

Remember to show all of your work.

Problem 1. Find the derivative of each of the following functions (no need to simplify your answer)

$$\bullet f(x) = \frac{x^4 + 3x^2 - x + 16}{3e^x}$$

Sample Solution Here, we'll use the quotient rule.

$$f'(x) = \frac{3e^x * \frac{d}{dx}(x^4 + 3x^2 - x + 16) - \frac{d}{dx}(3e^x) * (x^4 + 3x^2 - x + 16)}{(3e^x)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(3e^x)(4x^3 + 6x - 1) - (3e^x)(x^4 + 3x^2 - x + 16)}{9e^{2x}}$$

$$\bullet f(x) = \cos(x) \cot(x)$$

Sample Solution Here, we'll use the product rule.

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\cos(x)) * \cot(x) + \cos(x) * \frac{d}{dx}(\cot(x))$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin(x) \cot(x) - \cos(x) \csc^2(x)$$

Problem 2. Find the equation of the tangent line of the function $f = 2\sqrt{x}$ at $x = 9$

There's two steps here: find the point, and find the slope.

We already have the x value for the point, so we just need to find the y value:

$$f(9) = 2\sqrt{9} = 2 * 3 = 6$$

Therefore, the point is (9, 6).

Now we have to find the slope of the tangent line: this comes from finding the derivative and plugging in the x value.

$$f(x) = 2x^{1/2}$$

$$f'(x) = 2 * (1/2)x^{-1/2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$f'(9) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

so the slope is $m = \frac{1}{3}$. Thus,

$$y - 6 = \frac{1}{3}(x - 9)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x + 3$$