

Quiz 7 – MA 123F – Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010

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Show your work.

(1) Differentiate $\log_2\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$.

(2) Differentiate x^{x^2} .

(3) Use the linear approximation of $f(x) = \ln(1 + 2x)$ at $x = 0$ to estimate $\ln(1.02)$.

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$$(1) \log_2\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) = \log_2(1+x) - \log_2(1-x)$$

$$\text{so } \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) = \frac{1}{(1+x)\ln(2)} - \frac{1}{(1-x)\ln(2)} \cdot (-1) = \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \left(\frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{1-x} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \left(\frac{1-x+1+x}{1-x^2} \right) = \frac{2}{\ln(2)(1-x^2)}$$

$$(2) \text{ ~~Let~~ } y = x^{x^2} \text{ Then } \ln(y) = \ln(x^{x^2}) = x^2 \ln(x)$$

$$\text{so } \frac{1}{y} y' = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln(x) \cdot 2x = x(1+2\ln(x))$$

$$\text{so } y' = yx(1+2\ln(x)) = x^{x^2} x(1+2\ln(x)) = \boxed{x^{(x^2+1)}(1+2\ln(x))}$$

$$(3) f(x) = \ln(1+2x). \text{ Near } x=0, f(x) \approx f(0) + f'(0)(x-0)$$

$$f(0) = \ln(1) = 0, \quad f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+2x} \cdot 2$$

$$\text{so } f'(0) = \frac{2}{1+0} = 2$$

$$\text{~~so~~ } \text{so } \underline{\underline{f(x) \approx 2x}}$$

$$1.02 = 1 + 2 \cdot 0.01 \quad \text{so } \ln(1.02) \approx 2 \cdot 0.01$$
$$\approx \boxed{0.02}$$