

P. 1

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Exam Two

1. Find the derivative of the following function, simplify your answer $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 4x}$

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2. Find the derivative of the following function. Simplify your answer to a single rational expression. $f(x) = [(x-1)/(2x+3)]^3$

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3. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \ln(\cosh x^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \ln(\cosh x^2) \\
 &= \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(\cosh(x^2))] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cosh(x^2)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [\cosh(x^2)] \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{\sinh(x^2) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [x^2]}{\cosh(x^2)} = \frac{\sinh(x^2) \cdot 2x}{\cosh(x^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Find the derivative y' of the following equation $y^2 = x^3 - 26y$, then find the slope of the tangent line to the curve at the point $(3, 1)$.

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