

Section 3.5

Examples

1. Find the first derivative for each function.

(a) $f(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sin(3\theta)}$

(b) $h(t) = \sec^3(t)$

(c) $p(z) = z^3 \cos(z^2)$

(d) $g(x) = \tan(\sin(x))$

(e) $p(v) = 3^{\cos(v)}$

(f) $r(y) = \sqrt[3]{y + \cot^2(3y)}$

(g) $p(\theta) = \frac{\cos(\theta)}{1+\sin(\theta)}$

2. Determine if the graph of $f(x) = \sin(x^4)$ is increasing or decreasing at $x = 10$. Then determine whether it is concave up or concave down at $x = 10$.

Solutions.

1. Find the first derivative for each function.

$$(a) f(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sin(3\theta)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &= \csc(3\theta) \\ f'(\theta) &= -\csc(3\theta) \cot(3\theta) \cdot 3 \\ &= -3 \csc(3\theta) \cot(3\theta). \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) h(t) = \sec^3(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(t) &= 3 \sec^2(t) \cdot \sec(t) \tan(t) \\ &= 3 \sec^3(t) \tan(t). \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) p(z) = z^3 \cos(z^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p'(z) &= z^3 \cdot (-\sin(z^2)) \cdot 2z + \cos(z^2) \cdot 3z^2 \\ &= -2z^4 \sin(z^2) + 3z^2 \cos(z^2). \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) g(x) = \tan(\sin(x))$$

$$g'(x) = \sec^2(\sin(x)) \cdot \cos(x).$$

$$(e) p(v) = 3^{\cos(v)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p'(v) &= \ln(3) \cdot 3^{\cos(v)} (-\sin(v)) \\ &= -\ln(3) \sin(v) 3^{\cos(v)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(f) r(y) = \sqrt[3]{y + \cot^2(3y)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r(y) &= \left(y + (\cot(3y))^2\right)^{1/3} \\ r'(y) &= \frac{1}{3} \left(y + (\cot(3y))^2\right)^{-2/3} (1 + 2 \cot(3y) \cdot (-\csc^2(3y) \cdot 3)) \\ &= \frac{1 - 6 \cot(3y) \csc^2(3y)}{3 \left(y + \cot^2(3y)\right)^{2/3}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(g) p(\theta) = \frac{\cos(\theta)}{1 + \sin(\theta)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p'(\theta) &= \frac{(1 + \sin(\theta))(-\sin(\theta)) - \cos(\theta) \cos(\theta)}{(1 + \sin(\theta))^2} \\ &= \frac{-\sin(\theta) - 1}{(1 + \sin(\theta))^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \sin(\theta)}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Determine if the graph of $f(x) = \sin(x^4)$ is increasing or decreasing at $x = 10$. Then determine whether it is concave up or concave down at $x = 10$.

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \cos(x^4) \cdot 4x^3 \\ &= 4x^3 \cos(x^4) \\ f'(10) &= 4(10)^3 \cos(10^4) < 0.\end{aligned}$$

Since $f'(10) < 0$, f is decreasing at $x = 10$.

$$\begin{aligned}f''(x) &= 4x^3 \cdot (-\sin(x^4)) \cdot 4x^3 + \cos(x^4) \cdot 12x^2 \\ &= -16x^6 \sin(x^4) + 12x^2 \cos(x^4) \\ f''(10) &= -16(10)^6 \sin(10^4) + 12(10)^2 \cos(10^4) > 0.\end{aligned}$$

Since $f''(10) > 0$, f is concave up at $x = 10$.