

Brief solutions to Quiz 4

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1. (40 pts) Evaluate the derivative of $(\sin x)^{\tan x} + x^{\log_2(x)}$, where $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Ans:

Start with

$$(\sin x)^{\tan x} + x^{\log_2(x)} = (e^{\ln(\sin x)})^{\tan x} + (e^{\ln x})^{\log_2 x} = e^{\tan x \ln(\sin x)} + e^{\ln x \log_2 x} = e^{\tan x \ln(\sin x)} + e^{\frac{\ln^2 x}{\ln 2}}$$

and proceed with The Chain Rule:

$$(e^{f(x)} + e^{g(x)})' = e^{f(x)} f'(x) + e^{g(x)} g'(x).$$

A common mistake:

$$\ln(F(x) + G(x)) = \ln F(x) + \ln G(x), \quad \text{Wrong!}$$

2. (42 pts) Write down domains and ranges of all six inverse trigonometric functions and their derivatives (need not derive them).

Ans:

Domains and ranges: See page 62 and page 201 of the textbook.

Derivatives: See page 205 of the textbook.

See also Lecture 10 note for all the answers.

3. (18 pts) Use the linear approximation formula for $(1+x)^k$ near $x=0$ to get an approximate value of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3.99}}$.

Ans:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{0.99}} = (4 - 0.01)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (4(1 - \frac{0.01}{4})^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \approx \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{0.01}{4}(\frac{-1}{2})) = 0.500625$$