

For problems #1 through #4, differentiate the given functions. You don't have to simplify your answers, but if you do, the simplification must be algebraically correct.

$$\#1. \quad f(t) = \frac{t}{e^{2t} - e^{-2t}}$$

Use the Quotient Rule, then the Chain Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= \frac{(e^{2t} - e^{-2t}) - t \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(e^{2t} - e^{-2t})}{(e^{2t} - e^{-2t})^2} \\ &= \frac{e^{2t} - e^{-2t} - t(2e^{2t} + 2e^{-2t})}{(e^{2t} - e^{-2t})^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\#2. \quad g(x) = \cos^2 x \sin x$$

Use the Product Rule, then the Chain Rule to differentiate  $\cos^2 x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= (\cos^2 x)(\cos x) + (2 \cos x)(-\sin x)(\sin x) \\ &= \cos^3 x - 2 \cos x \sin^2 x. \end{aligned}$$

$$\#3. \quad q(x) = \frac{xe^x}{\arctan x}$$

Use the Quotient and Product Rules:

$$\begin{aligned} q'(x) &= \frac{(\arctan x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(xe^x) - (xe^x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \arctan x}{(\arctan x)^2} \\ &= \frac{(\arctan x)(xe^x + e^x) - \frac{xe^x}{1+x^2}}{(\arctan x)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

#4. Find the tangent line to the curve defined by the equation

$$y^3 + xy + x^3 = 3x^2$$

at the point  $(1, 1)$ .

We need to find  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ . It doesn't look like it's possible to solve the equation for  $y$ , but we can use implicit differentiation to find  $y'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}[y^3 + xy + x^3] &= \frac{d}{dx}[3x^2] \\ 3y^2y' + (xy' + y) + 3x^2 &= 6x \\ 3y^2y' + xy' &= 6x - 3x^2 - y \\ y' &= \boxed{\frac{6x - 3x^2 - y}{3y^2 + x}}. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging in  $x = 1, y = 1$  gives  $y' = \frac{1}{2}$ . This is the slope of the tangent line at  $(1, 1)$ , and the equation of the tangent line is therefore

$$(y - 1) = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1).$$


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**Bonus problem #1:** Use implicit differentiation to calculate  $\frac{d}{dx} \arccos x$ . Express your answer as an algebraic function of  $x$ .

Differentiate both sides of the equation  $\cos(\arccos x) = x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -\sin(\arccos x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\arccos x) &= 1 \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\arccos x) &= -\frac{1}{\sin(\arccos x)}. \end{aligned}$$

This is not an algebraic function of  $x$ , but we can make it into one by using the identity  $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ . Plugging in  $\theta = \arccos x$ , this identity becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2(\arccos x) + \cos^2(\arccos x) &= 1 \\ \sin^2(\arccos x) + x^2 &= 1 \\ \sin^2(\arccos x) &= 1 - x^2 \\ \sin(\arccos x) &= \sqrt{1 - x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(This could also be discovered by drawing a right triangle with an angle  $\theta$  such that  $\cos \theta = x$ .) Therefore,

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx}(\arccos x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}}.$$

**Bonus problem #2:** What can you deduce about the expression  $\arccos x + \arcsin x$ ?

Since  $\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$ , the previous equation implies that  $\frac{d}{dx}(\arccos x + \arcsin x) = 0$ . Therefore,  $\arccos x + \arcsin x$  must be a constant.