

Problem 1.

Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^3 + 1 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x^2-1} & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

(a) [2pts.] Use the limit or continuity laws to determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 2x^3 + 1 \quad (\text{from function definition - since } f(x) = 2x^3 + 1 \text{ when } x < 1) \\ &= 2 \times 1^3 + 1 \\ &= 2 + 1 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Ans: 3

(b) [4pts.] Determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x^2-1} \quad (\text{from function definition - since } f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x^2-1} \text{ when } x > 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x^2-1} (\sqrt{x}+1) \quad [\text{multiplying by conjugate}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\cancel{x}-1}{(x+1)\cancel{(x-1)}} (\sqrt{x}+1) \quad [\because x^2-1 = (x+1)(x-1)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{(x+1)(\sqrt{x}+1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1+1)(\sqrt{1}+1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2+2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

Ans: $\frac{1}{4}$

(c) [4pts.] Is f left continuous at 1? Is it right continuous at 1? Is it continuous at 1?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^-} f(n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^-} 2n^{3+1} \\ &= 2 \times (3+1) \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} f(n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\sqrt{n} - 1}{n^2 - 1} \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{(\sqrt{n} - 1)(\sqrt{n} + 1)}{(n - 1)(\sqrt{n} + 1)} \\ &\rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\cancel{(n - 1)}}{(n - 1)(\sqrt{n} + 1)} \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{n} + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1} + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2+1} = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(1) = 3 \text{ (from function definition)}$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow 1^-} f(n) = f(1) = 3$, the function is left continuous

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} f(n) \neq f(1)$, the function is not right continuous

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow 1^-} f(n) \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow 1^+} f(n)$, the function $f(n)$ is not continuous at 1

Problem 2.

Consider the function $f(x) = x^{1/3} + 2 + x^{-1/3}$.

(a) [4pts.] Compute $f'(8)$. (You may use any of the derivative rules we covered in class.)

$$f(x) = x^{1/3} + 2 + x^{-1/3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \frac{1}{3} x^{-2/3} + 0 - \frac{1}{3} x^{-4/3} \Big|_{x=8} \quad [\text{from power rule}]$$

Plugging in $x=8$:

$$f'(8) = \frac{1}{3} \times 8^{-2/3} - \frac{1}{3} \times 8^{-4/3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{48} = \frac{4-1}{48} = \frac{3}{48} = \frac{1}{16} \quad (\text{Ans})$$

(b) [6pts.] Write an equation for a line tangent to f at $x=8$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } f(8) &= 8^{1/3} + 2 + 8^{-1/3} \\ &= 2 + 2 + \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 4 + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = y$$

Equation of tangent line to f at $x=8$

$$\rightarrow (y - y_1) = m(x - x_1) \quad [\text{slope-point form}]$$

Plugging in point $(8, 9/2)$ and slope $m = 1/16$

$$y - \frac{9}{2} = \frac{1}{16}(x - 8)$$

$$\rightarrow 16y - 72 = x - 8$$

$$\rightarrow 16y - x - 64 = 0 \quad (\text{Ans})$$

Problem 3. 10pts.

Compute the derivative of the function

$$f(x) = \left(1 + \cos^4\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)\right)^8.$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = 8 \left(1 + \cos^4\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)\right)^7 \frac{d\left(1 + \cos^4\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)\right)}{dx}$$

$$= 8 \left(1 + \cos^4\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)\right)^7 \cdot 4 \cos^3\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right) \cdot (-\sin\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)) \frac{d\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow -8 \left(1 + \cos^4\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)\right)^7 \cdot 4 \cos^3\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}} \frac{d\left(\sqrt{x^2+3}+1\right)}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow -8 \left(1 + \cos^4\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)\right)^7 \cdot 4 \cos^3\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{2}\sqrt{x^2+3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-8 \left(1 + \cos^4\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)\right)^7 \cdot 4 \cos^3\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)}{\cancel{2}\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1} \cdot \sqrt{x^2+3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-16 \left(1 + \cos^4\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)\right)^7 \cdot \cos^3\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1}\right)}{\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+3}+1} \cdot \sqrt{x^2+3}} \quad (\text{Ans})$$

Problem 4.

Define the function f as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(1/x) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

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(a) [4pts.] What is the derivative of f at 1?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} f(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + x^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \\ &= 2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= 2 \sin(1) - \cos(1) \quad (\text{Ans}) \end{aligned}$$

(b) [6pts.] Is f differentiable at 0? If so, what is the derivative of f at 0? If not, explain why not.

