

MATH1131/41 Calculus Lab Test 2 Sample Solutions

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Question 1

Find, to 10 significant figures, the unique turning point x_0 of

$$f(x) = 5\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}x^2\right) - \sin\left(\frac{5}{2}x\right)^2$$

in the interval [1,2]. Find, to 10 significant figures, the value of the second derivative f''(x) at the turning point, that is $f''(x_0)$.

Solution: The answers are 1.580743250 and -9.652901450.

In Maple, assign the variable **f** to the function. Now assign a variable **p** to the derivative of the function

$$p := diff(f,x).$$

To solve for p on the interval [1,2], use the command

$$r := fsolve(p, x = 1..2).$$

This will output 1.580743250, which is the answer to the first part of the question. Now differentiate p to get f''(x) and assign it to a variable using the command

$$q := diff(p,x).$$

To find $f''(x_0)$, enter the command

This will output -9.652901450, which is the answer to the second part of the question.

Question 2

The Maple expression for the constant π is ____. The Maple expression for ∞ is ____. Evaluate, to 10 significant figures,

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x}\cos\left(\frac{x^2}{3}\right)}{3+x} \, dx.$$

Solution: The answers are Pi, infinity and 0.03239018036

To find the integral using Maple, assign the variable a to the fraction to be integrated, then enter the Maple commands

int(a,x=1..infinity)

then

evalf(%)

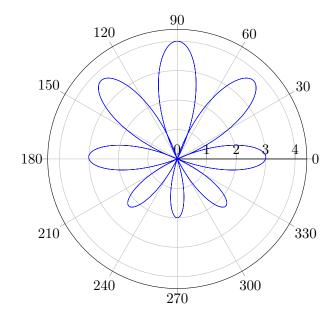
to get the answer to 10 significant figures.

Question 3

Select the option below which is the plot of the polar curve $r = \sin(\theta) - 3\cos(4\theta)$ for $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$.

Solution: In Maple, activate with(plots) then enter the equation of the curve and assign it to a variable r. Then enter the Maple command

which will plot the polar curve.



Question 4

Find the largest interval of the form [a,b] containing -4 on which the function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by the rule

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 9x^2 - 60x - 7$$

has an inverse.

Solution: The answer is [-5,2].

A function is invertible if it is monotonically increasing or monotonically decreasing and continuous over an interval.

We can differentiate f(x), either using Maple or by hand, resulting in

$$f'(x) = 6x^2 + 18x - 60.$$

To find the stationary points, set f'(x) = 0, which results in x = 2, -5. By testing points on either side of these x values, we can see that x = -5 is a max point and x = 2 is a min point. Since the curve is continuous between these two x values with a negative first derivative, we can deduce that it is monotonically decreasing over [-5, 2].

Question 5

Find the slope of the line tangent to

$$-y^6 + x^3 + 2x^2y = 1$$

at (1,0) and enter it as a fraction or integer.

Solution: The answer is $-\frac{3}{2}$.

Differentiate the curve implicitly, either by hand or by setting the curve to the variable eqn then using the Maple command

This gives the output $\frac{-3x^2 - 4xy}{-6y^5 + 2x^2}$. Then substitute (1,0) into this equation to find the answer.

Question 6

Consider the function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, defined by the rule $f(x) = |x^3 + 5x^2|$.

- (a) Find all critical points of f on the interval [-5, -1] as exact values.
- (b) Complete the following sentence. The function f is guaranteed to have ___ [choices: a max but no min / either a max or a min but not both / both a max and a min / stationary / min but no max] value on [-5, -1] because it is ___ [choices: integrable / bijective / continuous / differentiable / surjective / bounded / injective] on the interval [-5, -1] which is ___ [choices: invertible / both open and closed / continuous / real / closed / open] and bounded.
- (c) The maximum value of f on [-5,-1] is The minimum value of f on [-5,-1] is
- (d) At which type of critical point or points does the maximum occur? Tick all that apply. [Choices: An end point of [-5,-1]; A stationary point of f on (-5,-1); A point on (-5,-1) where f is not differentiable].
- (e) At which type of critical point or points does the minumum occur? Tick all that apply. [Choices: An end point of [-5,-1]; A stationary point of f on (-5,-1); A point on (-5,-1) where f is not differentiable]

Solution:

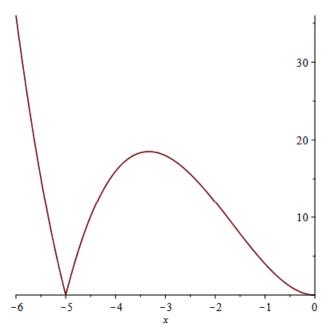
(a) The answer is $\{-5, -10/3, -1\}$.

In Maple, assign the variable f to the function,

$$f := abs(x^3 + 5*x^2).$$

Then plot the graph on the interval [-6,0] by using

plot(f, x=-6..0).



We can see from the graph that there is a point where f is not differentiable at x = -5, and there is a maximum point near x = -3.

To find this max, differentiate f and find where the first derivative is equal to 0, by using the command

$$g = diff(f, x)$$

which outputs $(3x^2 + 10x)|1, x^3 + 5x^2|$. To find the stationary point,

$$solve((3x^2 + 10x)*abs(1, x^3 + 5x^2) = 0)$$

which outputs $-\frac{10}{3}$.

- (b) The answers are both a max and a min, continuous, closed. (By the Extreme Value Theorem.)
- (c) The answers are $\frac{500}{27}$, 0.

We can see that the minimum is 0 from the graph we plotted for part (a). The maximum can be obtained by substituting $-\frac{10}{3}$ into f.

- (d) The answer is: A stationary point of f on (-5,1). We can see this from the graph we plotted in part (a).
- (e) The answers are: An end point, a point where it is not differentiable.