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Math 201 - Quiz #3

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1. Compute the derivative for each of the following. Full simplification is not necessary, but your final answer should not have any derivatives.

(a) $f(x) = 5x^3 - 2e^x + 10$

answer:

$$f'(x) = 15x^2 - 2e^x$$

(b) $g(t) = 2e + \ln(\pi) - 2$
constant

answer:

$$g'(t) = 0$$

(c) $y = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{x^{1/2}}{x^2 + 1}$
 \uparrow quotient rule: $y' = \frac{(x^2 + 1) \frac{d}{dx}(x^{1/2}) - x^{1/2} (\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 1))}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$
 $y' = \frac{(x^2 + 1)(\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}) - x^{1/2}(2x)}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$

answer:

(d) $y = e^x(\sqrt[3]{x}) + 1 = e^x(x^{1/3}) + 1$
 \uparrow product rule: $y' = e^x \frac{d}{dx}(x^{1/3}) + \frac{d}{dx}(e^x)x^{1/3} + 0$
 $y' = e^x(\frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}) + e^x(x^{1/3})$

answer:

2. Find an equation for the tangent line to $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ through the point (4, 2).

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{1/2} \rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \quad \text{so } f'(4) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

point: (4, 2)

slope: $m = 1/4$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{point: } (4, 2) \\ \text{slope: } m = 1/4 \end{array} \right\} \quad y - 2 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 4)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4}x - 1 + 2$$

answer:

$$y = \frac{1}{4}x + 1$$