

Total: 100 points

1. (10 points) Evaluate the limit. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \tan^{-1} 3x^2}{7x^2}$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \tan^{-1} 3x^2}{7x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cdot \frac{1}{1+(3x^2)^2} \cdot 6x}{14x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{6}{1+(3x^2)^2}}{7} = \frac{6}{7}$$

2. (10 points) Evaluate the limit. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x)^{\frac{1}{x^2}}$

Solution: Let $y = (\cos x)^{\frac{1}{x^2}} \Rightarrow \ln y = \frac{1}{x^2} \ln (\cos x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln y &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln (\cos x)}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot (-\sin x)}{2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\tan x}{2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sec^2 x}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln y &= \ln \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}. \end{aligned}$$

3. (10 points) Evaluate the limit. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tanh x}{\tan x}$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tanh x}{\tan x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\operatorname{sech}^2 x}{\sec^2 x} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \operatorname{sech}^2 x}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sec^2 x} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

4. (10 points) Evaluate the limit. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh x - x}{x^3}$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh x - x}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cosh x - 1}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh x}{6x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cosh x}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

5. (20 points) Order the following functions from slowest growing to fastest growing as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

a. e^x b. x^x c. $(\ln x)^x$ d. $e^{x/2}$

Solution:

- $e^{x/2}$ and e^x : $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{x/2}}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x/2} = 0 \Rightarrow$ Therefore, d. slower than a.
- e^x and $(\ln x)^x$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{(\ln x)^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{e}{\ln x} \right)^x = 0 \Rightarrow$ Therefore, a. slower than c.
- $(\ln x)^x$ and x^x : $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln x)^x}{x^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\ln x}{x} \right)^x = 0 \Rightarrow$ Therefore, c. slower than b.

The order is **d. a. c. b.**

6. (15 points) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \tanh^{-1}(x^3)$

Solution: $y = \tanh^{-1}(x^3) \Rightarrow \tanh y = x^3$. Use the implicit differentiation.

$$\begin{aligned} \tanh y = x^3 &\Rightarrow \operatorname{sech}^2 y \cdot y' = 3x^2 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{3x^2}{\operatorname{sech}^2 y} \\ \cosh^2 y - \sinh^2 y = 1 &\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{\sinh^2 y}{\cosh^2 y} = \frac{1}{\cosh^2 y} \Rightarrow 1 - \tanh^2 y = \operatorname{sech}^2 y \\ &\Rightarrow y' = \frac{3x^2}{\operatorname{sech}^2 y} = \frac{3x^2}{1 - \tanh^2 y} = \frac{3x^2}{1 - (x^3)^2} = \frac{3x^2}{1 - x^6} \end{aligned}$$

7. (15 points) Use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point $P\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ if

$$\sin^{-1}(x + y) + \cos^{-1}(x - y) = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

Solution: $P(0, 1/2)$ is on the curve $\sin^{-1}(x + y) + \cos^{-1}(x - y) = \frac{5\pi}{6}$.

$$\sin^{-1}(x + y) + \cos^{-1}(x - y) = \frac{5\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{1 + y'}{\sqrt{1 - (x + y)^2}} + \frac{-(1 - y')}{\sqrt{1 - (x - y)^2}} = 0.$$

The goal is to find y' when $x = 0, y = 1/2$. Therefore,

$$\frac{1 + y'}{\sqrt{1 - (1/2)^2}} + \frac{-(1 - y')}{\sqrt{1 - (-1/2)^2}} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1 + y'}{\sqrt{3/4}} - \frac{1 - y'}{\sqrt{3/4}} = 0 \Rightarrow 2y' = 0 \Rightarrow y' = 0.$$