

Section 4.1

Solutions and Hints

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18. Find the given limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{3x} - e^{-3x}}{e^{3x} + e^{-3x}}$$

We know that $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = \infty$.
So we need to somehow “get rid of” the exponents $3x$ and $-3x$.
To do this we will divide everything by e^{-3x} .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{3x} - e^{-3x}}{e^{3x} + e^{-3x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{e^{3x}}{e^{-3x}} - \frac{e^{-3x}}{e^{-3x}} \right)}{\left(\frac{e^{3x}}{e^{-3x}} + \frac{e^{-3x}}{e^{-3x}} \right)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{6x} - 1}{e^{6x} + 1} \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{6x} - \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} 1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{6x} + \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} 1}, && \text{apply } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0 \\ &= \frac{0 - 1}{0 + 1} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{3x} - e^{-3x}}{e^{3x} + e^{-3x}} = -1$$

Notice if we had divided everything by e^{3x} we would have ended at $-\infty/\infty$ which does not help, thus we had to try something that resulted in a more definitive result.

28. Differentiate $f(x) = xe^{x^2}$

Given $f(x) = x * e^{x^2}$, we see $f(x)$ can be written as:

$$f(x) = g(x)*h(x), \text{ where } g(x) = x \text{ and } h(x) = e^{x^2}$$

Easily $g(x) = x \rightarrow g'(x) = 1$

However we must use the Chain Rule to find $h'(x)$:

Let the outer function be $O(\text{stuff}) = e^{\text{stuff}}$, with $\text{stuff} = x^2$.

$$\begin{array}{ll} O(\text{stuff}) = e^{\text{stuff}} & \text{stuff} = x^2 \\ O'(\text{stuff}) = e^{\text{stuff}} & \text{stuff}' = 2x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= O'(\text{stuff}) * \text{stuff}' \\ &= e^{\text{stuff}} * 2x && \text{put } x^2 \text{ in for stuff.} \\ &= e^{x^2} * 2x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } h'(x) = 2x * e^{x^2}$$

And by the Product Rule, $f'(x) = g'(x)*h(x) + g(x)*h'(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 1 * e^{x^2} + x * (2x * e^{x^2}) \\ &= e^{x^2} + 2x^2 * e^{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = e^{x^2} + 2x^2 * e^{x^2}$$

31. Differentiate the given function.

Given: $h(t) = \sqrt{1 - e^t}$

We see that the Chain Rule can be applied if we let the outer function, $O(\text{stuff})$ be the square root of stuff and $\text{stuff} = 1 - e^t$.

$$\begin{aligned} O(\text{stuff}) &= (\text{stuff})^{1/2} \\ O'(\text{stuff}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\text{stuff})^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{stuff} &= 1 - e^t \\ \text{stuff}' &= -e^t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(t) &= O'(\text{stuff}) * \text{stuff}' \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\text{stuff})^{-1/2} * (-e^t), \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^t)^{-1/2} * (-e^t) \end{aligned}$$

put $1 - e^t$ in for stuff

And $h'(t) = \frac{-e^t}{2\sqrt{1 - e^t}}$
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47. Show that the function $y = e^{2x} + e^{-3x}$ satisfies the differential equation: $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$.

To show this all you need to do is find y' and y'' . Put them (and y) into the given differential equation and simplify it (correctly) to 0.

Notice to find the derivative of $c \cdot e^{k \cdot x}$ we need to apply the chain rule with the outer function, $O(\text{stuff}) = c \cdot e^{\text{stuff}}$ and $\text{stuff} = k \cdot x$ which gives:

$$\begin{aligned} O(\text{stuff}) &= c \cdot e^{\text{stuff}} & \text{stuff} &= k \cdot x \\ O'(\text{stuff}) &= c \cdot e^{\text{stuff}} & \text{stuff}' &= k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } d/dx(c \cdot e^{k \cdot x}) &= O'(\text{stuff}) \cdot \text{stuff}' \\ &= c \cdot e^{\text{stuff}} \cdot k \\ &= c \cdot k \cdot e^{k \cdot x}. \end{aligned}$$

From that we know:

$$d/dx(e^{2x}) = 2 \cdot (e^{2x}), \quad c = 1 \text{ and } k = 2.$$

and

$$d/dx(e^{-3x}) = -3 \cdot (e^{-3x}), \quad c = 1 \text{ and } k = -3.$$

$$\text{So } y' = 2e^{2x} - 3e^{-3x}$$

$$\text{And } y'' = 4e^{2x} + 9e^{-3x} \quad c = 2 \text{ and } k = 2 \text{ and then } c = -3 \text{ and } k = -3.$$

Now we put everything into the given differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + y' - 6y &= (4e^{2x} + 9e^{-3x}) + (2e^{2x} - 3e^{-3x}) - 6 \cdot (e^{2x} + e^{-3x}) \\ &= 6e^{2x} + 6e^{-3x} - 6e^{2x} - 6e^{-3x} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

And we have shown $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$. So we are done.