

Yet More Practice of Differentiation and Indices

1. Simplify:

(a) 2^{-5} .

$\frac{1}{32}$

(b) $4^{-2.5}$.

$\frac{1}{32}$

(c) $3\sqrt{3} \times 3^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

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(d) $\sqrt{25} \times 5^{-2}$.

$\frac{1}{5}$

(e) $7^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 7^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

1

(f) $(5^4 \times 5^6)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

5^5

(g) $\sqrt[3]{243 \times 81}$.

27

(h) $(\sqrt{27})^4$.

729

(i) $64^{\frac{1}{2}} - 64^{\frac{1}{3}}$.

4

(j) $(11^2)^3 - (11^3)^2$.

0

(k) $2^0 + 2^{-1} + 2^{-2} + 2^{-3} + 2^{-4}$.

$\frac{31}{16}$

2. Simplify (by rationalising the denominator where necessary):

(a) $(2 + 3\sqrt{5})^2$.

$49 + 12\sqrt{5}$

(b) $(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(2 - 3\sqrt{2})$.

$-8 - 2\sqrt{2}$

(c) $\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}}$.

$\sqrt{5}$

(d) $\frac{9}{3\sqrt{3}}$.

$\sqrt{3}$

(e) $\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$.

$\sqrt{2} + 1$

(f) $\frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{4-\sqrt{2}}$.

$1 + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$

(g) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}-1}$.

$\frac{\sqrt{7}+1}{3}$

3. Differentiate:

(a) $y = x(x+1)(x+2)$.

$3x^2 + 6x + 2$

(b) $y = \sqrt{3}x^2 + \sqrt{5}x - \sqrt{2}$.

$2\sqrt{3}x + \sqrt{5}$

(c) $y = \frac{x^2+x}{\sqrt{x}}$.

$\frac{3x+1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

4. Find the equation of the normal to the curve $y = x^2 + 2x + 3$ when $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

$4x + 12y = 53$

5. Find the turning points on the curve $y = \frac{2x^4 - 3x^3 - 72x^2 + 8x}{x}$.

$(4, -200)$ and $(-3, 143)$

6. Find the points on the curve $y = \frac{2x^5 - 18x^4 + 50x^3 + 14x^2}{2x^2}$ with gradient 1. $(2, 29)$ and $(4, 27)$