

1. Find the slope of the line tangent to the curve  $x^3 + 3y^2 = xe^y$  at the point  $(1, 0)$ .

Solution: We take derivatives with respect to  $x$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^2 + 6y \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^y + xe^y \frac{dy}{dx} \\ (6y - xe^y) \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^y - 3x^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{e^y - 3x^2}{6y - xe^y}. \end{aligned}$$

At the point  $(1, 0)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1-3}{-1} \\ &= 2.\end{aligned}$$

2. Fill in the blank:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left( \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) = \frac{\boxed{\phantom{-\frac{6x^2-2}{(1+x^2)^3}}}}{(1+x^2)^3}.$$

Solution: We have  $\frac{d}{dx}(1+x^2)^{-1} = -(1+x^2)^{-2} \cdot 2x$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(-2x(1+x^2)^{-2}) &= -2x(-2(1+x^2)^{-3}(2x)) + (-2)(1+x^2)^{-2} \\ &= 8x^2(1+x^2)^{-3} - 2(1+x^2)^{-2} \\ &= \frac{8x^2 - 2(1+x^2)}{(1+x^2)^3} \\ &= \frac{6x^2 - 2}{(1+x^2)^3}. \end{aligned}$$

3. Use logarithmic differentiation to find  $y'$  if  $y = (2x^2 + 1)^5 \sqrt[3]{4 - x}$ .

Solution: We take logarithms to get

$$\ln y = 5 \ln(2x^2 + 1) + \frac{1}{3} \ln(4 - x).$$

We differentiate to get

$$\frac{1}{y}y' = \frac{20x}{2x^2+1} - \frac{1}{3(4-x)}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= y \left[ \frac{20x}{2x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{3(4-x)} \right] \\ &= (2x^2 + 1)^5 \sqrt[3]{4-x} \left[ \frac{20x}{2x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{3(4-x)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$