

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Worksheet 2.9—Derivatives of Exponential Functions

Show all work. No calculator unless otherwise stated.

Short AnswerFor 1 – 8, Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. You do not need to simplify your answers.

1. $y = e^{2x^2+2x}$

2. $y = 6^{2x}$

3. $y = \sin^2 x + 2^{\sin x}$

4. $y = xe^2 - e^{x^2}$

5. $y = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{4}$

6. $y = (2e^x - e^{-x})^3$

7. $y = 2^{-3/x}$

8. $5 = 3e^{xy} + x^2y + xy^2$

9. Find the equation of the indicated line to the graph of the given equation at the indicated point.

(a) $y = xe^x - e^x$ at $x = 1$, tangent line

(b) $xe^y + ye^x + 1 = 2e^x$ at $(0,1)$, normal line

10. Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ for $y = 2 \sin\left(4^{x^2}\right)$

11. (Calculator permitted) Find the point of the graph of $y = e^{-x}$ where the normal line to the curve passes through the origin. (Hint: write two different expressions for the slope of the normal line in terms of x , equate the two expressions, then solve for x . A sketch would help also.)

12. (Calculator permitted) Compare each of the following numbers with the number e . Is the number less than or greater than e ? BTW: $5!$ is read as “5 factorial” and is equal to $5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$. The factorial button is found on your TI calculator under “MATH,” “PRB,” “#4.”

(a) $\left(1 + \frac{1}{1,000,000}\right)^{1,000,000}$

(b) $\frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \frac{1}{6!}$

Multiple Choice

_____ 13. Find the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2e^{2x} + 5e^{-2x}}{e^{2x} - 4e^{-2x}} \right)$

(A) -2 (B) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (C) 2 (D) $-\frac{5}{4}$ (E) $\frac{1}{2}$

_____ 14. Determine $f'(x)$ when $f(x) = e^{\sqrt{3x+4}}$

(A) $f'(x) = \frac{3e^{\sqrt{3x+4}}}{\sqrt{3x+4}}$

(B) $f'(x) = \frac{3}{2}e^{\sqrt{3x+4}}\sqrt{3x+4}$

(C) $f'(x) = \frac{3e^{\sqrt{3x+4}}}{2\sqrt{3x+4}}$

(D) $f'(x) = 3e^{\sqrt{3x+4}}$

(E) $f'(x) = \frac{e^{\sqrt{3x+4}}}{2\sqrt{3x+4}}$

_____ 15. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \cos(e^x) + e^x \sin(e^x)$

(A) $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{2x} \sin(e^x)$

(B) $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{2x} \cos(e^x)$

(C) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -e^{2x} \cos(e^x)$

(D) $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \cos(e^x)$

(E) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -e^{2x} \sin(e^x)$

_____ 16. Determine all values of r for which the function $y = e^{rx}$ satisfies the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 8y = 0$$

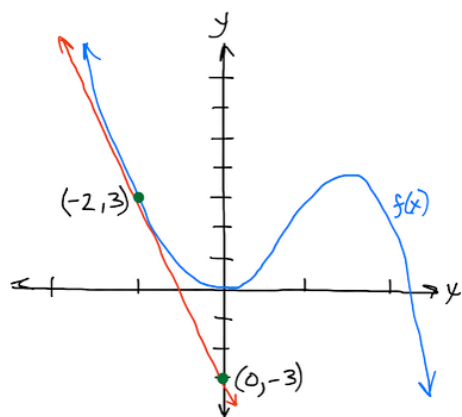
- (A) $r = 2, 4$
- (B) $r = -3, 5$
- (C) $r = -4, 2$
- (D) $r = -4, -2$
- (E) $r = -2, 4$

_____ 17. If f is the function defined by $f(x) = e^{2x} + 6e^{-2x}$, find the value of $f'(\ln 2)$.

- (A) 6
- (B) $\frac{9}{2}$
- (C) $\frac{11}{2}$
- (D) 5
- (E) $\frac{13}{2}$

_____ 18. If $f(x) = x^3 e^{2x}$, on what interval(s) is $f'(x) \geq 0$?

- (A) $(-\infty, 0] \cup \left[\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$
- (B) $\left(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2}\right]$
- (C) $\left(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2}\right] \cup [0, \infty)$
- (D) $\left[-\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$
- (E) $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{2}\right]$



_____ 19. The figure above shows the graph of the function f and the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = -2$. Let g be the function given by $g(x) = e^x \cdot f(x)$. What is the value of $g'(-2)$?

- (A) $\frac{6}{e^2}$ (B) 0 (C) $-\frac{3}{e^2}$ (D) $\frac{3}{e^2} - \frac{3}{e^3}$ (E) -3

_____ 20. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = 3x + 2^x$. If $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ for all x and the point $(0, 1)$ is on the graph of f , what is the value of $g'(1)$?

- (A) $\frac{1}{3}$ (B) $\frac{1}{4}$ (C) $\frac{1}{3 + \ln 2}$ (D) $\frac{1}{5}$ (E) $\frac{1}{5 \ln 2}$

_____ 21. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + b, & x < 0 \\ e^x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$. If $f(x)$ is differentiable for all x , what is the value of $a + b$

- (A) -1 (B) 0 (C) 1 (D) 2 (E) 3

_____ 22. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3e^{3(3+h)} - 3e^9}{h} =$

- (A) 0 (B) 3 (C) $3e^9$ (D) $9e^9$ (E) nonexistent

_____ 23. A unicorn moves along the x -axis so that its position at time t , in seconds, $t \geq 0$ is given by

$x(t) = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2t}$ feet. In ft/sec^2 , what is the unicorn's acceleration at $t = 1$ second? Note:

$$\ln^2 x = (\ln x)^2.$$

- (A) 3 (B) $\ln^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ (C) 12 (D) $3 \ln 2$ (E) $3 \ln^2 2$