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5. Let  $f$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = e^x \cos x$ .

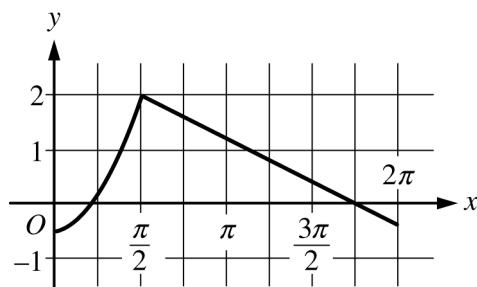
(a) Find the average rate of change of  $f$  on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

(b) What is the slope of the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ ?

(c) Find the absolute minimum value of  $f$  on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ . Justify your answer.

(d) Let  $g$  be a differentiable function such that  $g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ . The graph of  $g'$ , the derivative of  $g$ , is shown

below. Find the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  or state that it does not exist. Justify your answer.

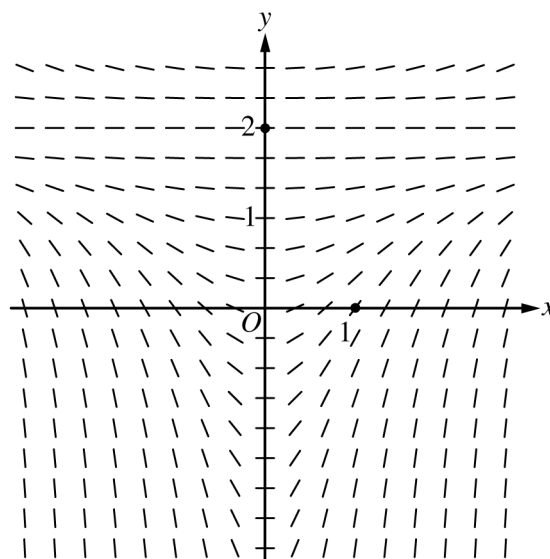


Graph of  $g'$

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6. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}x(y - 2)^2$ .

- (a) A slope field for the given differential equation is shown below. Sketch the solution curve that passes through the point  $(0, 2)$ , and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point  $(1, 0)$ .



- (b) Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to the given differential equation with initial condition  $f(1) = 0$ . Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $y = f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ . Use your equation to approximate  $f(0.7)$ .
- (c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the given differential equation with initial condition  $f(1) = 0$ .

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**Question 5**

- (a) The average rate of change of  $f$  on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$  is

$$\frac{f(\pi) - f(0)}{\pi - 0} = \frac{-e^\pi - 1}{\pi}.$$

- (b)  $f'(x) = e^x \cos x - e^x \sin x$

$$f'\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = e^{3\pi/2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) - e^{3\pi/2} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = e^{3\pi/2}$$

The slope of the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$  is  $e^{3\pi/2}$ .

- (c)  $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos x - \sin x = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{4}, x = \frac{5\pi}{4}$

$x$	$f(x)$
0	1
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{\pi/4}$
$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{5\pi/4}$
$2\pi$	$e^{2\pi}$

The absolute minimum value of  $f$  on  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$  is  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{5\pi/4}$ .

- (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} f(x) = 0$

Because  $g$  is differentiable,  $g$  is continuous.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} g(x) = g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

By L'Hospital's Rule,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{-e^{\pi/2}}{2}.$$

1 : answer

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : f'(x) \\ 1 : \text{slope} \end{cases}$

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets } f'(x) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{identifies } x = \frac{\pi}{4}, x = \frac{5\pi}{4} \\ \quad \text{as candidates} \\ 1 : \text{answer with justification} \end{cases}$

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : g \text{ is continuous at } x = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \quad \text{and limits equal 0} \\ 1 : \text{applies L'Hospital's Rule} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

Note: max 1/3 [1-0-0] if no limit notation attached to a ratio of derivatives