

Calculus II, Spring 2005

Lab 1

Math 131-01
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Warm-up Exercises: Here are a few warm-up exercises to review differentiation and anti-differentiation. These exercises are not to be turned in. (On the other hand, some of them might appear on quizzes. . . .) Try to solve all of these problems, but save some time to work on the problems that you have to hand in.

1. Compute the following derivatives

a) $\frac{d}{dx} \tan(e^x)$ b) $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{e^{2t} - e^{-2t}}{3t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t + 7} \right)$ c) $\frac{d}{dx} (x \sin(x^{17}))^{17}$

2. Compute the following indefinite integrals. For parts c and d, you have to rewrite the function before you will be able to do the integration.

a) $\int x^{1/2} dx$ b) $\int \sin(t) - \cos(t) dt$ c) $\int \frac{1+x}{x\sqrt{x}} dx$ d) $\int z(1+z)^2 dz$

Exercises to hand in: Please hand in your responses to the following exercises at the end of lab. You can work on these problems in a group and turn in a single solution for the entire group. For this first lab, the grading will be pretty generous.

3. The values of a function $f(x)$ are measured for certain values of x . The results are shown in the following table.

x	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6
$f(x)$	2.7	2.9	2.85	2.75	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.6	0.8

- a) Given the data in this table, what is your best estimate for the value of $f'(2)$? *Explain your reasoning.* What are some other possible answers that might be given to this question, and why is yours better?
- b) Given the data in the table, what is your best estimate for the value of $f''(2)$? *Explain your reasoning.*
4. If $F(x)$ and $G(x)$ are both anti-derivatives of the same function $f(x)$, then $G(x) = F(x) + C$ for some constant C , right? Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$, for $x \neq 0$. Consider the following two functions:

$$F(x) = -\frac{1}{x}, \text{ for } x \neq 0 \qquad G(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{x} + 1 & \text{for } x > 0 \\ -\frac{1}{x} + 2 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Show that $F'(x) = G'(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \neq 0$, but that $G(x)$ is not equal to $F(x)$ plus any (single) constant. How can this be explained? (Look carefully at the definition of anti-derivative in the textbook!) Find **all** functions $H(x)$ that satisfy $H'(x) = f(x)$.