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5. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \frac{3}{2x^2 - 7x + 5}$.

- (a) Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 3$.
- (b) Find the x -coordinate of each critical point of f in the interval $1 < x < 2.5$. Classify each critical point as the location of a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither. Justify your answers.
- (c) Using the identity that $\frac{3}{2x^2 - 7x + 5} = \frac{2}{2x - 5} - \frac{1}{x - 1}$, evaluate $\int_5^{\infty} f(x) \, dx$ or show that the integral diverges.
- (d) Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2n^2 - 7n + 5}$ converges or diverges. State the conditions of the test used for determining convergence or divergence.
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$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= 0 \\f'(0) &= 1 \\f^{(n+1)}(0) &= -n \cdot f^{(n)}(0) \text{ for all } n \geq 1\end{aligned}$$

6. A function f has derivatives of all orders for $-1 < x < 1$. The derivatives of f satisfy the conditions above. The Maclaurin series for f converges to $f(x)$ for $|x| < 1$.

(a) Show that the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for f are $x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4}$, and write the general term of the Maclaurin series for f .

(b) Determine whether the Maclaurin series described in part (a) converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges at $x = 1$. Explain your reasoning.

(c) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Maclaurin series for $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) \, dt$.

(d) Let $P_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ represent the n th-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$ evaluated at $x = \frac{1}{2}$, where g is the function defined in part (c). Use the alternating series error bound to show that

$$\left| P_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| < \frac{1}{500}.$$

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Question 5

(a) $f'(x) = \frac{-3(4x - 7)}{(2x^2 - 7x + 5)^2}$

$$f'(3) = \frac{(-3)(5)}{(18 - 21 + 5)^2} = -\frac{15}{4}$$

(b) $f'(x) = \frac{-3(4x - 7)}{(2x^2 - 7x + 5)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{7}{4}$

The only critical point in the interval $1 < x < 2.5$ has x -coordinate $\frac{7}{4}$.

f' changes sign from positive to negative at $x = \frac{7}{4}$.

Therefore, f has a relative maximum at $x = \frac{7}{4}$.

(c)
$$\begin{aligned} \int_5^\infty f(x) \, dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_5^b \frac{3}{2x^2 - 7x + 5} \, dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_5^b \left(\frac{2}{2x - 5} - \frac{1}{x - 1} \right) \, dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(2x - 5) - \ln(x - 1) \right]_5^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln\left(\frac{2x - 5}{x - 1}\right) \right]_5^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln\left(\frac{2b - 5}{b - 1}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \right] = \ln 2 - \ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{8}{5}\right) \end{aligned}$$

(d) f is continuous, positive, and decreasing on $[5, \infty)$.

The series converges by the integral test since $\int_5^\infty \frac{3}{2x^2 - 7x + 5} \, dx$ converges.

— OR —

$$\frac{3}{2n^2 - 7n + 5} > 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{n^2} > 0 \text{ for } n \geq 5.$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{2n^2 - 7n + 5}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \frac{3}{2}$ and the series $\sum_{n=5}^\infty \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges,

the series $\sum_{n=5}^\infty \frac{3}{2n^2 - 7n + 5}$ converges by the limit comparison test.

2 : $f'(3)$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : x\text{-coordinate} \\ 1 : \text{relative maximum} \\ \text{with justification} \end{cases}$

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{antiderivative} \\ 1 : \text{limit expression} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

2 : answer with conditions