

Problem 1. Compute the derivative of

$$f(x) = 2x \sin(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}.$$

Do not simplify your answer after finding the derivative.

Solution: Using the sum rule and then the product rule, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[2x \sin(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right] \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} [2x \sin(x)] + \frac{d}{dx} [x^{-1/2}] \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} [2x] \sin(x) + 2x \frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] + \frac{d}{dx} [x^{-1/2}] \\ &= 2 \sin(x) + 2x \cos(x) - \frac{1}{2} x^{-3/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2. Compute the derivative of

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{e^x}.$$

Do not simplify your answer after finding the derivative.

Solution: Using the quotient rule, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{(e^x) \frac{d}{dx} [x^2 + 1] - (x^2 + 1) \frac{d}{dx} [e^x]}{(e^x)^2} \\ &= \frac{(e^x)(2x) - (x^2 + 1)(e^x)}{(e^x)^2} \end{aligned}$$