

Calc I, HW #5  
Selected solutions

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Use the Chain Rule to prove the following:

- a) The derivative of an odd function is an even function
- b) The derivative of an even function is an odd function

a) If  $f$  is even then

$$f(x) = f(-x)$$

So differentiate both sides:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[f(-x)]$$

$$\text{let } u = -x$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[f(u)]$$

$$\text{and } y = f(u)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

then by the chain rule

$$f'(x) = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$f'(x) = f'(u)(-1)$$

$$f'(x) = -f'(-x)$$

But this says  $f'$  is odd.

b) If  $f$  is odd, then  $f(x) = -f(-x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[-f(-x)]$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{d}{dx}[f(-x)]$$

$$f'(x) = -(-f'(-x)) \text{ as in (a)}$$

$$f'(x) = f'(-x)$$

So  $f'$  is even.

3.6: 40 Prove using implicit differentiation on  $y^q = x^p$  that  $\frac{d}{dx} [x^{\frac{p}{q}}] = \frac{p}{q} x^{\frac{p}{q}-1}$ .

pf We know  $y = f(x) = x^{\frac{p}{q}}$  if  $y^q = x^p$ .

We want to show  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p}{q} x^{\frac{p}{q}-1}$ .

So  $\frac{d}{dx} [y^q] = \frac{d}{dx} [x^p]$

let  $u = y^q$ , Then we have  $\frac{du}{dx} = px^{p-1}$

By the chain rule,

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{du}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = px^{p-1}$$

$$qy^{q-1} \frac{dy}{dx} = px^{p-1}$$

But  $y = x^{p/q}$  so sub in:

$$q(x^{p/q})^{q-1} \frac{dy}{dx} = px^{p-1}$$

now solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p}{q} \frac{x^{p-1}}{(x^{p/q})^{q-1}} = \frac{p}{q} \frac{x^{p-1}}{(x^{\frac{p(q-1)}{q}})}$$

by exponent property  $(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$

$$= \frac{p}{q} [x^{(p-1) - \frac{p}{q}(q-1)}]$$

by exponent property

$$= \frac{p}{q} [x^{\frac{(p-1)q}{q} - \frac{p(q-1)}{q}}]$$

$$\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$$

adding fractions

$$= \frac{p}{q} [x^{\frac{(pq-q) - (pq-p)}{q}}]$$

distributing

$$= \frac{p}{q} [x^{-\frac{q+p}{q}}] = \frac{p}{q} x^{\frac{p}{q}-1}$$

✓ simplifying

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A particle moves along x axis and

$$x(t) = \frac{t}{1+t^2} \quad t \geq 0, \quad t = \text{seconds}, \quad x = \text{meters.}$$

a) Find acceleration at time t. When is it 0?

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{t}{1+t^2} \right] = \frac{\frac{d}{dt}[t](1+t^2) - t \frac{d}{dt}(1+t^2)}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1(1+t^2) - t(2t)}{1+2t^2+t^4} = \frac{-t^2+1}{t^4+2t^2+1}$$

$$\text{acc} = \frac{d(\text{velocity})}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{-t^2+1}{t^4+2t^2+1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\frac{d}{dt}[-t^2+1](t^4+2t^2+1) - (-t^2+1) \frac{d}{dt}(t^4+2t^2+1)}{(t^4+2t^2+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(-2t)(t^4+2t^2+1) - (1-t^2)(4t^3+4t)}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2t^5 - 4t^3 - 2t - 4t^3 - 4t + 4t^5 + 4t^3}{(1+t^2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{2t(t^4 - 2t^2 - 3)}{(1+t^2)^4}$$

This = 0 if the numerator does:

