Part A: Pencil & Paper Only

This part of the exam has 10 problems on 3 pages. Each problem is worth 5 points. You may NOT use a calculator on this section. You must show all work. This part of the exam will be collected after 45 minutes.

1. Find dy/dx if

$$y = \frac{3x^3}{5x^2 + 2}.$$

You do not need to simplify your answer.

Solution:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(9x^2)(5x^2 + 2) - (3x^3)(10x)}{(5x^2 + 2)^2}$$

2. Suppose

$$g(x) = \frac{2}{x^2}.$$

Find g''(2). Simplify your answer.

Solution:

$$g'(x) = -\frac{4}{x^3}$$
 $g''(x) = \frac{12}{x^4}$ $g''(2) = \frac{3}{4}$

3. If

$$y = t^3 \ln t$$

find dy/dt. Simplify your answer.

Solution:

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(t^3 \ln t) = 3t^2 \ln t + t^3 \frac{1}{t}$$

$$= 3t^2 \ln t + t^2$$

$$= t^2 (3 \ln t + 1)$$

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4. Find

$$\lim_{x \to 1^-} \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{x^2 - 1}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{x^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1^{-}} \frac{(x+1)(x+3)}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \to 1^{-}} \frac{x+3}{x-1} = -\infty$$

5. Let

$$y = \frac{3x^2 - 5x - 2}{r^2 - 4}.$$

Give the equations of all the horizontal asymptotes.

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{3x^2 - 5x - 2}{x^2 - 4} = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{3 - 5/x - 2/x^2}{1 - 4/x^2} = \frac{3 - 0 - 0}{1 - 0} = 3$$

Therefore y = 3 is the horizontal asymptote.

6. Let

$$y = \frac{3x^2 - 5x - 2}{x^2 - 4}$$

Give the equations of all the vertical asymptotes.

Solution:

$$y = \frac{3x^2 - 5x - 2}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{(x - 2)(3x + 1)}{(x - 2)(x + 2)} = \frac{3x + 1}{x + 2}$$

The function is not defined when the denominator is 0, therefore, x=-2 is the vertical asymptote.

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7. Find the derivative of $4x^3 \tan^2(x)$. You do not need to simplify your answer.

Solution:

8. Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of $y = \sqrt{x^2 + 4x - 5}$ at x = 3. Simplify your answer.

Solution:

9. Suppose $f(x) = \sin^4(3e^x + 1)$. Find f'(x). You do not need to simplify your answer.

Solution:

10. Let $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 1$ for $x \ge 0$. Using that f(1) = 4, find $(f^{-1})'(4)$.

Solution: