

MATH 171 FINAL EXAM (03.01.2011)

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ATTENTION: There are 6 questions on 6 pages. Solve all of them. Duration is 90 minutes. Show all your calculation.

- 1) (a) Find $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4-h} - 2}{h}$. Do not use L'Hospital. (10 pts.)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4-h} - 2}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{4-h} - 2)(\sqrt{4-h} + 2)}{h(\sqrt{4-h} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{4-h} - 2)(\sqrt{4-h} + 2)}{h(\sqrt{4-h} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{4} - \cancel{h} - \cancel{4}}{\cancel{h}(\sqrt{4-h} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(\sqrt{4-h} + 2)} = -\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x^3 - 8}$. Do not use L'Hospital. (5 pts.)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x^3 - 8} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^2 + 4)(x^2 - 4)}{(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^2 + 4)(x + 2)(\cancel{x - 2})}{(\cancel{x - 2})(x^2 + 2x + 4)} = \frac{(8)(4)}{(12)} = \frac{8}{3} \end{aligned}$$

2) (a) Find an equation of the tangential line to the given curve at the point (1, 2):

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

(10 pts.)

Solution:

$$y' = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad m = y'|_{x=1} = 1 - 1 = 0$$

The equation of the straight line to the given curve at the point (1, 2) with the zero slope ($m = 0$) is

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad y - 2 = 0(x - 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = 2$$

b) $f(x) = x e^{x/2}$ find $f''(0)$. (10 pts.)

Solution:

$$f'(x) = e^{x/2} + x \frac{1}{2} e^{x/2} = \frac{1}{2} (2 + x) e^{x/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[(2+x)' e^{x/2} + (2+x) (e^{x/2})' \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{x/2} + (2+x) \frac{1}{2} e^{x/2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + (2+x) \frac{1}{2} \right] e^{x/2} = \frac{1}{4} (4+x) e^{x/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$f''(0) = \frac{1}{4} (4+0) e^{0/2} = 1$$

3) (a) If $f(x) = \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{3}}\right)^4$, find $f'(x)$. (10 pts.)

Solution:

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

b) For the below equation, use implicit differentiation to find y' and evaluate y' at the point (1,1).

$$x^7 - xy = 5 \ln y$$

(10 pts.)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(x^7 - xy = 5 \ln y) \\ \frac{d}{dx} x^7 - \frac{d}{dx}(xy) &= 5 \frac{d}{dx} \ln y \\ 7x^6 - y - x \frac{dy}{dx} &= 5 \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ 7x^6 - y &= \left(\frac{5}{y} + x\right) \frac{dy}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{7x^6 - y}{\left(\frac{5}{y} + x\right)} = \frac{(7x^6 - y)y}{(5 + xy)} \end{aligned}$$

4) For the function $y = \frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$,

- a) Determine the intervals in which the function is increasing and decreasing. State the extrema. (10 pts.)

Solution:

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

Critical values come from $y' = 0$ and $x^2 - 1 = 0$ that makes y' undefined, as given:

$$y' = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

So there are three critical values: $x = -1, 0, 1$.

x		-1		0		+1	
y'		+		0		-	
y		↗		↘		↘	
		increasing		max		decreasing	

- b) Determine the intervals in which the function is concave up and concave down. Find the inflection points. (10 pts.)

Solution:

