
AP AB Calculus

Derivatives

Multiple Choice

Years: 1969-2008

Hopkins

2008
(A) $6x(x^2+2)^2$

(B) $6x(x-1)(x^2+2)^2$

(C) $(x^2+2)^2(x^2+3x-1)$

(D) $(x^2+2)^2(7x^2-6x+2)$

(E) $-3(x-1)(x^2+2)^2$

2008
8. If $f(x) = \cos(3x)$, then $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) =$

(A) $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(B) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(C) $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(D) $-\frac{3}{2}$

(E) $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

2012 AP[®] CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

2012 FR #4A
4. The function f is defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$ for $-5 \leq x \leq 5$.

(a) Find $f'(x)$.

AP Calculus 2008 Multiple Choice

2008
12. If $f(x) = e^{(2/x)}$, then $f'(x) =$

(A) $2e^{(2/x)} \ln x$

(B) $e^{(2/x)}$

(C) $e^{(-2/x^2)}$

(D) $-\frac{2}{x^2} e^{(2/x)}$

(E) $-2x^2 e^{(2/x)}$

2009
13. If $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$, then $\frac{d}{dx}(f(\ln x)) =$

(A) $\frac{2 \ln x + 2}{x}$

(B) $2x \ln x + 2$

(C) $2 \ln x + 2$

(D) $2 \ln x + \frac{2}{x}$

(E) $\frac{2x+2}{x}$

2008
26. What is the slope of the line tangent to the curve $y = \arctan(4x)$ at the point at which

$x = \frac{1}{4}$?

(A) 2

(B) $\frac{1}{2}$

(C) 0

(D) $-\frac{1}{2}$

(E) -2

1969 5. If $3x^2 + 2xy + y^2 = 2$, then the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x=1$ is

- (A) -2 (B) 0 (C) 2 (D) 4 (E) not defined

1969 17. The graph of $y = 5x^4 - x^5$ has a point of inflection at

- (A) (0,0) only (B) (3,162) only (C) (4,256) only
(D) (0,0) and (3,162) (E) (0,0) and (4,256)

1969 18. If $f(x) = 2 + |x-3|$ for all x , then the value of the derivative $f'(x)$ at $x=3$ is

- (A) -1 (B) 0 (C) 1 (D) 2 (E) nonexistent

26. What is the slope of the line tangent to the curve $3y^2 - 2x^2 = 6 - 2xy$ at the point (3, 2)?

- (A) 0 (B) $\frac{4}{9}$ (C) $\frac{7}{9}$ (D) $\frac{6}{7}$ (E) $\frac{5}{3}$

6. If $x^2 + xy = 10$, then when $x=2$, $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- 1958 (A) $-\frac{7}{2}$ (B) -2 (C) $\frac{2}{7}$ (D) $\frac{3}{2}$ (E) $\frac{7}{2}$

16. If $\sin(xy) = x$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- 1998 (A) $\frac{1}{\cos(xy)}$
(B) $\frac{1}{x \cos(xy)}$
(C) $\frac{1 - \cos(xy)}{\cos(xy)}$
(D) $\frac{1 - y \cos(xy)}{x \cos(xy)}$
(E) $\frac{y(1 - \cos(xy))}{x}$

1988
9. If $x + 2xy - y^2 = 2$, then at the point $(1, 1)$, $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is

(A) $\frac{3}{2}$

(B) $\frac{1}{2}$

(C) 0

(D) $-\frac{3}{2}$

(E) nonexistent

13. If $x^2 + xy + y^3 = 0$, then, in terms of x and y , $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

1985
(A) $-\frac{2x+y}{x+3y^2}$

(B) $-\frac{x+3y^2}{2x+y}$

(C) $\frac{-2x}{1+3y^2}$

(D) $\frac{-2x}{x+3y^2}$

(E) $-\frac{2x+y}{x+3y^2-1}$

4. If $x^3 + 3xy + 2y^3 = 17$, then in terms of x and y , $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

(A) $-\frac{x^2+y}{x+2y^2}$

1993
(B) $-\frac{x^2+y}{x+y^2}$

(C) $-\frac{x^2+y}{x+2y}$

(D) $-\frac{x^2+y}{2y^2}$

(E) $\frac{-x^2}{1+2y^2}$

9. If $xy^2 + 2xy = 8$, then, at the point $(1, 2)$, y' is

(A) $-\frac{5}{2}$

(B) $-\frac{4}{3}$

(C) -1

(D) $-\frac{1}{2}$

(E) 0

23. $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\int_0^{x^2} \sin(t^3) dt \right) =$

