

**MAT 137Y: Calculus with proofs**  
**Assignment 3**  
**Due on Thursday, Nov 16 by 11:59pm via GradeScope**

## Instructions

This problem set is based on Unit 3 and Unit 4 (4.1-4.4): Derivatives and Inverse Functions. Please read the [Problem Set FAQ](#) for details on submission policies, collaboration rules, and general instructions. Remember you can submit in pairs or individually.

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1. Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable everywhere. Assume that  $g$  is one-to-one function. Show that

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = g'(x) f'(g(x))$$

without using any differentiation rules.

2. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f$  be a function defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Is each of the following claims true or false? Prove your answer. If it is true, prove it directly. Hint: often times, the easiest way to prove something is false is by providing a counter example and proving that counter example satisfies the required conditions.

(a) IF the limit  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - 2f(a) + f(a-h)}{h^2}$  exists,  
THEN  $f$  is twice differentiable at  $x = a$ .

☐ True    ☐ False

- (b) IF there exists a function  $m(x)$  with domain  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) - f(a) = m(x)(x - a)$ ,  
THEN  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ .

☐ True    ☐ False

3. Consider the function  $f(x)$  given by the equation

$$f(x) = 2023 + \frac{2023}{2022 + \frac{2022}{2021 + \frac{2021}{2020 + \ddots + \frac{2}{1 + \frac{1}{x}}}}}$$

Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $f(x)$  at the point with  $x$ -coordinate 1.

*Hint:* Construct a sequence of functions  $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_{2023}$  such that  $f_{2023} = f(x)$ . Then use induction twice (to find  $f'(1)$  and  $f(1)$ ).

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4. For this problem, let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. We say that a non-empty set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is **ajar** if

$$\forall u \in U, \exists r > 0 \text{ such that } (u - r, u + r) \subseteq U.$$

(a) Show that  $(0, 2)$  is ajar.

(b) Find a set that is not ajar. You don't need to prove it.

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In the following parts, we will use the follow two definitions.

For  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , we define  $f(A) := \{f(a) : a \in A\}$ .

For  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , we define  $f^{-1}(B) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) \in B\}$ .

Note that  $f(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are both sets.

- (c) Show that  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that  $f((a - \delta, a + \delta)) \subseteq (f(a) - \varepsilon, f(a) + \varepsilon)$  is equivalent to the definition of  $f$  is continuous everywhere.



- (d) Assume that  $f$  is continuous everywhere. Show that for any non-empty subset  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , if  $U$  is ajar, then  $f^{-1}(U)$  is ajar.

*Hint:* To prove this, you need to prove and use these facts 1) for all non-empty  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$ . This proof should be one line proof; 2)  $f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_2)$  if non-empty sets  $B_1, B_2$  satisfies  $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . This proof should be very short; and 3) the results from part c).

- (e) Assume that for any non-empty subset  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , if  $U$  is ajar, then  $f^{-1}(U)$  is ajar. Prove that  $f$  is continuous everywhere.

*Hint:* Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  and consider the ajar set  $(f(a) - \varepsilon, f(a) + \varepsilon)$  (you may assume this set is ajar without proof). You may also prove and use these facts 1) for all non-empty  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$ ; 2)  $f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2)$  if non-empty sets  $A_1, A_2$  satisfies  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Both proofs should be very short; and 3) the results of part c).