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

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

2 :  $f'(3)$

(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  $x = \frac{7}{4}$ .

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

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

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

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

2 : answer with conditions

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.