directly south from this point  $P$ . The train is travelling east at 6 feet per second. Consider the angle as shown in the diagram. How fast is this angle changing when 2 seconds has passed since the train passed point  $P$ .

- Diagram



The picture at arbitrary time  $t$  is:

- Variables

let  $x$  = distance the train has travelled East past point  $P$ .

$y$  = distance between train and the station

Given  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 6 \text{ ft/sec}$ . Find  $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = ?$  when  $x = 6 \text{ ft/sec (2 sec)} = 12 \text{ feet}$ .

- Equation

$$\tan \theta = \frac{10}{x} = 10x^{-1}$$

- Differentiate

$$\sec^2 \theta \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{10}{x^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \quad \text{Related Rates!}$$

- Extra Solvable Information

$$10 \quad \begin{array}{c} 12 \\ \theta \end{array} \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{10^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{100+144} = \sqrt{244} \quad \Rightarrow \sec \theta = \frac{H}{A} = \frac{\sqrt{244}}{12}$$

- Substitute

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{244}}{12}\right)^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{-10}{(12)^2} \cdot 6$$

$$\text{Solve } \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{-10}{144} \cdot 6 \cdot \frac{144}{244} = -\frac{60}{244} = -\frac{15}{61} \text{ Rad./sec.}$$

• Answer: The angle is shrinking at  $15/61$  Radians per second, at that time

5. [20 Points]

(a) Consider a function  $f$  such that  $f'(x) = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{5}} + x^{-\frac{2}{3}}}{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}$ . Compute  $f(x)$ .

$$f'(x) = x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left( x^{\frac{1}{5}} + x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \right) = x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{5}} + x^{-\frac{2}{3}} = x^{-\frac{7}{15}} \cdot x^{\frac{3}{15}} + x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$= x^{-\frac{7}{15}} + x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$$

Antidifferentiate

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{\frac{8}{15}}}{\frac{8}{15}} + \frac{x^{-\frac{1}{3}}}{-\frac{1}{3}} + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{15}{8}x^{\frac{8}{15}} - 3x^{-\frac{1}{3}} + C}$$

(b) Consider a function  $f$  such that  $f''(x) = \pi \sin x + 2 \cos x$  and  $f'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$  and  $f(\pi) = 2$ . Compute  $f(x)$ .

Antidifferentiate:

$$f'(x) = -\pi \cos x + 2 \sin x + C_1$$

$$f'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = -\pi \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} + C_1 \stackrel{\text{set } 0}{=} 0$$

$$2 + C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = -2$$

Clean Up:

$$f'(x) = -\pi \cos x + 2 \sin x - 2$$

Antidifferentiate Again:

$$f(x) = -\pi \sin x - 2 \cos x - 2x + C_2$$

$$f(\pi) = -\pi \sin \pi - 2 \cos \pi - 2\pi + C_2 \stackrel{\text{set } 2}{=} 2$$

$$2 - 2\pi + C_2 = 2 \Rightarrow C_2 = 2\pi$$

Finally,  $f(x) = \boxed{-\pi \sin x - 2 \cos x - 2x + 2\pi}$

6. [10 Points] A ball is thrown upwards from the top of a building with an initial speed of 32 feet per second. The ball hits the ground below with a speed of 64 feet per second. How tall is the building?

Hint: Use  $a(t) = -32$  feet per second squared as acceleration due to gravity on the falling body.

$$a(t) = -32$$

$$v(t) = -32t + v_0 = -32t + 32$$

$$s(t) = -16t^2 + 32t + s_0$$

$$v(t) = -32t + 32 = -64 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Down} \\ \text{impact} \end{matrix}$$

$$-32t = -96$$

$$t = 3 \text{ seconds Impact}$$

$$s(t_{\text{impact}}) = s(3) = -16(3)^2 + 32(3) + s_0 \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \quad \text{Ground.}$$

$$= -144 + 96 + s_0 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow s_0 = 144 - 96.$$

$$= 48 \text{ feet.}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ \times 9 \\ \hline 144 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 96 \end{array}$$

The building is 48 feet tall.