

Calculus and Probability

Assignment 3

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Exercise 6

a)

$$f(x) = \arccos(\cos(x^2)) = x^2$$

Because arccos is the inverse of cos, we can rewrite the function to just $f(x) = x^2$. This makes finding the derivative rather simple and we get $f'(x) = 2x$.

The other option is to apply the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \arccos(\cos(x^2)) \\ f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2(x^2)}} * (-2x \sin(x^2)) \\ &= \frac{2x \sin(x^2)}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2(x^2)}} \quad \text{Remember: } \sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta) = 1 \\ &= \frac{2x \sin(x^2)}{\sqrt{\sin^2(x^2)}} \\ &= \frac{2x \sin(x^2)}{\sin(x^2)} \\ &= 2x \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

Exercise 7

a) We do not need L'Hopital's rule here.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{1 + e^{-x}} = \frac{\infty}{1} = \infty$$

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b) If we take the limit we get the undefined limit definition of $\frac{0}{0}$, therefore we can apply L'Hopital's rule. Answer 7b

Exercise 8

a)

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) &= \cos(3x) \\g'(x) &= 3 * (-\sin(3x)) \\g''(x) &= 9 * (-\cos(3x)) \\g'''(x) &= 24 * \sin(3x) \\g^{(2015)} &= 3^{2015} * \sin(3x)\end{aligned}$$

$$g^{(2015)} = 3^{2015} * \sin(3x)$$

Exercise 9

a) We can see the roots of f right from the function definition, namely:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= -1 \\x_2 &= 3\end{aligned}$$

We can get the y-intercept by putting in zero: $f(0) = -3$

Roots: $x_1 = -1$ and $x_2 = 3$. Y-intercept: $f(0) = -3$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) &= -\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) &= +\infty\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$$

c) Using the product rule to find the first derivative:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= ((x^2 + 2x + 1)(x - 3))' \\ &= (2x + 2)(x - 3) + x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ &= 3x^2 - 2x - 5\end{aligned}$$

The second derivative is therefore:

$$f''(x) = 6x - 2$$

To find the zeros of $f'(x)$ when can rewrite the term as $(x - 1)(3x - 5)$ which gives $x_1 = 1$ and $x_2 = \frac{5}{3}$. The only zero of $f''(x)$ is $x_1 = \frac{1}{3}$. We therefore found the x-coordinates for the critical points and insert them into the original function to get the actual points of the minima and maxima:

$$\begin{aligned}f(-1) &= 0 \\ f\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) &= -\frac{2^8}{3^3} \approx 9.5\end{aligned}$$

This gets us the points: $(-1, 0)$ and $(\frac{5}{3}, 9.5)$

$$f''(-1) = -14 < 0 \quad \text{maximum}$$

$$f''(\frac{5}{3}) = 13 > 0 \quad \text{minimum}$$

Maximum: $(-1, 0)$, Maximum: $(\frac{5}{3}, 9.5)$

- d) The function is concave when: $f''(x) < 0$. Therefore, when $6x - 2 < 0$ which is the case when $x < \frac{1}{3}$. The function is convex when: $f''(x) > 0$. Therefore, when $6x - 2 > 0$ which is the case when $x > \frac{1}{3}$. Function f has a point of inflection at $x = \frac{1}{3}$. The function is concave when: $f''(x) < 0$. Therefore, when $6x - 2 < 0$ which is the case when $x < \frac{1}{3}$. The function is convex when: $f''(x) > 0$. Therefore, when $6x - 2 > 0$ which is the case when $x > \frac{1}{3}$. Function f has a point of inflection at $x = \frac{1}{3}$.

Exercise 10

a)

$$h(x) = \sin(x) - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3(x)$$

$$h'(x) = \cos(x) - \sin^2(x) \cos(x)$$

$$h'(x) = \cos(x) - (1 - \cos^2(x)) \cos(x)$$

$$h'(x) = \cos(x) - (\cos(x) - \cos^3(x))$$

$$h'(x) = \cos(x) - \cos(x) + \cos^3(x)$$

$$h'(x) = \cos^3(x)$$

$$h(x) = \sin(x) - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3(x)$$

b)

$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + 1$$

$$f_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + 2$$

$$f_3(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + 3$$

$$f'_i(x) = \sin(x) \cos(x)$$

$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + 1, f_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + 2, f_3(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + 3$$

Answer Form Assignment 3

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Question	Answer
6 (1pt)	$f'(x) = 2x$
7a (1pt)	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{1+e^{-x}} = \frac{\infty}{1} = \infty$
7b (1pt)	Answer 7b
8a (1pt)	$g^{(2015)} = 3^{2015} * \sin(3x)$
9a (1pt)	Roots: $x_1 = -1$ and $x_2 = 3$. Y-intercept: $f(0) = -3$
9b (1pt)	$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$
9c (1pt)	Maximum: $(-1, 0)$, Maximum: $(\frac{5}{3}, 9.5)$
9d (1pt)	The function is concave when: $f''(x) < 0$. Therefore, when $6x - 2 < 0$ which is the case when $x < \frac{1}{3}$ The function is convex when: $f''(x) > 0$. Therefore, when $6x - 2 > 0$ which is the case when $x > \frac{1}{3}$ Function f has a point of inflection at $x = \frac{1}{3}$
10a (1pt)	$h(x) = \sin(x) - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3(x)$
10b (1pt)	$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + 1, f_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + 2, f_3(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) + 3$