So the second derivative of y is

$$y'' = -\frac{2(x^2 - 1)^2 - 2x \cdot 2(x^2 - 1)(2x)}{(x^2 - 1)^4}$$

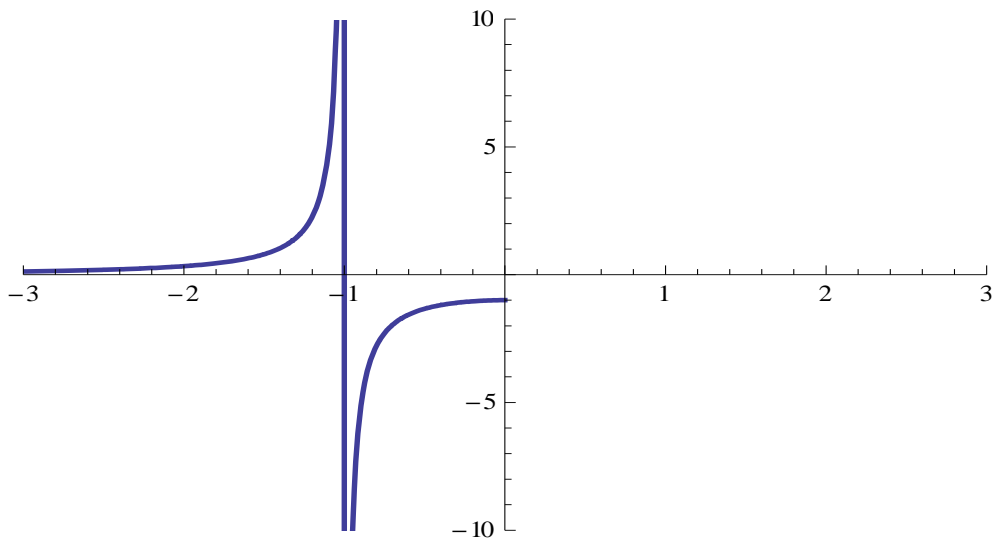
$$= -\frac{2(x^2 - 1)[x^2 - 1 - 4x^2]}{(x^2 - 1)^4} = \frac{2(3x^2 + 1)}{(x^2 - 1)^3}$$

From here, there are no inflection point where $y'' = 0$. To configure the concavity, we have to consider the points where y'' is not defined as follows:

$$x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1.$$

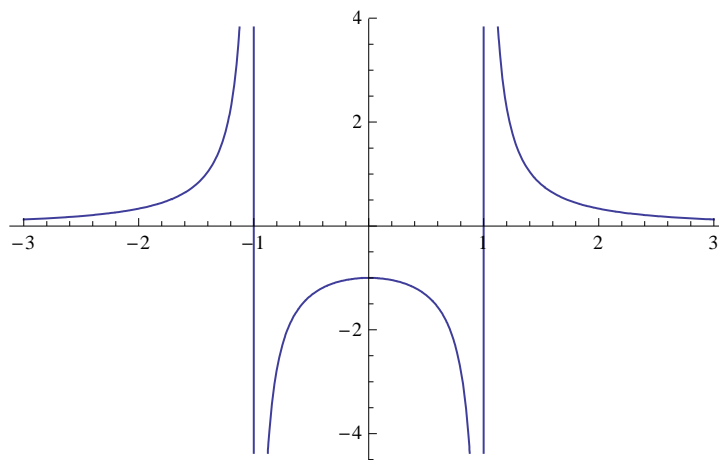
x	$x < -1$	-1	$-1 < x < 1$	1	$x > 1$
y''	$f''(x) > 0$		$f''(x) < 0$		$f''(x) > 0$
	Concave up	Vertical Asymptote	Concave down	Vertical Asymptote	Concave up

c) Complete the sketch of the graph below: (5 pts.)



Solution:

From the symmetry, we sketch the right hand side of the graph from the left:



5) Find all asymptotes of the function $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$. (10 pts.)

Solution:

Vertical Asymptote

Let us find the x -values that the denominator is 0. $x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = \frac{1}{+0} = +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = \frac{-1}{+0} = -\infty$$

The lines $x = 1$ and $x = -1$ are the vertical asymptotes.

Horizontal Asymptote

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x}{|x|} = \pm 1$$

The lines $y = 1$ and $y = -1$ are the horizontal asymptotes.

6) A producer finds that the total revenue function is $r(q) = 100q - 2q^2$ where q in thousands of units. If the producer's costs are given by $c(q) = 20 + 40q$, what should his level of production be to maximize profits? Show that the second derivative test is satisfied for maximization. (10 pts.)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Profit} = P &= r(q) - c(q) = 100q - 2q^2 - 20 - 40q \\ &= -2q^2 + 60q - 20 \end{aligned}$$

To find the extremum values, we take the derivative of profit P with respect to q and then equate it to zero to find the q extremum values:

$$\frac{dP}{dq} = -4q + 60 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad q = 60 / 4 = 15$$

To test if it is maximum or not by using the second derivative test:

$$\frac{d^2P}{dq^2} = -4 < 0 \quad \text{so this proves that the level of production } q = 15 \text{ is a maximum value.}$$