2003
(A) $-\cos(x^6)$

(B) $\sin(x^3)$

(C) $\sin(x^6)$

(D) $2x \sin(x^3)$

(E) $2x \sin(x^6)$

24. If $\sin x = e^y$, $0 < x < \pi$, what is $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x ?

- (A) $-\tan x$ (B) $-\cot x$ (C) $\cot x$ (D) $\tan x$ (E) $\csc x$

20. If $y = \arctan(\cos x)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

1985 (A) $\frac{-\sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x}$

(B) $-(\operatorname{arcsec}(\cos x))^2 \sin x$

(C) $(\operatorname{arcsec}(\cos x))^2$

(D) $\frac{1}{(\arccos x)^2 + 1}$

(E) $\frac{1}{1 + \cos^2 x}$

7. $\frac{d}{dx} \cos^2(x^3) =$

1997 (A) $6x^2 \sin(x^3) \cos(x^3)$

(B) $6x^2 \cos(x^3)$

(C) $\sin^2(x^3)$

(D) $-6x^2 \sin(x^3) \cos(x^3)$

(E) $-2 \sin(x^3) \cos(x^3)$

18. $\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin 2x) =$

1973 (A) $\frac{-1}{2\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$

(B) $\frac{-2}{\sqrt{4x^2-1}}$

(C) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$

(D) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$

(E) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{4x^2-1}}$

9. If $y = \cos^2 3x$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

73 (A) $-6 \sin 3x \cos 3x$

(B) $-2 \cos 3x$

(C) $2 \cos 3x$

(D) $6 \cos 3x$

(E) $2 \sin 3x \cos 3x$

18. If $y = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$, then $y' =$

- 1985 (A) -1 (B) 0 (C) $-2\sin(2x)$ (D) $-2(\cos x + \sin x)$ (E) $2(\cos x - \sin x)$
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8. If $y = \tan x - \cot x$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- 1993 (A) $\sec x \csc x$ (B) $\sec x - \csc x$ (C) $\sec x + \csc x$ (D) $\sec^2 x - \csc^2 x$ (E) $\sec^2 x + \csc^2 x$
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14. If $y = x^2 \sin 2x$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- 2003 (A) $2x \cos 2x$
(B) $4x \cos 2x$
(C) $2x(\sin 2x + \cos 2x)$
(D) $2x(\sin 2x - x \cos 2x)$
(E) $2x(\sin 2x + x \cos 2x)$

16. If $f(x) = \sin(e^{-x})$, then $f'(x) =$

- 1998 (A) $-\cos(e^{-x})$
(B) $\cos(e^{-x}) + e^{-x}$
(C) $\cos(e^{-x}) - e^{-x}$
(D) $e^{-x} \cos(e^{-x})$
(E) $-e^{-x} \cos(e^{-x})$
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17. If $x^2 + y^2 = 25$, what is the value of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at the point $(4, 3)$?

- 1997 (A) $-\frac{25}{27}$ (B) $-\frac{7}{27}$ (C) $\frac{7}{27}$ (D) $\frac{3}{4}$ (E) $\frac{25}{27}$
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2. If $f(x) = (2x+1)^4$, then the 4th derivative of $f(x)$ at $x=0$ is

- 1985 (A) 0 (B) 24 (C) 48 (D) 240 (E) 384

3. If $y = \frac{3}{4+x^2}$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- 1985 (A) $\frac{-6x}{(4+x^2)^2}$ (B) $\frac{3x}{(4+x^2)^2}$ (C) $\frac{6x}{(4+x^2)^2}$ (D) $\frac{-3}{(4+x^2)^2}$ (E) $\frac{3}{2x}$

1. If $y = (x^3 + 1)^2$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- 303 (A) $(3x^2)^2$ (B) $2(x^3 + 1)$ (C) $2(3x^2 + 1)$ (D) $3x^2(x^3 + 1)$ (E) $6x^2(x^3 + 1)$

