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Quiz Score: \_\_\_\_/10

Answer each question completely in the area below. Show all work and explain your reasoning. If the work is at all ambiguous, it is considered incorrect. No phones, calculators, or notes are allowed. Anyone found violating these rules will be asked to leave immediately. Point values are in the square to the left of the question. If there are any other issues, please ask the instructor.

- 4 1. Using **implicit differentiation**, find  $dy/dx$ :

$$y^7 + xy + x^5 = 1 + y e^{x^2}.$$

**Solution:** Here, we simply take the derivative of both sides of the equation, noting that we need product rule on the second term and the far right term:

$$7y^6 \frac{dy}{dx} + 1 \cdot y + x \frac{dy}{dx} + 5x^4 = y \frac{d}{dx} \{e^{x^2}\} + \frac{dy}{dx} e^{x^2}.$$

The important thing to note is that we obtain  $dy/dx$  terms because  $y$  is a function of  $x$ , a very important fact. Recall that  $\frac{d}{dx}\{e^u\} = u' \cdot e^u$ , leading us to:

$$\begin{aligned} 7y^6 \frac{dy}{dx} + y + x \frac{dy}{dx} + 5x^4 &= y(2x)e^{x^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} e^{x^2} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} [7y^6 + x - e^{x^2}] &= -y - 5x^4 + 2yx e^{x^2} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-y - 5x^4 + 2yx e^{x^2}}{7y^6 + x - e^{x^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

While we could maybe simplify, this answer is fine.

- 3] 2. Compute the derivative of the following function:

$$y = \cos^{-1}(x^2 + 1).$$

*Hint:* try applying  $\cos(\cdot)$  to both sides if you do not remember the formula for  $\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1}(u)$ .

**Solution:** Using the trick hinted at, we can apply  $\cos$  to both sides to yield:

$$\cos y = x^2 + 1,$$

which we can now perform implicit differentiation on to obtain:

$$-\sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

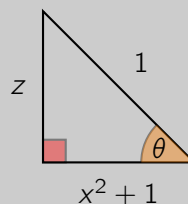
which suggests:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{\sin y}.$$

I said in class you need not simplify this but, on an exam, I may ask you to. What is  $\sin y$ ?

$$\sin y = \sin[\cos^{-1}(x^2 + 1)] = \sin \theta$$

We can figure out what this value is by constructing the following triangle:



Notice, we've constructed this triangle because we want  $\theta$  such that  $\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{x^2+1}{1}$ , that is, we want the angle such that the ratio of the adjacent and hypotenuse is  $(x^2 + 1)/1$ . From this right triangle, it's clear  $z = \sqrt{1^2 - (x^2 + 1)^2}$ . We also can deduce that  $\sin \theta = z/1 = \sqrt{1 - (x^2 + 1)^2}$  since  $\sin$  describes the ratio of the opposite side over the hypotenuse. Putting this all together, we finally have:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{\sqrt{1 - (x^2 + 1)^2}}.$$

Notice, this equation has no  $y$  terms, making it a preferred form, as we need only know  $x$  to evaluate the derivative.

3. Compute the derivative of the following function:

$$y = \ln(1 + xe^{-x}).$$

*Hint:* similar to the previous problem, try applying  $e^{(\cdot)}$  to both sides of the equation if you do not remember the formula for  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(u)$ .

**Solution:** Similar to the previous problem, let's apply  $e$  to both sides of the equation to yield:

$$e^y = 1 + xe^{-x}.$$

Now, we can take derivatives by yet again recalling that  $\frac{d}{dx}\{e^u\} = u' \cdot e^u$ . Also note that we need product rule on the second term:

$$e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \cdot e^{-x} + x(-1)e^{-x}$$

which suggests that:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{-x} - xe^{-x}}{e^y}.$$

Notice, we can simply more by observing that  $e^y = 1 + xe^{-x}$ , reducing our answer to:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{-x} - xe^{-x}}{1 + xe^{-x}},$$

which only has  $x$ 's in it, making it a preferable answer.