

MATH 250 PREPARATION

Simplify the following expressions and rewrite each expression as a single rational expression with positive exponents.

$$1. \quad 2x(1-x^2)^{1/2} + x^2(1-x^2)^{-1/2}(-2x) = 2x(1-x^2)^{1/2} - 2x^3(1-x^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$= 2x(1-x^2)^{-1/2} [(1-x^2) - x^2]$$

$$= 2x(1-x^2)^{-1/2} (1-2x^2)$$

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

$$2. \quad \frac{6t^5(t^3+5)^{2/5} - t^6(t^3+5)^{-3/5}(3t^2)}{(t^3+5)^{2/5}} = \frac{6t^5(t^3+5)^{2/5} - 3t^3(t^3+5)^{-3/5}}{(t^3+5)^{2/5}}$$

$$= \frac{3t^5(t^3+5)^{-3/5} [(t^3+5)^{2/5}]^2}{(t^3+5)^{4/5}} = \frac{3t^5(t^3+10)}{(t^3+5)^{7/5}}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{(4x^2+5)(6x-1) - (3x^2-x+2)(8x)}{(4x^2+5)^2} = \frac{\cancel{24x^3} - 4x^2 + 30x - 5 - \cancel{24x^3} + 8x^2 - 16x}{(4x+5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4x^2 + 14x - 5}{(4x+5)^2}$$

$$4. \quad \frac{\cos x(1+\cos x) - \sin x(-\sin x)}{(1+\cos x)^2} = \frac{\cos x + \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{(1+\cos x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{\cos x} + 1}{(1+\cos x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+\cos x}$$

$$5. (3x+1)^6 \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2x-5}} \right) + 6(3x+1)^5 (3)\sqrt{2x-5} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2x-5}}{2\sqrt{2x-5}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(3x+1)^6 + 36(3x+1)^5(2x-5)}{2\sqrt{2x-5}} = \frac{(3x+1)^5 [3x+1 + 36(2x-5)]}{2\sqrt{2x-5}}$$

$$= \frac{(3x+1)^5 (75x-179)}{2\sqrt{2x-5}}$$

$$6. (3z-1)^4 [3(2z+5)^2(2)] + (2z+5)^3 [4(3z-1)^3(3)] = 6(3z-1)^4(2z+5)^2 + 12(2z+5)^3(3z-1)^3$$

$$= 6(3z-1)^3(2z+5)^2 [3z-1 + 2(2z+5)]$$

$$= 6(3z-1)^3(2z+5)^2(7z+9)$$

Find $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ such that $h(x) = (f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

$$7. h(x) = \sqrt{5x^3 - 2}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \quad g(x) = 5x^3 - 2$$

$$8. h(x) = \sin^2 x$$

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad g(x) = \sin x$$

$$9. h(x) = \frac{1}{6-x^2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad g(x) = 6-x^2$$

$$10. h(x) = (x^2 - 3x + 4)^{3/2}$$

$$f(x) = x^{3/2} \quad g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$$