

I Higher order derivatives and applications

Practice Examples

1.1 Lagrange's Mean Value Theorem, Local Maxima and Minima of function of one variable

1	Check whether the Mean Value Theorem can be applicable to the function $f(x) = x(x-1)(x-2)$ on the closed interval $[0, 3]$. If so, find a value of c which satisfies the Mean value theorem in $(0, 3)$. Answer: 2.
2	Check whether the Mean Value Theorem can be applicable to the function $f(x) = \frac{6}{x} - 3$ on the closed interval $[1, 2]$. If so, find a value of c which satisfies Mean value theorem in $(1, 2)$. Answer: $\sqrt{2}$.
3	Check whether the Mean Value Theorem can be applicable to the function $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x - 2$ on the closed interval $[-1, 1]$. If so, find a value of c which satisfies Mean value theorem in $(-1, 1)$. Answer: 0.
4	Check whether the Mean Value Theorem can be applied to the function $x^3 + 24x - 16$ on the closed interval $[0, 4]$. If so, find a value of c which satisfies the Mean value theorem in $(0, 4)$. Answer: $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3}$.
5	Check whether the Mean Value Theorem can be applied to the function $f(x) = 8x + e^{-3x}$ on the closed interval $[-2, 3]$. If so, find a value of c which satisfies the Mean value theorem in $(-2, 3)$. Answer: -1.0973 .

6	Suppose we know that $f(x)$ is continuous and differentiable on the interval $[-7, 0]$ that $f(-7) = -3$ and that $f'(x) \leq 2$. What is the largest possible value for $f(0)$? Answer: 11.
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1	Find the extreme values of the function $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$. Answer: 2 and $\frac{22}{27}$.
2	Find the extreme values of the function $f(x) = 2x^3 - 21x^2 + 36x - 20$. Answer: -3 and -128 .
3	Find the extreme values of the function $f(x) = 4x^3 - 21x^2 + 36x + 30$. Answer: 50 and $201/4$.
4	Find the extreme value of the function $f(x) = a^{x+1} - a^x - x$ ($a > 1$). Answer: $\frac{\log[(ae-e)\log a]}{\log a}$.
5	Suppose an open cylinder of given surface area having maximum volume. Prove that its height is equal to the radius of its base.
6	Show that semi vertical angle of a cone of given slant height and maximum volume is $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{2}$.

1.2	Successive differentiation: n^{th} derivative of elementary functions: rational, logarithmic, trigonometric, exponential and hyperbolic
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1	Find the n^{th} order derivative of the function $y = \cos^2 x \sin x$. Answer: $y_n = \frac{1}{4} \left[3^n \sin \left(3x + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) + \sin \left(x + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \right]$.
2	Find the n^{th} order derivative of the function $y = \frac{1}{6x^2 - 5x + 1}$. Answer: $y_n = (-1)^{n+1} n! \left[\frac{3^{n+1}}{(1-3x)^{n+1}} - \frac{2^{n+1}}{(1-2x)^{n+1}} \right]$.
3	Show that the n^{th} order derivative of the function $y = \log(4x^2 - 9)$ is

	$y_n = (-1)^{n-1}(n-1)! 2^n \left[\frac{1}{(2x-3)^n} + \frac{1}{(2x+3)^n} \right].$
4	Find the n^{th} order derivative of the function $y = \sinh(3x)$. Answer: $y_n = \frac{1}{2} [3^n e^{3x} - (-3)^n e^{-3x}].$
5	Find the n^{th} order derivative of the function $y = \sin^4 x$. Answer: $y_n = -2^{n-1} \cos \left(2x + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) + \frac{4^{n-1}}{2} \cos \left(4x + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right).$
6	If $y = x \log \left(\frac{x-1}{x+1} \right)$, show that $y_n = (-1)^{n-2}(n-2)! \left[\frac{x-n}{(x-1)^n} - \frac{x+n}{(x+1)^n} \right]$ for $n \geq 2$.

1.3 Leibnitz rule for the n^{th} order derivatives of product of two functions

1	If $y = a \cos(\log x) + b \sin(\log x)$, then show that $x^2 y_{n+2} + (2n+1)xy_{n+1} + (n^2+1)y_n = 0.$
2	If $y = \sin^{-1} x$, then show that $(1-x^2)y_{n+2} - (2n+1)xy_{n+1} - n^2 y_n = 0.$
3	If $y = (\tan^{-1} x)^2$, then show that $(1+x^2)^2 y_2 + 2x(x^2+1)y_1 - 2 = 0.$
4	Find the n^{th} order derivative of the function $y = x^3 \log(3x).$
5	If $y = e^{a \cos^{-1} x}$, then show that $(1-x^2)y_{n+2} - (2n+1)xy_{n+1} - (n^2+a^2)y_n = 0.$
6	If $y = \cos^{-1} x$, then show that $(1-x^2)y_{n+2} - (2n+1)xy_{n+1} - n^2 y_n = 0.$

1.4 Power series expansion of a function: Maclaurin's and Taylor's series expansion.

1	Find the Taylor's series expansion of $f(x) = x^3 - 2x + 4$ about $a = 2$. Answer: $f(x) = 8 + 10(x-2) + 6(x-2)^2 + (x-2)^3.$
2	Expand $\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x \right)$ in powers of x . Find the value of $\sin 44^\circ$. Answer: $\sin 44^\circ = 0.69467.$

3	Expand $\log \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}}$ into Maclaurin's series. Answer: $\log \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots$.
4	Using Taylor's series, find $\sqrt[3]{27.12}$ correct to four decimal places. Answer: $\sqrt[3]{27.12} = 3.00443$.
5	Expand $e^{a \cos bx}$ using Maclaurin's series. Answer: $e^{a \cos bx} = e^a - e^a ab^2 \frac{x^2}{2} + e^a ab^4 (1 + 3a) \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots$.
6	Expand $\frac{e^x}{\cos x}$ into Maclaurin's series. Answer: $\frac{e^x}{\cos x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \frac{2x^3}{3} + \dots$.

1.5	L'Hospital's rule and related applications, Indeterminate forms
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1	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^x - x}{x - 1 - \log x}$. Answer: 2.
2	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow y} \frac{x^y - y^x}{x^x - y^y}$. Answer: $\frac{1 - \log y}{1 + \log y}$.
3	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \log x}{x + \log x}$. Answer: ∞ .
4	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^2 x - x^2}{x^2 \tan^2 x}$. Answer: $\frac{2}{3}$.
5	Find the value of a and b if $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(1 + a \cos x) - b \sin x}{x^3} = 1$. Answer: $a = -\frac{5}{2}, b = -\frac{3}{2}$.
6	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(1 + e^{3x})}{x}$.

	Answer: 3.
7	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (1 - x) \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$. Answer: $\frac{2}{\pi}$.
8	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \right]$. Answer: $-\frac{1}{3}$.
9	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x - 1)^{x-1}$. Answer: 1 .
10	Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \log x = 0$.
11	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} (\sec x - \tan x) = 0$.
12	Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cot x)^{1/\log x}$. Answer: e^{-1} .