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By squeeze theorem $-1 \leq \sin \frac{1}{n} \leq 1$ for all n

~~Then $|\sin \frac{1}{n}| \leq 1$~~

Multiplying both sides by n^2

$$-n^2 \leq n^2 \sin \frac{1}{n} \leq n^2 \quad (\because n^2 \text{ is always positive})$$

By squeeze theorem $\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} -n^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} n^2 = 0$

By squeeze theorem $\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} f(n) = 0$ ($f(n)$ is continuous)

$$f(0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} f(n) = 0$$

Here the function is differentiable at $n=0$.

does not imply

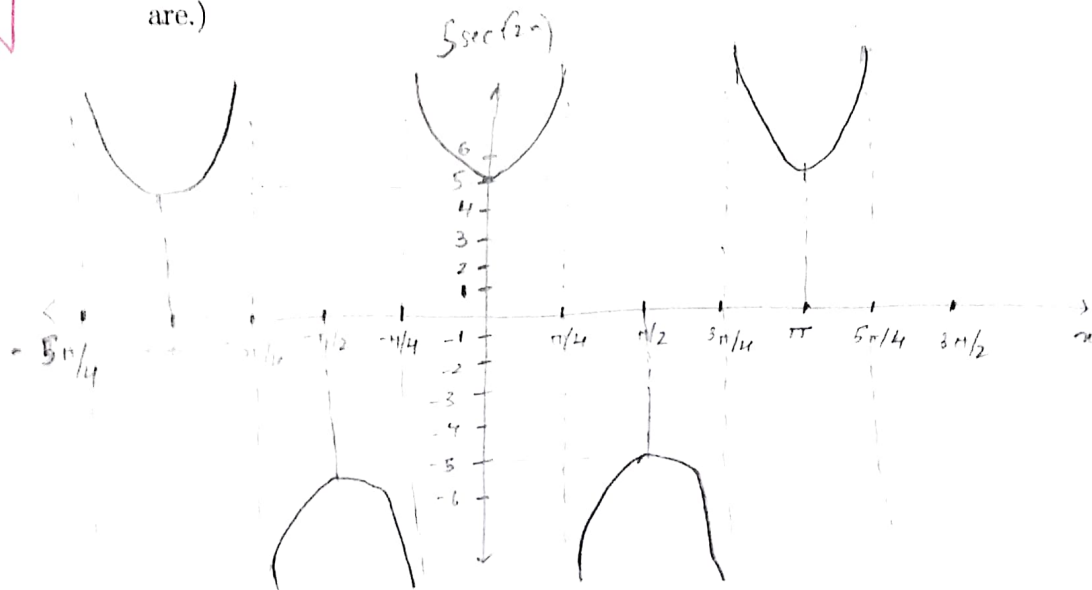
~~$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{d}{dx} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$~~

At $x=0$ $\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + x^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$
 $0 + \cos(0) = 1$ (Ans)

$$\begin{aligned} \sec 0 &= 1 \\ \sec \pi/2 &= \infty \\ \sec \pi &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5.

- (a) [4pts.] Sketch a graph of $5 \sec(2x)$. (Your graph just needs to show where the minima are and what values they have, as well as where the vertical asymptotes are.)



- (b) [6pts.] Use the intermediate value theorem to show that $5 \sec(2x) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ has infinitely many solutions.

Let $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ [odd numbers]

Consider an interval $[(2n-1)\pi/4, (2n+1)\pi/4]$

Let $f(n)$ be defined as $5 \sec(2n) - \frac{\pi}{2}$. Hence it is required to prove that $f(n)$ has infinitely many zeroes.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow (2n-1)\pi/4} f(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow (2n-1)\pi/4} 5 \sec(2n) - \frac{\pi}{2} = +\infty \quad (\because \lim_{n \rightarrow (2n-1)\pi/4} 5 \sec(2n) = +\infty)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \pi/2} f(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi/2} 5 \sec(2n) - \frac{\pi}{2} = -\infty < 0 \quad \text{for all } n$$

Therefore, there exists a point $p \in ((2n-1)\pi/4, \pi/2)$ such that $f(n) > 0$

Now, by IVT Intermediate value theorem, since $f(p) > 0$ and $f(\pi/2) < 0$ and $f(n)$ is continuous in interval $[(2n-1)\pi/4, \pi/2]$, there exists a zero c such that $f(c) = 0$ in range $[(2n-1)\pi/4, \pi/2)$. Hence, there are infinitely many points where $f(n) = 0 \Rightarrow 5 \sec(2n) = \frac{\pi}{2}$