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Math 111

Midterm Exam #2

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- This is a closed-book examination. No books, notes, calculators, cell phones, communication devices of any sort, or other aids are permitted. Do not access any webpages during this exam.
- You need *not* simplify algebraically complicated answers for the derivative section. However, numerical answers such as  $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ , and  $4^{\frac{3}{2}}$  should be simplified.
- Please *show* all of your work and *justify* all of your answers. (You may use the backs of pages for additional work space.)
- If you actually read these directions, draw a ghost at the bottom of the page.

Problem	Score	Possible Points
1		10
2		25
3		10
4		20
5		10
6		15
7		10
Total		100

1. [10 Points] Compute each of the following limits. Justify your answers. Show your work.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^9 + 8x^7 + 6x^5 + 4}{3x^2 + 1} \left( \frac{1/x^2}{1/x^2} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^7 + 8x^5 + 6x^3 + 4}{3 + 1/x^2} = \boxed{\infty}$$

OR

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^9 + 8x^7 + 6x^5 + 4}{3x^2 + 1} \left( \frac{1/x^9}{1/x^9} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 8/x^2 + 6/x^4 + 4/x^9}{3/x^7 + 1/x^9} = \frac{1}{0^+} = \boxed{\infty}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{2x^5 + 7x^2 + 3} \left( \frac{1/x^5}{1/x^5} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/x^3 - 1/x^4 + 1/x^5}{2 + 7/x^3 + 3/x^5} = \frac{0}{2} = \boxed{0}$$

OR

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{2x^5 + 7x^2 + 3} \left( \frac{1/x^2}{1/x^2} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - 1/x + 1/x^2}{2x^3 + 7 + 3/x^2} = \boxed{0}$$

2. [25 Points] Differentiate each of the following functions. You do not need to simplify your answers. Please do not waste time simplifying your derivative.

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{5}{6}x + x^{\frac{5}{6}} + \frac{1}{x^{\frac{5}{6}}} + \frac{6}{5} + \frac{5}{6x^6} - \frac{6}{5x}$$

$$= \frac{5}{6}x + x^{\frac{5}{6}} + x^{-\frac{5}{6}} + \frac{6}{5} + \frac{5}{6}x^{-6} - \frac{6}{5}x^{-1}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{5}{6} + \frac{5}{6}x^{-\frac{1}{6}} - \frac{5}{6}x^{-\frac{11}{6}} + 0 - 5x^{-7} + \frac{6}{5}x^{-2}$$

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{\frac{3}{x^2} + x^3}{x^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{3}{2}x} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left[ \frac{(x^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{3}{2}x)(-6x^{-3}) - (\frac{3}{x^2} + x^3)(\frac{2}{3}x^{-\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{3}{2})}{(x^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{3}{2}x)^2} \right]$$

$$(c) f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sec \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{1 + \sec x}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1 + \sec x} \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \sec \sqrt{x} \tan \sqrt{x} \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) \right) - (\sqrt{x} + \sec \sqrt{x}) \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1 + \sec x}} \cdot \sec x \tan x \right)}{1 + \sec x}$$

$$\left( \sqrt{1 + \sec x} \right)^2$$

2. (Continued) Differentiate each of the following functions. You do not need to simplify your answers. Please do not waste time simplifying your derivative.

(d)  $f(x) = \cos\left(\tan^2\left(\frac{3}{x^5}\right)\right) + \sin^2\left(\cos\left(\frac{x^3}{5}\right)\right)$

$$f'(x) = -\sin\left(\tan^2\left(\frac{3}{x^5}\right)\right) \cdot 2 \tan\left(\frac{3}{x^5}\right) \cdot \sec^2\left(\frac{3}{x^5}\right) (-15x^{-6})$$

$$+ 2 \sin\left(\cos\left(\frac{x^3}{5}\right)\right) \cdot \cos\left(\cos\left(\frac{x^3}{5}\right)\right) \cdot \left(-\sin\left(\frac{x^3}{5}\right)\right) \cdot \frac{3}{5} x^2$$

(e)  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{x^3} + \pi\right)^{\frac{5}{7}} \cdot \left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^7}\right)^{-5}$

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{x^3} + \pi\right)^{\frac{5}{7}} (-5) \left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^7}\right)^{-6} (4x^3 + 7x^{-8})$$

+

$$\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^7}\right)^{-5} \frac{5}{7} \left(\frac{1}{x^3} + \pi\right)^{-\frac{2}{7}} (-3x^{-4} + 0)$$

3. [10 Points] Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum value(s) of the function

$$F(x) = x\sqrt{4-x^2} \quad \text{on the interval } [-1, 2].$$

$$F'(x) = x \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4-x^2}} (-2x) + \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2x^2}{2\sqrt{4-x^2}} + \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2} \cdot 2\sqrt{4-x^2}}{2\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

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

$$= \frac{-4x^2 + 8}{2\sqrt{4-x^2}} \quad \text{set } = 0 \Rightarrow -4x^2 + 8 = 0$$

$$4x^2 = 8$$

$$x^2 = 2$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

undefined  
at  $x = \pm 2$ .

