MATH 132 WI01

Name (1p):

Problem: Differentiate the following functions:

(a)
$$f(x) = \ln((x-1)(x+1)(x+3)(x+5))$$
 (3 points)

(b)
$$g(x) = \ln(e^{x^2})$$
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(c) $h(x) = e^{x^2 + x + 1}$ (3 points)

Answer:

(a) Use natural logarithm's properties (namely the one stating that:

$$\ln(A \cdot B) = \ln(A) + \ln(B),$$

which reduces a product to a sum)

$$f(x) = \ln(x-1) + \ln(x+1) + \ln(x+3) + \ln(x+5)$$

and, using the chain rule for each ln we get:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{1}{x+5}$$

(b) Again, use ln's properties (namely the one stating that:

$$ln(A^B) = B \ln(A),$$

which reduces a power to a product)

$$g(x) = x^2 \ln(e);$$

but ln(e) = 1!! so

$$g(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow g'(x) = 2x$$

(c) Use only the fact that an exponential's derivative consists of: (copy of itself) \times (derivative of power):

$$h'(x) = e^{x^2 + x + 1} \cdot (2x + 1)$$

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Done!

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