

(1) [4 points] Determine the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} e^{2/(3-x)}$$

As  $x \rightarrow 3^+$ ,  $3-x \rightarrow 0^-$ , so  $\frac{2}{3-x} \rightarrow -\infty$ , so  $e^{\frac{2}{3-x}} \rightarrow 0$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} e^{\frac{2}{3-x}} = 0.$$

(2) [4 points] Differentiate:

$$y = \ln(e^{-x} + x^3 e^{-x})$$

$$y = \ln[e^{-x}(1+x^3)]$$

$$= \ln(e^{-x}) + \ln(1+x^3)$$

$$= -x + \ln(1+x^3)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -1 + \frac{1}{1+x^3} (3x^2).$$

(2) [7 points] Use logarithmic differentiation to determine the derivative:

$$y = (\sec x)^{1/x}$$

$$\ln y = \ln \left[ (\sec x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \right]$$

$$\ln y = \frac{1}{x} \ln(\sec x).$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{y} \cdot y' = \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \ln(\sec x) + \frac{1}{x} \frac{1}{\sec x} \cdot \sec x \cdot \tan x$$

$$\therefore y' = (\sec x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \left[ \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \ln(\sec x) + \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \tan x \right]$$