Spring 2015

1. Consider $f(x) = x^4 + 7x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 3$. The derivative is a straight application of the power rule.

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 + (7 \cdot 3)x^2 - (2 \cdot 2)x - 4 = 4x^3 + 21x^2 - 4x - 4.$$

2. Begin by writing h(t) in powers of t.

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

$$h'(t) = 3t^2 - 5 - (-2)t^{-3} = 3t^2 - 5 + \frac{2}{t^3}.$$

3. Begin by writing p(z) in powers of z.

$$p(z) = z^{\frac{1}{3}} + 4.7z^{2} - 7\sqrt{z^{5}} = z^{\frac{1}{3}} + 4.7z^{2} - 7z^{\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$p'(z) = \frac{1}{3}z^{-\frac{2}{3}} + 2 \cdot 4.7z - \frac{5}{2} \cdot 7z^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}z^{-\frac{2}{3}} + 9.4z - \frac{35\sqrt{z^{3}}}{2}.$$

4. Begin by writing q(w) in powers of w.

$$q(w) = 3w^{-0.4} + 2.1w^5 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{w}} = 3w^{-0.4} + 2.1w^5 - 2w^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$q'(w) = -0.4 \cdot 3w^{-1.4} + 5 \cdot 2.1w^4 - \frac{-1}{2} \cdot 2w^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$
$$= -1.2w^{-1.4} + 10.5w^4 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{w^3}}.$$

5. Begin by writing g(x) in powers of x.

$$g(x) = A - \frac{B}{x^3} + \frac{C}{\sqrt{x}} - Dx^4 = A - Bx^{-3} + Cx^{-\frac{1}{2}} - Dx^4$$
$$g'(x) = -(-3) \cdot Bx^{-4} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot Cx^{-\frac{3}{2}} - 4 \cdot Dx^3$$
$$= \frac{3B}{x^4} - \frac{C}{2\sqrt{x^3}} - 4Dx^3.$$

6. a. The child's height satisfies h(a) = 6.46a + 72.34, so by the power rule:

$$\frac{dh}{da} = h'(a) = 6.46 \text{ cm/yr},$$

which is constant. The growth rate is 6.46 cm/yr at all ages, including ages 2 and 6.

b. Since the growth rate is constant, the predicted height at age 11 is 135 + 6.46 = 141.46 cm.

7. Since $N = 3A^{\frac{1}{3}}$, the derivative is

$$N'(A) = 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)A^{-\frac{2}{3}} = A^{-\frac{2}{3}}.$$

For the three different areas,

$$N'(64) = 64^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{64^2}} = \frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{16}$$
$$N'(125) = 125^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{125^2}} = \frac{1}{5^2} = \frac{1}{25}$$
$$N'(1000) = 1000^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1000^2}} = \frac{1}{10^2} = \frac{1}{100}$$

The graph of the derivative is shown below to the left.



8. a. The height of the ball satisfies $h(t) = 128 + 32t - 16t^2$, so the velocity is

$$v(t) = h'(t) = 32 - 32t$$

The maximum height occurs when v(t) = 0. But v(t) = 32 - 32t = 0 implies t = 1. Thus, $h(1) = 128 + 32(1) - 16(1)^2 = 144$ ft is the maximum height of the ball. At t = 2 the velocity is v(2) = 32 - 32(2) = -32 ft/sec. At t = 4 the velocity is v(4) = 32 - 32(4) = -96 ft/sec.

b. The graph of the height is shown above to the right. The ball hits the ground when h(t) = 0, so

$$h(t) = 128 + 32t - 16t^{2} = -16(t^{2} - 2t - 8) = -16(t - 4)(t + 2) = 0.$$

It follows that t = -2 or t = 4. Thus, the ball hits the ground at t = 4.

9. a. Since $h(t) = -16t^2 + Vt + 12$, the velocity is v(t) = h'(t) = -32t + V by the power rule. b. The velocity is zero when $-32t_{max} + V = 0$ or $t_{max} = \frac{V}{32}$. c. Substituting $t_{max} = \frac{V}{32}$ into the equation for the height of the cat gives

$$h\left(\frac{V}{32}\right) = -16\left(\frac{V}{32}\right)^2 + V\left(\frac{V}{32}\right) + 12 = 16.$$

which gives

$$-\frac{V^2}{64} + \frac{V^2}{32} = 4$$
 or $\frac{V^2}{64} = 4.$

Thus, the initial velocity needs to be V = 16 ft/sec, so v(t) = -32t + 16. The velocity at t = 1 sec is v(1) = -32(1) + 16 = -16 ft/sec.

d. With this information, when the cat hits the ground,

$$h(t) = -16t^{2} + 16t + 12 = -4(4t^{2} - 4t - 3) = -4(2t - 3)(2t + 1) = 0.$$

It follows that either $t = \frac{3}{2}$ or $-\frac{1}{2}$ with the latter not being appropriate. Thus, the cat hits the ground at $t = \frac{3}{2}$ sec with a velocity of v(1.5) = -32(1.5) + 16 = -32 ft/sec.

10. a. The population growth is zero at

$$g(P_e) = 0.04P_e\left(1 - \frac{P_e}{800}\right) = 0,$$

 $P_e = 0$ (extinction equilibrium) and $P_e = 800$ (carrying capacity).

b. Begin by writing g(P) in powers of x.

$$g(P) = 0.04P - \frac{0.04P^2}{800},$$

$$g'(P) = 0.04 - \frac{0.04 \cdot 2P}{800}$$

$$= 0.04 - 0.0001P.$$

This has a maximum where g' = 0 at P = 400 with g(400) = 8 individuals/day. This means that the highest growth occurs when there are 400 insects, producing 8 new individuals/day. The graph is shown below on the left.



11. a. Since the body temperature satisfies $T(t) = -0.01t^3 + 0.285t^2 - 1.80t + 15$, the power rule gives the rate of change of body temperature as

$$T'(t) = -0.01 \cdot 3t^2 + 0.285 \cdot 2t - 1.8 = -0.03t^2 + 0.57t - 1.8$$

b. At midnight, $T'(0) = -0.03(0)^2 + 0.57(0) - 1.8 = -1.8^{\circ}C/hr$. At 4 AM, $T'(4) = -0.03(4)^2 + 0.57(4) - 1.8 = 0^{\circ}C/hr$. At 8 AM, $T'(8) = -0.03(8)^2 + 0.57(8) - 1.8 = 0.84^{\circ}C/hr$. At noon, $T'(12) = -0.03(12)^2 + 0.57(12) - 1.8 = 0.72^{\circ}C/hr$. At 4 PM, $T'(16) = -0.03(16)^2 + 0.57(16) - 1.8 = -0.36^{\circ}C/hr$.

The fastest increase in body temperature is at 8 AM, while the most rapid cooling is at midnight (of the given times). The graph is shown above to the right.