

Answers to Practice Problems  
for the Gateway

1. Rewrite:  $y = \frac{\ln x - 2 \ln x}{e^{2x}} = -\ln x e^{-2x}$   
 $y' = -2 \left[ \frac{1}{x} e^{-2x} + \ln x (-2) e^{-2x} \right]$   
 $y' = \frac{-2}{x e^{2x}} + \frac{4 \ln x}{e^{2x}}$

2. Rewrite:  $y = \pi^2 (e^{7x+2})^{-1/2} = e^{-1/2(7x+2)}$   
 $y' = \pi^2 e^{-1/2(7x+2)} \cdot (-7/2)$

3.  $x^2 y = \frac{3e^{xy}}{\sqrt{3}} \Leftrightarrow x^2 y = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} e^{xy}$

$x^2 y = \sqrt{3} e^{xy}$  take logs

$\ln(x^2 y) = \ln \sqrt{3} e^{xy}$

$2 \ln x + \ln y = \ln \sqrt{3} + xy$

$\frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{dy}{dx} + y$

$\frac{dy}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{y} - x \right] = y - \frac{2}{x}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y - \frac{2}{x}}{\frac{1}{y} - x}$  or  $\frac{xy^2 - 2y}{x - x^2 y}$

$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} e^{xy} (x \frac{dy}{dx} + y)$

$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} e^{xy} x \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} y e^{xy}$

$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} e^{xy} x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} y e^{xy} - 2xy$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} y e^{xy} - 2xy}{x^2 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} e^{xy} x}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{3} y e^{xy} - 2xy}{x^2 - \sqrt{3} e^{xy} x}$

$\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{3}{3^2} = 3^{-1/2} = 3^{1/2}$

Are these answers the same? Yes.  
 $e^{xy} = \sqrt{3} x^2 y$  : simplify & you'll get what was on the

4.  $y = \frac{x}{\ln(x+y)}$

$y \ln(x+y) = x$

$\frac{dy}{dx} \ln(x+y) + y \frac{1}{x+y} \left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 1$

$\frac{dy}{dx} \ln(x+y) + \frac{y}{x+y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \frac{y}{x+y}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 - \frac{y}{x+y}}{\ln(x+y) + \frac{y}{x+y}}$

this can be simplified

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+y-y}{(x+y) \ln(x+y) + y}$  or  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{(x+y) \ln(x+y)}$

5.  $y = \frac{\pi}{\ln(x^2+4)^{1/2}}$  Rewrite:  $y = \frac{\pi}{\frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+4)} = \frac{2\pi}{\ln(x^2+4)} = 2\pi [\ln(x^2+4)]^{-1}$

$y' = 2\pi (-1) [\ln(x^2+4)]^{-2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2+4} \cdot 2x$

$y' = \frac{-4\pi x}{[\ln(x^2+4)]^2 \cdot (x^2+4)}$

6.  $y' = \sqrt{\pi} \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{12}\right)^{12x} \ln\left(1 + \frac{0.1}{12}\right) \cdot 12$  or  $\sqrt{\pi} \left[\left(1 + \frac{0.1}{12}\right)^{12}\right]^x \ln\left(1 + \frac{0.1}{12}\right)^{12}$

7.  $y = 6x e^{\sqrt{x^2+3x}}$   
 $y' = 6 \left[ e^{\sqrt{x^2+3x}} + x e^{\sqrt{x^2+3x}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+3x}} \cdot (2x+3) \right] = 6e^{\sqrt{x^2+3x}} \left(1 + \frac{2x+3}{\sqrt{x^2+3x}} \cdot 2\right)$