## NIE-MPI: Tutorial 5

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## 5.1 Functions

**Exercise 5.1.** Let f(x) = sin(x) and  $g(x) = (x-3)^3$ . Find a formula for the following composite functions:

- (a)  $(f \circ g)(x)$ ,
- (b)  $(g \circ f)(x)$ ,
- (c)  $(f \circ g^{-1})(x)$ ,
- (d)  $(g^{-1} \circ f)(x)$ .

## 5.2 Derivatives

Exercise 5.2. Find the derivative of the following functions:

- (a)  $(x^4 + 3x^3)x^8$ ,
- (b)  $e^{2x}$ ,
- (c)  $\frac{x+3}{x^2}$ ,
- (d)  $\ln((x+4)^{15})$ ,
- (e)  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x$ ,
- (f)  $xe^{2x}$ ,
- (g)  $e^{x^2}$ ,
- (h)  $x^x$ .

**Exercise 5.3.** Let P be the set of all real polynomials. Is the set P closed under differentiation? In other words: is is true that  $p \in P \implies p' \in P$ ?

**Exercise 5.4.** Let  $p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k x^k$  be a polynomial of degree n (i.e.,  $a_n \neq 0$ ), where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Find the n-th derivative  $p^{(n)}$ .

**Exercise 5.5.** Find the n-th derivative of  $\sin x$ . Try to express the result as simply as possible.

## 5.3 Partial derivative

Exercise 5.6. Find the following partial derivatives:

(a)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  for

$$f(x,y) = xy + e^x \cos y,$$

(b)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  for

$$f(x,y) = x^2y^3 + x^3y^4 - e^{xy^2},$$

(c) find the value of  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$  at point (1,2,3) for

$$f(x, y, z) = \sin\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right),$$

(d)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  for

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

(e)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  for

$$f(x,y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2 + 1),$$

(f)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  for

$$f(x,y) = \frac{1}{x^3 + y^3}.$$

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**Exercise 5.7.** Find  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$  for:

(a)  $f(x,y) = x^2y^2$ ,

(b)  $f(x,y) = \sin(xy)$ ,

(c)  $f(x,y) = xy^2 - ye^{-x} - \cos(x-y)$ .

**Exercise 5.8.** Find the mixed partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  for:

(a)  $f(x, y, z) = e^{xz} + y \cos x,$ 

(b)  $f(x, y, z) = z \cos(xy) + x \sin(yz)$ .