

You must show all your work to receive credit.

1.] (2 pts) Differentiate the function; simplify your answer.

$$h(x) = (5x-1)^{-1/2} \quad h'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} (5x-1)^{-1/2-1} \cdot (5x-1)'$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (5x-1)^{-3/2} \cdot (5) = -\frac{5}{2} (5x-1)^{-3/2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{-5}{2\sqrt{(5x-1)^3}}$$

2.] (3 pts) Differentiate the function; fully simplify your answer (so that the numerator and denominator have no common factors).

$$f(x) = \frac{2x+5}{(1-2x)^3} \quad f'(x) = \frac{(2x+5)'(1-2x)^3 - (2x+5)[(1-2x)^3]'}{[(1-2x)^3]^2}$$

$$= \frac{2(1-2x)^3 - (2x+5)[3(1-2x)^2(1-2x)']}{(1-2x)^6} = \frac{2(1-2x)^3 - (2x+5)(3)(1-2x)^2(-2)}{(1-2x)^6}$$

$$= \frac{2(1-2x) - (2x+5)(-6)}{(1-2x)^4} = \frac{8x+32}{(1-2x)^4}$$

3.] (2pts) Does the tangent line to the graph of $f(x)$ ever become horizontal? Justify your answer. If 'yes', give some x value which makes the tangent line horizontal.

$$f(x) = (1 - \sqrt{x^5})^3 \quad f'(x) = 3(1-x^{5/2})^2 (1-x^{5/2})' = 3(1-x^{5/2})^2 \left(-\frac{5}{2} x^{3/2}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{15}{2} x^{3/2} (1-x^{5/2})^2$$

Yes, $x=0$ makes $f'(0) = -\frac{15}{2}(0)(1-0)^2 = 0$.

4.] (3pts) The equation below describes a curve; use implicit differentiation to find the slope of the tangent line at the point $(-\frac{1}{2}, -1)$. (Remember that y is a function of x)

$$y + \frac{x}{y} = x$$

We want y' evaluated at $(-\frac{1}{2}, -1)$: $x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = -1$

First find y' :

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y' + y^{-1} + x(-\frac{1}{y^2} y') = 1$$

$$y' + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{-x}{y^2} y' = 1$$

$$y' - \frac{x}{y^2} y' = 1 - \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{x}{y^2}\right) y' = 1 - \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad y' = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{y}}{1 - \frac{x}{y^2}} \quad \textcircled{4} \quad y' \Big|_{(-\frac{1}{2}, -1)} = \frac{1 - (-1)}{1 - \frac{(-1/2)}{(-1)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1 - (-1)}{1 - (-1/2)} = \frac{2}{1 + 1/2} = \frac{2}{3/2}$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3} = m \text{ tan}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left(y + \frac{x}{y}\right)' = (x)'$$

$$y' + (xy^{-1})' = 1$$

$$y' + (x'y^{-1} + x(y^{-1})') = 1$$