

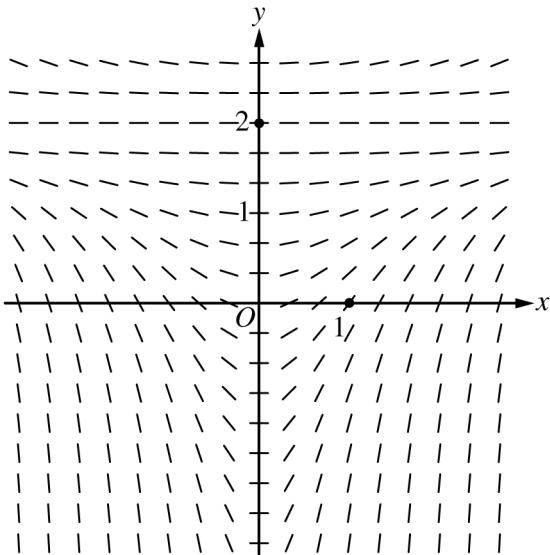
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5. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = e^x \cos x$.
- (a) Find the average rate of change of f on the interval $0 \leq x \leq \pi$.
- (b) What is the slope of the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$?
- (c) Find the absolute 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.
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- 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
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{\pi/4}$
$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{5\pi/4}$
2π	$e^{2\pi}$

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