2. If $f(x) = x\sqrt{2x-3}$, then $f'(x) =$

(A) $\frac{3x-3}{\sqrt{2x-3}}$

4 (B) $\frac{x}{\sqrt{2x-3}}$

(C) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-3}}$

(D) $\frac{-x+3}{\sqrt{2x-3}}$

(E) $\frac{5x-6}{2\sqrt{2x-3}}$

4. If $y = \frac{2x+3}{3x+2}$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- 32 (A) $\frac{12x+13}{(3x+2)^2}$ (B) $\frac{12x-13}{(3x+2)^2}$ (C) $\frac{5}{(3x+2)^2}$ (D) $\frac{-5}{(3x+2)^2}$ (E) $\frac{2}{3}$

39. Let f and g be differentiable functions such that

$f(1) = 2,$ $f'(1) = 3,$ $f'(2) = -4,$

$g(1) = 2,$ $g'(1) = -3,$ $g'(2) = 5.$

30 If $h(x) = f(g(x))$, then $h'(1) =$

31. If $f(x) = e^{3\ln(x^2)}$, then $f'(x) =$

1993

- (A) $e^{3\ln(x^2)}$ (B) $\frac{3}{x^2}e^{3\ln(x^2)}$ (C) $6(\ln x)e^{3\ln(x^2)}$ (D) $5x^4$ (E) $6x^5$

22. $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln e^{2x}) =$

969

- (A) $\frac{1}{e^{2x}}$ (B) $\frac{2}{e^{2x}}$ (C) $2x$ (D) 1 (E) 2

11. $\frac{d}{dx}\ln\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right) =$

1985
BC

- (A) $\frac{1}{1-x}$ (B) $\frac{1}{x-1}$ (C) $1-x$ (D) $x-1$ (E) $(1-x)^2$

31. If $f(x) = \ln(\ln x)$, then $f'(x) =$

1973
BC

- (A) $\frac{1}{x}$ (B) $\frac{1}{\ln x}$ (C) $\frac{\ln x}{x}$ (D) x (E) $\frac{1}{x \ln x}$

17. If $f(x) = x \ln(x^2)$, then $f'(x) =$

1985
BC

- (A) $\ln(x^2)+1$ (B) $\ln(x^2)+2$ (C) $\ln(x^2)+\frac{1}{x}$ (D) $\frac{1}{x^2}$ (E) $\frac{1}{x}$

76. If $f(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{2x}$, then $f'(x) =$

1997

- (A) 1
(B) $\frac{e^{2x}(1-2x)}{2x^2}$
(C) e^{2x}
(D) $\frac{e^{2x}(2x+1)}{x^2}$
(E) $\frac{e^{2x}(2x-1)}{2x^2}$

2008
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82. A particle moves along a straight line with velocity given by $v(t) = 7 - (1.01)^{-t^2}$ at time $t \geq 0$. What is the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 3$?

- (A) -0.914 (B) 0.055 (C) 5.486 (D) 6.086 (E) 18.087

12. If $f(x) = \sin x$, then $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) =$

1588
(A) $-\frac{1}{2}$

(B) $\frac{1}{2}$

(C) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

(D) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(E) $\sqrt{3}$

9. If $f(x) = \ln(x + 4 + e^{-3x})$, then $f'(0)$ is

(A) $-\frac{2}{5}$

(B) $\frac{1}{5}$

(C) $\frac{1}{4}$

(D) $\frac{2}{5}$

(E) nonexistent

23. $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x} + x^2\right)$ at $x = -1$ is

1985
(A) -6

(B) -4

(C) 0

(D) 2

(E) 6

4. If $f(x) = -x^3 + x + \frac{1}{x}$, then $f'(-1) =$

1087
(A) 3

(B) 1

(C) -1

(D) -3

(E) -5

28. If $f(x) = \tan(2x)$, then $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) =$

998
(A) $\sqrt{3}$

(B) $2\sqrt{3}$

(C) 4

(D) $4\sqrt{3}$

(E) 8

24. If $f(x) = (x^2 - 2x - 1)^{\frac{2}{3}}$, then $f'(0)$ is

1993
(A) $\frac{4}{3}$

(B) 0

(C) $-\frac{2}{3}$

(D) $-\frac{4}{3}$

(E) -2

10. If $f(x) = (x-1)^2 \sin x$, then $f'(0) =$

1993
(A) -2

(B) -1

(C) 0

(D) 1

(E) 2