

MAT 137
Tutorial #6– Computation of derivatives
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1. Compute the derivative of the following functions:

(a) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 - 2}$

(b) $f(x) = x^3 \tan(2x + 1)$

(c) $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}$

(d) $f(x) = e^x \ln(\ln x)$

(e) $f(x) = \sin^2 x + \sin x^2 + \sin(2x) + \sin^2 x^2$

(f) $f(x) = \frac{1 + x \sin x}{x + \cos x}$

(g) $f(x) = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + 1}}}$

(h) $f(x) = e^{x^e}$

Check your answers:

(a) $f'(2) = -4$

(b) $f'(1) = 3 \tan 3 + 2 \sec^2 3$

(c) $f'(2) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$, $f'(-2) = \frac{-1}{3\sqrt{3}}$,
 $f'(0)$ undefined.

(d) $f'(e^2) = e^{e^2} \left(\ln 2 + \frac{1}{2e^2} \right)$

(e) $f'(2) = \sin 4 + 6 \cos 4 + 4 \sin 8$

(f) $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{\pi}$

(g) $f'(0) = 7/8$

(h) $f'(1) = e^2$

Further practice

It is okay if you only have time for Question 1. Only attempt the next questions if you have entirely completed Question 1.

- Find a polynomial which has positive derivative when $1 < x < 2$, and negative derivative when $x < 1$ or $2 < x$.
- Let N be a positive integer. Let $g(x) = x \sin(x^N)$. Find the smallest positive integer k such that $g^{(k)}(0) \neq 0$. What is $g^{(k)}(0)$ for that value of k ?