

Exam 2 Practice Problems

1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

(a) $y = 50 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/9}$

(b) $y = \frac{e^{3x}}{(1+x^2)^2}$

(c) $y = 2^{5x} \ln(1-x^2)$

(d) $y = \ln \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{e^2}{x(2x+7)^4}} \right)$

2. Suppose $C(q)$ is the cost that a company must pay to produce q units. If $C(1,250) = 3,600$ and $C'(1,250) = 2.4$, approximately how much would it cost the company to produce 1,300 units?

3. A company has the following cost and demand functions.

$$C(q) = 84 + 1.26q - .01q^2 + .00007q^3, \quad p = 3.5 - .01q$$

(a) If the price of each unit is \$1.20, how many units will be sold?

(b) Determine the production level that will maximize profit for the company.

4. Evaluate $\log_4 \left(\frac{1}{16} \right)$ and $\log_9(3)$.

5. Give an equation for the tangent line to the curve

$$2(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 25(x^2 - y^2)$$

at the point $(3, 1)$.

6. How much money would need to be deposited into an account that earns 6% annual interest compounded quarterly so that it is worth \$15,000 in 5 years?

7. How long will it take an investment to double if it earns 5% annual interest compounded continuously?

8. Suppose a radioactive material takes 3 years to decay to 99% of its original mass. Find the half-life of this material. Assume that the mass of the radioactive material obeys the law of natural growth.

9. A ladder 10 ft long rests against a vertical wall. If the bottom of the ladder slides away from the wall at a rate of 1 ft/s, how fast is the top of the ladder sliding down the wall when the bottom of the ladder is 6 ft from the wall?

10. Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 4}$ on the interval $[0, 3]$.

11. Consider the function $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 2$.

(a) Find the intervals on which f is increasing/decreasing.

(b) Find the local maximum and minimum values of f .

(c) Find the intervals of concavity and the inflection points.