

Worksheet 12, Tuesday, December 10, 2013, Answer Key

Max-Min Problems

(Remember to state the domain of the function you are computing extreme values for.)

1. Let R be the region between $y = 9 - x^2$ and the x -axis. Find the area of the largest rectangle that can be inscribed in the region R . Two vertices of the rectangle lie on the x -axis. Its other two vertices above the x -axis lie on the parabola $y = 9 - x^2$.

- Diagram: See me for a diagram.

- Variables:

Let $x = x$ -coordinate of a point on the parabola, upper right corner of rect.

Let $y = y$ -coordinate of a point on the parabola, upper right corner of rect.

Let A =Area of inscribed rectangle.

- Equations:

$$y = 9 - x^2 \leftarrow \text{Fixed}$$

$$A = 2xy = 2x(9 - x^2) = 18x - 2x^3 \leftarrow \text{Maximize}$$

The (common-sense-bounds)domain of A is $\{x : 0 \leq x \leq 3\}$.

- Maximize:

Next $A' = 18 - 6x^2$. Setting $A' = 0$ we solve for $x^2 = 3$ or $x = \sqrt{3}$. (We take the positive square root here because we're talking distance.)

Sign-testing the critical number does indeed yield a maximum for the area function.

$$\frac{A' \oplus \ominus}{A \nearrow \sqrt{3} \searrow}$$

MAX

Since $x = \sqrt{3}$ then $y = 9 - (\sqrt{3})^2 = 6$. Then $A = 2xy = 2\sqrt{3}(6) = 12\sqrt{3}$

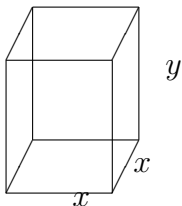
OR use $A = 18x - 2x^3 = 18(\sqrt{3}) - 2(\sqrt{3})^3 = 18\sqrt{3} - 6\sqrt{3} = 12\sqrt{3}$.

- Answer:

As a result, the largest area that occurs is $A = 12\sqrt{3}$ square units.

2. A rectangular box with square base cost \$ 2 per square foot for the bottom and \$ 1 per square foot for the top and sides. Find the box of largest volume which can be built for \$36.

- Diagram:



- Variables:

Let x =length of side on base of box.

Let y =height of box.

Let Cost=Cost for amount of material (surface area).

Let V =volume of box.

- Equations:

Then the Cost of materials, which is fixed is given as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost} &= \text{cost of base} + \text{cost of top} + \text{cost of 4 sides} \\ &= x^2(\$2) + x^2(\$1) + 4xy(\$1) \\ &= 3x^2 + 4xy = 36 \leftarrow \text{Fixed} \\ \implies y &= \frac{36 - 3x^2}{4x} \end{aligned}$$

$$V = x^2y = x^2 \left(\frac{36 - 3x^2}{4x} \right) = 9x - \frac{3}{4}x^3 \leftarrow \text{Maximize}$$

(Try to simplify before you differentiate.)

The (common-sense-bounds)domain of V is $\{x : 0 < x \leq \sqrt{12}\}$.

- Maximize:

Next $V' = 9 - \frac{9}{4}x^2$. Setting $V' = 0$ we solve for $x = 2$ as the critical number.

Sign-testing the critical number does indeed yield a maximum for the volume function.

$$\begin{array}{c} V' \oplus \ominus \\ \hline V \nearrow \ominus \searrow \\ \text{MAX} \end{array}$$

Since $x = 2$ then $y = \frac{36 - 12}{8} = 3$.

- Answer:

As a result, the box of largest volume will measure $\boxed{2 \times 2 \times 3}$, each in feet.