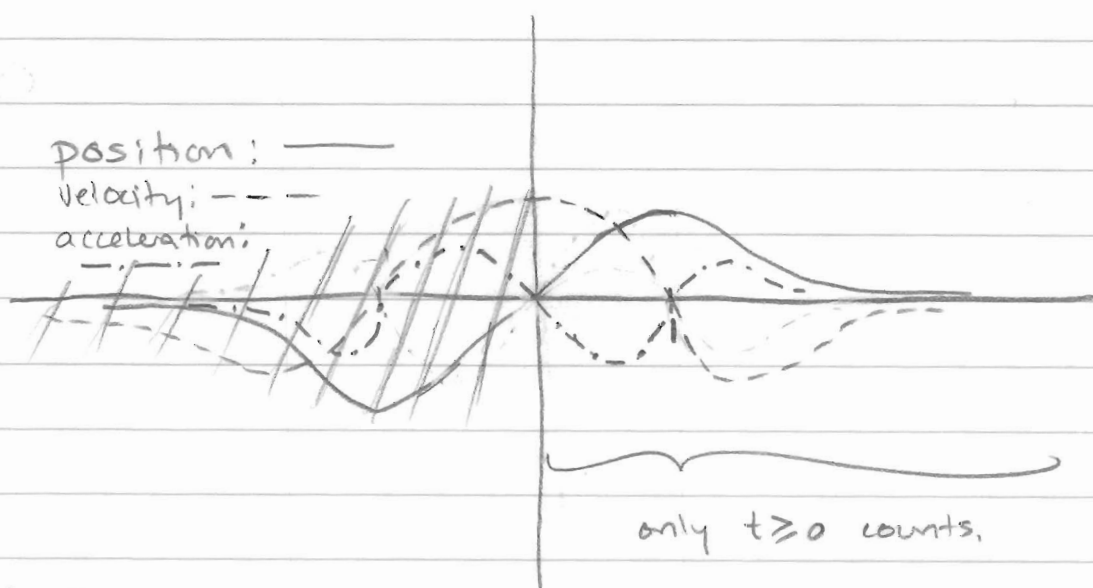
$$2t(t^4 - 2t^2 - 3) = 0$$

This happens if  $t=0$  or if  $(t^4 - 2t^2 - 3) = 0$ .  
 Let  $u = t^2$ . Then the second equation is  
 $3u^2 - 2u - 3 = 0$

$$u = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 4 \cdot 3}}{6} = \frac{2 \pm 4}{6} = 1 \text{ or } -\frac{1}{3} \quad \begin{array}{l} t^2 = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ not} \\ \text{so } t^2 = 1 \text{ if} \\ t = \pm 1 \end{array}$$

So the acceleration is 0 if  $t=0, 1, -1$ ;  
 but  $t \geq 0$ , so we only get  $t=0$  or  $t=1$   
 as solutions.

b) Use a graphing calculator for this:



c) The particle starts out heading right.  
 Its velocity is positive, but decreasing. Thus  
 it is slowing down (velocity getting closer to 0).  
 At  $t=1$ , its velocity is 0. Then it turns around  
 and heads the other way.

$$2t(t^4 - 2t^2 - 3) = 0.$$

This happens if  $t=0$  or if  $(t^4 - 2t^2 - 3) = 0$ .

Let  $u = t^2$ . Then the second equation becomes

$$u^2 - 2u - 3 = 0, \text{ i.e. } (u-3)(u+1) = 0, \text{ so}$$

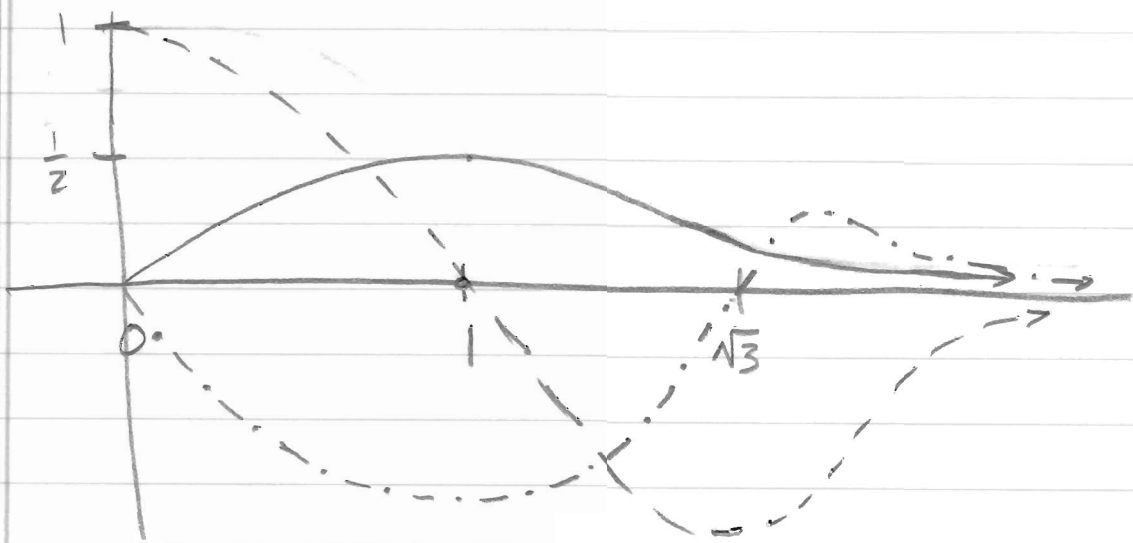
$$u = 3 \text{ or } -1. \text{ so } t^2 = 3 \text{ if } t = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$t^2 = -1 \text{ never.}$$