Note:  $x = -2$  and  $x = -\sqrt{2}$  not in interval  $[-1, 2]$ .

$$F(\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{4 - (\sqrt{2})^2} = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{4-2} = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = \boxed{2} \leftarrow \text{Abs. Max Value.}$$

$$F(-1) = -1 \sqrt{4-1} = \boxed{-\sqrt{3}} \leftarrow \text{Abs. Min Value.}$$

$$F(2) = 2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

4. [20 Points]

Let  $f(x) = \frac{-x^2 + 3x}{(x-2)^2} = \frac{-x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - 4x + 4}$

$f(6) = \frac{-36 + 18}{36 - 24 + 4} = \frac{-18}{16} = -\frac{9}{8}$

$f(8) = \frac{-64 + 24}{64 - 32 + 4} = \frac{-40}{36} = -\frac{10}{9}$

For this function, discuss domain, vertical and horizontal asymptote(s), interval(s) of increase or decrease, local extreme value(s), concavity, and inflection point(s). Then use this information to present a detailed and labelled sketch of the curve. Hint:

Take my word for it that (you do **not** have to compute these)

$f'(x) = \frac{x-6}{(x-2)^3}$  and  $f''(x) = \frac{-2x+16}{(x-2)^4}$

• Domain  $\{x \mid x \neq \pm 2\}$

• V.A.  $x = \pm 2$

• H.A.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{-x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - 4x + 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{-1 + \frac{3}{x}}{1 - \frac{4}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2}} = -1$

H.A. @  $y = -1$

• Piece Together

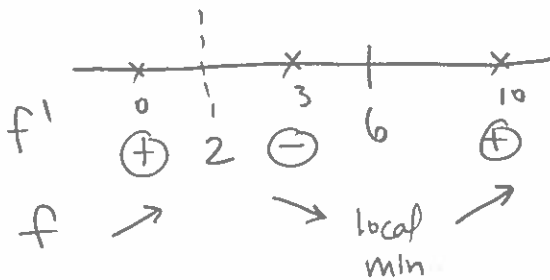
• First Derivative

$f'(x) = \frac{x-6}{(x-2)^3} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \Rightarrow x = 6$

undefined @  $x = 2$ , not technically critical #



• Sign Testing into 1<sup>st</sup> Derivative



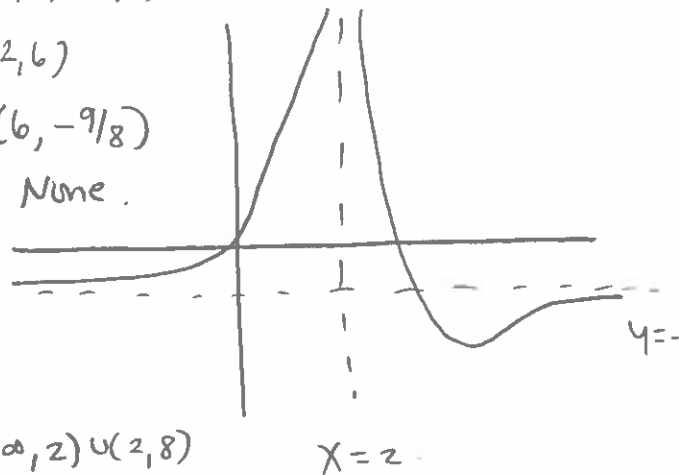
Increasing  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (6, \infty)$

Decreasing  $(2, 6)$

Local Min.  $(6, -9/8)$

Local Max None.

- Sketch



• Second Derivative

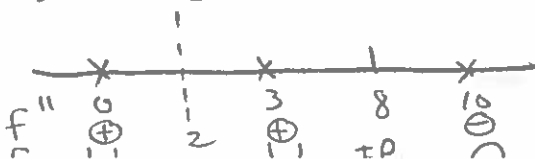
$f''(x) = \frac{-2x+16}{(x-2)^4} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \Rightarrow x = 8$

CU  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, 8)$

CO  $(8, \infty)$

IP  $(8, -10/9)$

• Sign Testing into 2<sup>nd</sup> Derivative



5. [10 Points] Consider the equation  $\cos(xy^2) + 2 = y^3 + \sin x$ .