Review—early limits and derivatives

3. Evaluate each of the following limits. Please **justify** your answers. Be clear if the limit equals a value, or $+\infty$ or $-\infty$, or Does Not Exist.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 + x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x+2)(x+1)}{(x+2)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{-1}{-3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{g(x+1) - 2x - 5}{(x-1)^2}, \text{ where } g(x) = x^2 + 3.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{g(x+1) - 2x - 5}{(x-1)^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(x+1)^2 + 3 - 2x - 5}{(x-1)^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 + 2x + 1 + 3 - 2x - 5}{(x-1)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{(x-1)^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{(x-1)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{2}{0^-} = \boxed{-\infty} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - 2x^2}{3x^2 + 5x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - 2x^2}{3x^2 + 5x} \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{2x^2}{x^2}}{\frac{3x^2}{x^2} + \frac{5x}{x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{x^2} - 2}{3 + \frac{5}{x}} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{25 - x^2}{\sqrt{x+4} - 3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{25 - x^2}{\sqrt{x+4} - 3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+4} + 3}{\sqrt{x+4} + 3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(25 - x^2)(\sqrt{x+4} + 3)}{(x+4) - 9} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(5-x)(5+x)(\sqrt{x+4} + 3)}{x-5} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{-(x-5)(5+x)(\sqrt{x+4} + 3)}{x-5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} -(5+x)(\sqrt{x+4} + 3) \\ &= -10(\sqrt{9} + 3) = -10(3 + 3) = -10(6) = \boxed{-60} \end{aligned}$$

$$(e) \lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{|7-x|}{x^2 - x - 42}$$

$\boxed{\text{DNE}}$ since $\text{RHL} \neq \text{LHL}$. see below.

Note: $|7-x| = \begin{cases} 7-x & \text{if } 7-x \geq 0, \text{ that is } x \leq 7 \leftarrow \text{LHL} \\ -(7-x) & \text{if } 7-x < 0, \text{ that is } x > 7 \leftarrow \text{RHL} \end{cases}$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{|7-x|}{x^2-x-42} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{-(7-x)}{x^2-x-42} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{x-7}{(x-7)(x+6)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{1}{x+6} = \frac{1}{13}$$

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{|7-x|}{x^2-x-42} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{7-x}{x^2-x-42} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{-(x-7)}{(x-7)(x+6)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{-1}{x+6} = -\frac{1}{13}$$

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{\frac{5}{x} - \frac{1}{x+4}}{x+5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{\frac{5(x+4) - x}{x(x+4)}}{x+5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{5x+20-x}{x(x+4)(x+5)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{4x+20}{x(x+4)(x+5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{4(x+5)}{x(x+4)(x+5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{4}{x(x+4)}$$

$$= \frac{4}{(-5)(-5+4)} = \boxed{\frac{4}{-5}}$$

4. Compute the derivative for each of the following functions. Do not simplify your answers here.

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^3 - x^{-8}}}{(x^2 + 5)^4}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x^2 + 5)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^3 - x^{-8}}} \right) (3x^2 + 8x^{-9}) - \sqrt{x^3 - x^{-8}} (4)(x^2 + 5)^3 (2x)}{(x^2 + 5)^8}$$

$$(b) f(x) = \left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2\sqrt{x} - 3} \right)^4$$

$$f'(x) = 4 \left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2\sqrt{x} - 3} \right)^3 \left(\frac{(2\sqrt{x} - 3) \left(\left(\frac{3}{2} \right) x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \right) - (x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}}) \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \right)}{(2\sqrt{x} - 3)^2} \right)$$

$$(c) f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x^7} \right) \sqrt{\frac{7}{x} - \frac{3x}{7}}$$

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x^7} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\frac{7}{x} - \frac{3x}{7}}} \right) \left(-\frac{7}{x^2} - \frac{3}{7} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{7}{x} - \frac{3x}{7}} \left(-\frac{3}{x^4} + \frac{7}{x^8} \right)$$

5. Let $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$. Calculate $f'(x)$, using the **limit definition** of the derivative.

Check your answer using the Quotient Rule.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{(x+h)+1}{(x+h)+2} - \frac{x+1}{x+2}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h+1)(x+2) - (x+1)(x+h+2)}{h(x+h+2)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x^2 + xh + x + 2x + 2h + 2) - (x^2 + xh + 2x + x + h + 2)}{h(x+h+2)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x^2 + xh + 3x + 2h + 2) - (x^2 + xh + 3x + h + 2)}{h(x+h+2)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + xh + 3x + 2h + 2 - x^2 - xh - 3x - h - 2}{h(x+h+2)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(x+h+2)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(x+h+2)(x+2)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{(x+2)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Double check using quotient rule:

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x+2)(1) - (x+1)(1)}{(x+2)^2} = \frac{x+2-x-1}{(x+2)^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{(x+2)^2}}$$