Miscellaneous problems







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[200,200]),
   implicitplot(abs(x)^6+abs(y)^6=6^(6/2), x=-3..3, y=-3..3, grid=
   [200,200])
  );
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                                   1.
                  -2
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Here is the full picture:
> display(
   seq (
     implicit
plot (abs(x)^n+abs(y)^n=n^(n/2),
                   x=-3..3,y=-3..3,grid=[200,200]),
    n=1..9)
  );
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Q1.3:





Q1.4:

> y := exp(-1/x); y := e^{-1/x} We can work out the first few derivatives as follows: > diff(y,x);

(1)

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}}}{x^2}$$
 (2)

> simplify(diff(y,x\$2));

$$-\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}}(2x-1)}{x^4}$$
 (3)

> simplify(diff(y,x\$3));

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}} (6x^2 - 6x + 1)}{x^6}$$
(4)

> simplify (diff (y, x\$4)); $\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}} (24x^3 - 36x^2 + 12x - 1)}{24x^3 - 36x^2 + 12x - 1}$

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$$-\frac{c}{x^8}$$
(5)
simplify(diff(y,x\$5));

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}} (120 x^4 - 240 x^3 + 120 x^2 - 20 x + 1)}{x^{10}}$$
(6)

We see that $\frac{\partial^k}{\partial x^k} y$ is always of the form $\frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}} p_k(x)}{x^{2k}}$ for some polynomial $p_k(x)$. Explicitly, the first ten of these polynomials are as follows:

> for k from 1 to 10 do p[k] := expand (x^ (2*k) *diff (y, x\$k)/y); od;

$$p_1 := 1$$
 $p_2 := -2 x + 1$
 $p_3 := 6 x^2 - 6 x + 1$
 $p_4 := -24 x^3 + 36 x^2 - 12 x + 1$
 $p_5 := 120 x^4 - 240 x^3 + 120 x^2 - 20 x + 1$
 $p_6 := -720 x^5 + 1800 x^4 - 1200 x^3 + 300 x^2 - 30 x + 1$
 $p_7 := 5040 x^6 - 15120 x^5 + 12600 x^4 - 4200 x^3 + 630 x^2 - 42 x + 1$
 $p_8 := -40320 x^7 + 141120 x^6 - 141120 x^5 + 58800 x^4 - 11760 x^3 + 1176 x^2 - 56 x + 1$
 $p_9 := 362880 x^8 - 1451520 x^7 + 1693440 x^6 - 846720 x^5 + 211680 x^4 - 28224 x^3 + 2016 x^2 - 72 x + 1$

 $p_{10} \coloneqq -3628800 x^9 + 16329600 x^8 - 21772800 x^7 + 12700800 x^6 - 3810240 x^5 + 635040 x^4 - 60480 x^3 + 3240 x^2 - 90 x + 1$

We see from this that $p_k(x)$ always has degree k - 1. The constant term is always $p_k(0) = 1$. You should recognise

the numbers 2, 6, 24, 120, 720 as factorials, so the highest term in $p_k(x)$ is $(-1)^k k! x^{k-1}$.

We can plot the derivatives up to k = 4 as follows. We have divided each function by its approximate maximum value so that we can see them clearly in the same picture. We find that the higher derivatives

oscillate wildly for moderately small values of x, but then flatten out for very small values of x, and also

_for reasonably large values of *x*..





<u>Solitons</u>



$$(-8) e^{x-4t+\sqrt{2}(x-8t)} \Big)^2$$

We now check that the Korteweg-de Vries equation is satisfied. The tidiest way is to introduce the KdV operator as follows:

> K := (u) -> diff(u,t) + diff(u,x,x,x) + 6 * u * diff(u,x);

$$K := u \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u + \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} u + 6 u \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u\right)$$
(9)

We now apply *K* to the functions ϕ_i :

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> simplify(K(phi[0]));
simplify(K(phi[1]));
simplify(K(phi[2]));
simplify(K(phi[3]));
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(10)

If we just apply *K* directly to ϕ_4 then we get several pages of dense output, because Maple is not very good at simplifying

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hyperbolic functions. As explained in the problem sheet, we need to convert everything to exponential _form first.

> convert (phi [4], exp);

$$\left(16 e^{-2x+8t+\ln(3+2\sqrt{2})} + 16 e^{2x-8t-\ln(3+2\sqrt{2})} + 8 e^{-2\sqrt{2}(x-8t)+\ln(3+2\sqrt{2})} + 8 e^{2\sqrt{2}(x-8t)-\ln(3+2\sqrt{2})} + 16\right) \right/ \left(4 \left(1+\sqrt{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{-x+4t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{x-4t}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{\sqrt{2}(x-8t)} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\sqrt{2}(x-8t)}\right) + \left(4\sqrt{2}-8\right) e^{x-4t+\sqrt{2}(x-8t)}\right)^{2}$$
(11)

We can plot all the functions \$\ointy_i\$ together as follows. The bottom one is \$\ointy_0\$ and the top one is \$\ointy_4\$.
> animate(
 plot,
 [[phi[0],phi[1]+5,phi[2]+10,phi[3]+15,phi[4]+20],x=-30..30],
 t=-3..3,



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large hump in \phi_4 follows \phi_1, so \phi_4 is approximately \phi_1 + \phi_2. Near t = 0 the two humps interact, the
large one
jumps forward a little to follow \phi_3, and the small hump drops back a little to follow \phi_0. Thus, when t is
positive
we see that \phi_4 is approximately \phi_0 + \phi_3.
We can see all this again in the following animation. The middle graph is \phi_4. The bottom graph is
\phi_4 - \phi_1 - \phi_2;
we find that this is very small when t is negative. The top graph is \phi_4 - \phi_0 - \phi_3; we find that this is
very small when
t is positive.
> animate(
   plot,
   [[phi[4]-phi[1]-phi[2]-10,phi[4],phi[4]-phi[0]-phi[3]+10],x=-30.
   .30],
   t=-3..3,
   frames=50,
   scaling=constrained,
   axes=none) ;
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We can do this more efficiently as follows:

> for i from 0 to 3 do
M[i] := int(phi[i], x=-infinity..infinity);
od;

$$M_0 := 4$$
 (14)
 $M_1 := 4\sqrt{2}$
 $M_2 := 4$
 $M_3 := 4\sqrt{2}$
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> M[4] := int(subs(t=0,phi[4]),x=-infinity..infinity,numeric, method= Gquad); $M_4 := 9.656854250$

We find that $M_4 = M_1 + M_2$, apart from a tiny error that would go away if we computed the integral _more accurately.

> evalf(M[4] - M[1] - M[2]);

$$2.10^{-9}$$
(16)

We now repeat this for the energy: > for i from 0 to 3 do E[i] := int(phi[i]^2,x=-infinity..infinity); od; 10

$$E_{0} \coloneqq \frac{16}{3}$$

$$E_{1} \coloneqq \frac{32\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$E_{2} \coloneqq \frac{16}{3}$$

$$E_{3} \coloneqq \frac{32\sqrt{2}}{3}$$
(17)

(15)

> E[4] := int(subs(t=0,phi[4]^2),x=-infinity..infinity,numeric, method=_Gquad) ; $E_4 := 20.41827800$ E₄:
evalf(E[4] - E[1] - E[2]); (18) 0. (19)