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MH1810 Mathematics I

Tutorial 6

1. Determine the following limits at infinity.

- (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x + 5}{x - 4}$
- (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 2x + 3}{5 - 2x^2}$
- (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + 2}{\sqrt{9x^2 + 1}}$
- (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$
- (e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt{x^4 + 6x^2} - x^2 \right)$
- (f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{3x} - e^{-3x}}{e^{3x} + e^{-3x}}$
- (g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(2 + x) - \ln(1 + x)]$

2. Find the domain of  $g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+3}}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$ .

3. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that there is a root of the equation  $(1 - x)^3 = \sin x$  in the interval  $(0, 1)$ .

4. Explain why the equation  $x^3 - 15x + 1 = 0$  has three solutions in the interval  $[-4, 4]$ .

5. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that the two graphs  $y = e^x$  and  $y = -x$  intersect.

6. Suppose that a function  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[0, 1]$  and  $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1$  for every  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Is it true that  $f(c) = c$  for some  $c \in [0, 1]$ ? Justify your answer.

7. (a) Write down the definition of  $f'(0)$  and use it to find  $f'(0)$  where  $f(x) = 1 - x^3$ .

(b) Use the value  $f'(0)$  you have found in part (a) to write down an equation of the tangent line to the curve  $y = 1 - x^3$  at the point  $(0, 1)$ .

8. Use the definition of derivative to find the first derivative of the following functions:

- (a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{5 - 3x}$
- (b)  $g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 3}$ .

9. Consider the function  $f$  where  $f(x) = x|x|$ . Is  $f$  differentiable at  $x = 0$ ? If it is, determine  $f'(0)$ .

10. Consider  $f$  which is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^x}{2+x} & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ \cos(1 - e^{\pi x}) & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Is  $f$  differentiable at  $x = 0$ ?

# Answers

1. (a) 3  
(b)  $-\infty$   
(c)  $\frac{1}{3}$   
(d)  $-1$   
(e) 3  
(f) 1  
(g) 0

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2. The domain is  $[-3, \infty) \setminus \{-2, 5\}$ .

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6. TRUE

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7. (a)  $f'(0) = 0$   
(b)  $y = 1$

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8. (a)  $\frac{3}{(5-3x)^2}$   
(b)  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+3}}$

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9.  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  and  $f'(x) = 0$

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10. Not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .