

Find the derivatives of the following functions:

1.  $f(x) = (x^3 - 3x^2 + 7)(x^4 - 2x^2 + 6x - 1),$

2.  $f(x) = (x^2 - e^{2x} + 1)(3x + 8),$

3.  $f(x) = x^2e^{-x} + 21\sqrt{x},$

4.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \ln(x) - e^{2x}(x^2 - 1).$

Find the derivative and sketch the curves of the functions below. Give the domain of each of the functions. List all maxima and minima for each graph. Also, give the  $x$  and  $y$ -intercepts and any asymptotes if they exist.

5.  $y = 3xe^{-0.02x},$

6.  $y = (x - 2)e^{-x},$

7.  $y = \frac{1}{x} \ln(x),$

8.  $y = (x^2 - 3)e^x,$

9.  $y = x^2 \ln(x).$

10. A tumor growing according to Gompertz's model satisfies the growth law

$$G(N) = N(0.8 - 0.04 \ln(N)) \text{ (cells/day)},$$

where  $N$  is the number of tumor cells and the time units are days.

- a. Find the equilibrium number of tumor cells by solving when  $G(N) = 0$ .
- b. Compute  $G'(N)$  and determine the population at which the maximum rate of growth of the tumor is occurring. What is the maximum growth rate (in cells/day)?

11. Many biologists in fishery management use Ricker's model to study the population of fish. A general expression for the growth of the population of fish is given by

$$R(P) = aPe^{-bP} - (h + 1)P,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are parameters that fit the population dynamics of the fish and  $h$  is the harvesting level of the fisheries. Suppose that the best fit to a set of data for the number of fish sampled from a particular river gives

$$R(P) = 5Pe^{-0.002P} - 1.5P,$$

where  $P$  is in fish/100 m of river and  $R(P)$  has units of fish/100 m/day.

- a. Find the equilibrium population of the fish by finding when  $R(P) = 0$ .
- b. Find the rate of change in the growth rate by computing  $R'(P)$ .
- c. Evaluate  $R'(P)$  at  $P = 200$ ,  $250$ , and  $300$ . What are the units for these calculations. Give a biological interpretation of these results.

12. The distribution of seeds from around a plant satisfies an exponential distribution. It is more likely to find seeds close to a plant than it is far away. Suppose that experimental measurements fitting the seed distribution radially from the plant satisfies

$$P(r) = 0.04r e^{-0.2r},$$

where  $P$  is the probability of finding a seed  $r$  meters from the plant. Find the distance  $r$  and the probability  $P(r)$  at which a seed is most likely to land. That is find the maximum probability from the function above. Sketch a graph of  $P(r)$  showing any intercepts, asymptotes, and local extrema.

13. When coughing, the windpipes contract to increase the velocity of air passing through the windpipe to help clear mucus. The velocity,  $v$ , at which the air flows through the windpipe depends on the radius,  $r$  of the windpipe. If  $R$  is the resting radius of the windpipe, then the velocity of air passing through the windpipe satisfies:

$$v(r) = Ar^2(R - r),$$

where  $A$  is a constant dependent on the strength of the diaphragm muscles. Find the value of  $r$  that maximizes the velocity of air and determine the velocity of the air flowing through the windpipe.