(a) Compute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

$$-\sin(xy^2) \left[ x^2 y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 \right] = 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + \cos x$$

$$-2xy \sin(xy^2) \frac{dy}{dx} - y^2 \sin(xy^2) = 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + \cos x$$

$$\left( -2xy \sin(xy^2) - 3y^2 \right) \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 \sin(xy^2) + \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 \sin(xy^2) + \cos x}{-2xy \sin(xy^2) - 3y^2}$$

(b) Compute the equation of the tangent line to this curve at the point  $(\pi, 1)$ .

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(\pi, 1)} = \frac{1 \sin \pi + \cos \pi}{-2\pi \sin \pi - 3} = \frac{-1}{-3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Point Slope

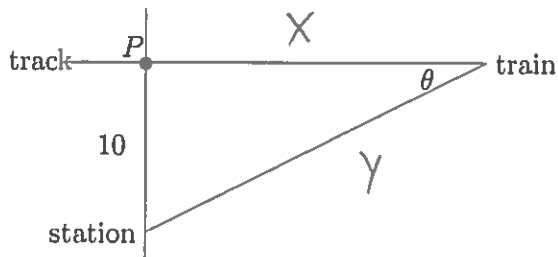
$$y - 1 = \frac{1}{3} (x - \pi)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} x - \frac{\pi}{3} + 1$$

$$\frac{-\pi + 3}{3}$$

6. [15 Points] Consider a point  $P$  on a train track. Suppose a train depot station is 10 feet directly south from this point  $P$ . The train is travelling east at 6 feet per second. Consider the angle as shown in the diagram. How fast is this angle changing when 2 seconds has passed since the train passed point  $P$ .

• Diagram



The picture at arbitrary time  $t$  is:

• Variable.

Let  $x$  = distance train travelled at time  $t$

$y$  = distance between train and station at time  $t$ .

• Given  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 6 \text{ ft/sec}$ .  $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = ?$  when  $x = 6 \text{ ft/sec}(2 \text{ sec}) = 12 \text{ ft}$ .

• Equation.

$$\tan \theta = \frac{10}{x}$$

• Differentiate.

$$\sec^2 \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{-10}{x^2} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

• Extra Solve Info

$$\begin{array}{c} 12 \\ \triangle \\ 10 \end{array} \quad r = \sqrt{100+144} = \sqrt{244} \quad \Rightarrow \sec \theta = \frac{H}{A} = \frac{\sqrt{244}}{12}$$

• Substitute.

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{244}}{12}\right)^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{-10}{(12)^2} \cdot (6)$$

• Solve  $244 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -60$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{-60}{244} = \frac{-15}{61} \text{ rad./sec.}$$

• Answer: The angle is decreasing at  $15/61$  radians every second at that moment.



7. [10 Points]

(a) Let  $f(x) = \sin^3(4x) + \sec(4x) - 8\sin(2x)$ . Compute  $f'(\frac{\pi}{12})$ . Simplify.

$$f'(x) = 3\sin^2(4x)\cos(4x) \cdot 4 + \sec(4x)\tan(4x) \cdot 4 - 8\cos(2x) \cdot 2$$

$$f'(\frac{\pi}{12}) = 12\sin^2(\frac{\pi}{3})\cos(\frac{\pi}{3}) + 4\sec(\frac{\pi}{3})\tan(\frac{\pi}{3}) - 16\cos(\frac{\pi}{6})$$

$$= 12\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 4 \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{3} - 16 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= 12 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 8\sqrt{3} - 8\sqrt{3}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{9}{2}}$$

$\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$

(b) Let  $f(x) = \cos(2x) + \frac{1}{\tan^2 x} + \sin(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$ . Compute  $f'(\frac{\pi}{4})$ . Simplify.

$$f'(x) = -\sin(2x) \cdot 2 - 2\tan^{-3}x \cdot \sec^2x + \cos(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -2\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) - \frac{2}{\tan^3(\frac{\pi}{4})} \cdot \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{4}) + \cos(0)$$

$$= -2 - 2 \cdot (\sqrt{2})^2 + 1$$

$$= -2 - 4 + 1$$

$$= \boxed{-5}$$

$\cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$   
 $\sec(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \sqrt{2}$