Quiz 4.2: Sample Answers

1. Find the derivative of $y = \cos(e^{9x})$.

Using chain rule, we get:

$$y' = -\sin(e^{9x})(e^{9x})' = -\sin(e^{9x})(9e^{9x})$$

2. Find the derivative of $y = (e^{-6x})(\sin 6x)$.

Using product rule, we get:

$$y' = (e^{-6x})(\sin 6x)' + (e^{-6x})'(\sin 6x)$$

Then using chain rule for each derivative, we get

$$y' = (e^{-6x})(6\cos 6x) + (-6e^{-6x})(\sin 6x)$$

3. Find the derivative of $y = (x^6 + x)^4$.

Using the power rule, we get:

$$y' = 4(x^6 + x)^3(x^6 + x)'$$

= 4(x⁶ + x)³(6x⁵ + 1)

4. Find the equation of the tangent line to $y = e^x \cos 6x - 2$ at the point (0, -1).

We first find the derivative using product rule then chain rule:

$$y' = (e^x)(\cos 6x)' + (e^x)'(\cos 6x) = (e^x)(-6\sin 6x) + (e^x)(\cos 6x)$$

So, substituting x = 0, we get the slope of the tangent line as

$$m = (e^{0})(-6\sin 6(0)) + (e^{0})(\cos 6(0)) = (1)(0) + (1)(1) = 1$$

We then substitute x = 0, y = -1, and m = 1 into y = mx + b to get b = -1. So the equation of the tangent line is y = x - 1.

5. Find the velocity at time t of a vibrating string whose displacement is given by the equation $s = 9 + \frac{1}{3}\sin(9\pi t)$.

We simply have to find the derivative:

$$s'(t) = \frac{1}{3}(\cos 9\pi t)(9\pi t)' = \frac{1}{3}(\cos 9\pi t)(9\pi) = 3\pi\cos 9\pi t$$

So the velocity at time t is $3\pi \cos 9\pi t$.

6. Find the derivative of $f(x) = \sin(2\cos x)$.

We use chain rule:

$$f'(x) = \cos(2\cos x)(2\cos x)' = \cos(2\cos x)(-2\sin x)$$