So the possible  $t$  are 0 and  $\sqrt{3}$ , since the problem specifies  $t \geq 0$ .

So the acceleration is 0 if  $t = 0$  or  $\sqrt{3}$ .

b) Use a graphing calculator for this.



$$\text{—————} = x(t)$$

$$\text{-----} = x'(t)$$

$$\text{-.-.-.-} = x''(t)$$

c) The particle is travelling forward (right) for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . It is slowing down this whole time. (Its velocity is getting closer to 0).  
 The particle is travelling backwards (left) for  $1 \leq t < \infty$ . At first it is speeding up (its velocity is getting further from 0), but after  $t = \sqrt{3}$ , it starts slowing down (its velocity begins to come back towards 0).

We see:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{If velocity} > 0 \text{ and acc} > 0 \\ \text{or velocity} < 0 \text{ and acc} < 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{speeding up}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if velocity} > 0 \text{ and acc} < 0 \\ \text{or velocity} < 0 \text{ and acc} > 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{slowing down}$

i.e. Speeding up if velocity & acceleration have the same sign  
Slowing down if they have opposite signs.

3.7: 6b

a) If  $F(x) = f(x)g(x)$  where  $f$  and  $g$  have derivatives of all orders, then

$$F''(x) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} [f(x)g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} (f(x)g(x)) \right]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]g(x) + f(x) \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)] \right]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]g(x) + \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)]$$

$$+ \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)] + f(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)] \right]$$

$$= f''(x)g(x) + f'(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g'(x) + f(x)g''(x)$$

$$= f''(x)g(x) + 2f'(x)g'(x) + f(x)g''(x)$$

$$b) \frac{d^3}{dx^3} [f(x)g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [f''(x)g(x) + 2f'(x)g'(x) + f(x)g''(x)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} [f''(x)g(x)] + 2 \frac{d}{dx} [f'(x)g'(x)] + \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g''(x)]$$

$$= \left( \frac{d}{dx} [f''(x)]g(x) + f''(x) \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)] \right) + 2 \left[ \frac{d}{dx} [f'(x)]g'(x) + f'(x) \frac{d}{dx} [g'(x)] \right] + \left[ \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]g''(x) + f(x) \frac{d}{dx} [g''(x)] \right]$$

$$= f'''(x)g(x) + f''(x)g'(x) + 2(f''(x)g'(x) + 2f'(x)g''(x)) + f'(x)g''(x) + f(x)g'''(x)$$

$$= f^{(3)}(x)g(x) + 3f^{(2)}(x)g'(x) + 3f'(x)g^{(2)}(x) + f(x)g^{(3)}(x)$$

c) Notice this is the same form as for the binomial  $(x+y)^3 = x^3y^0 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + x^0y^3$

but where powers are replaced by derivatives.

So we guess  $F^{(n)}$  will look like

$(x+y)^n$  but with  $x$  replaced by  $f$

$y$  replaced by  $g$

powers replaced by derivatives

$n=0$					1
$n=1$			1	1	
$n=2$			1	2	1
$n=3$		1	3	3	1
$n=4$	1	4	6	4	1

eg, 
$$F^{(4)}(x) = f^{(4)}(x)g(x) + 4f^{(3)}(x)g'(x) + 6f^{(2)}(x)g^{(2)}(x) + 4f'(x)g^{(3)}(x) + f(x)g^{(4)}(x).$$

This turns out to be correct.