

Pretend Quiz - Derivatives

1. Find each derivative. Express your answer in simplified, factored form with only positive exponents.

a) $y = \sqrt[3]{x^2}$

b) $y = \frac{x^2 + 3}{2x - 1}$

c) $y = (x^2 - 1)^4 (2x + 1)^3$

d) $y = \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1+x^2}}$

2. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}\big|_{x=2}$ if $y = u^2 - u^3 + 2u^4$ and $u = \frac{x}{2x-1}$.

3. Find the points on the curve $y = \frac{1}{2x-1}$ where the tangent line is perpendicular to the line $x - 2y = 1$.

4. For the function $f(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 - 4x^2 + 2cx + 14$, determine the values of a and b so that $f(-2) = 2$, $f'(-2) = 16$, $f''(-2) = -8$.

Answers to Pretend Quiz

$$\begin{aligned}
 1a) \quad y &= \sqrt[3]{x^2} \\
 &= x^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 y' &= \frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{2}{3}-1} \\
 &= \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b) \quad y &= \frac{x^2 + 3}{2x - 1} \\
 y' &= \frac{(2x - 1)(2x) - (x^2 + 3)(2)}{(2x - 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{4x^2 - 2x - 2x^2 - 6}{(2x - 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{2x^2 - 2x - 6}{(2x - 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(2x - 1)^2}{2(x^2 - x - 3)} \\
 &= \frac{(2x - 1)^2}{(2x - 1)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c) \quad y &= (x^2 - 1)^4 (2x + 1)^3 \\
 y' &= (2x + 1)^3 4(x^2 - 1)^3 (2x) + (x^2 - 1)^4 3(2x + 1)^2 (2) \\
 &= 8x(2x + 1)^3 (x^2 - 1)^3 + 6(x^2 - 1)^4 (2x + 1)^2 \\
 &= 2(2x + 1)^2 (x^2 - 1)^3 [4x(2x + 1) + 3(x^2 - 1)] \\
 &= 2(2x + 1)^2 (x^2 - 1)^3 [8x^2 + 4x + 3x^2 - 3] \\
 &= 2(2x + 1)^2 (x^2 - 1)^3 [11x^2 + 4x - 3]
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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$$y = u^2 - u^3 + 2u^4 \text{ and } u = \frac{x}{2x-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx} \\
 &= (2u - 3u^2 + 8u^3) \left(\frac{(2x-1)(1) - x(2)}{(2x-1)^2} \right) \\
 &= (2u - 3u^2 + 8u^3) \left(\frac{2x-1-2x}{(2x-1)^2} \right) \\
 &= (2u - 3u^2 + 8u^3) \left(\frac{-1}{(2x-1)^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(2) &= \frac{2}{2(2)-1} \\
 &= \frac{2}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=2} &= \left(2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + 8\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \right) \left(\frac{-1}{(2(2)-1)^2} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{64}{27} - \frac{4}{9} \right) \left(\frac{-1}{9} \right) \\
 &= \frac{-64}{243}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.

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

slope of $x - 2y = 1$:

$$-2y = -x + 1$$

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

$$m = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$m_p = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{-2}{(2x-1)^2} &= -2 \\
 -2(2x-1)^2 &= -2 \\
 (2x-1)^2 &= 1 \\
 4x^2 - 4x + 1 &= 1 \\
 4x^2 - 4x &= 0 \\
 4x(x-1) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

y - values:

$$y(0) = -1$$

$$y(1) = 1$$

$$(x, y) = (0, -1) \text{ or } (1, 1)$$

$$4. \quad f(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 - 4x^2 + 2cx + 14$$

$$f'(x) = 4ax^3 + 3bx^2 - 8x + 2c$$

$$f''(x) = 12ax^2 + 6bx - 8$$

$$f(-2) = 2$$

$$(-2)^4 + b(-2)^3 - 4(-2)^2 + 2c(-2) + 14 = 2$$

$$16a - 8b - 16 - 4c + 14 = 2$$

$$16a - 8b - 4c = 4$$

$$4a - 2b - c = 1$$

$$f'(-2) = 16$$

$$4a(-2)^3 + 3b(-2)^2 - 8(-2) + 2c = 16$$

$$-32a + 12b + 16 + 2c = 16$$

$$-32a + 12b + 2c = 0$$

$$16a - 6b - c = 0$$

$$f''(-2) = -8$$

$$12a(-2)^2 + 6b(-2) - 8 = -8$$

$$48a - 12b - 8 = -8$$

$$48a - 12b = 0$$

$$12b = 48a$$

$$b = 4a$$

$$4a - 2b - c = 1$$

$$4a - 2(4a) - c = 1$$

$$-4a - c = 1$$

$$c = -4a - 1$$

$$-16a - 6b - c = 0$$

$$-16a - 6(4a) + (-4a - 1) = 0$$

$$-16a + 24a - 4a - 1 = 0$$

$$4a = 1$$

$$a = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$b = 4a$$

$$= 4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$= 1$$

$$c = -4a - 1$$

$$= -4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - 1$$

$$= -2$$