



Answer pratice 1

Calculus 1 (McGill University)



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Introduction

A selection of multiple choice questions.

1. *Limit practice 1*

1.1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 1/x}{1 + 1/x^2}$ equals:

- (a) 1
- (b) 0
- (c) $+\infty$
- (d) $-\infty$
- (e) DNE

1.2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 \cos(1/x)$ equals:

- (a) $1/2$
- (b) 1
- (c) 0
- (d) -1
- (e) DNE

1.3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{9^x + 3^x}{3^x + 1}$ equals:

- (a) 3
- (b) $(\ln(9) + \ln(3))/(\ln(3) + \ln(1))$
- (c) 1
- (d) ∞
- (e) DNE

1.4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(4 + 3x)^{1/2} - 4}{x - 4}$ equals:

- (a) DNE
- (b) $3^{1/2}$
- (c) 0
- (d) ∞
- (e) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$

2. Derivative practice

2.1. If $f(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$ then $f'(1) - f(1)^2$ equals:

- (a) $\frac{e^1 - e^{-1}}{e^1 + e^{-1}}$
- (b) $\frac{(e^1 - e^{-1})^2}{(e^1 + e^{-1})^2}$
- (c) $\frac{e^1 + e^{-1}}{e^1 + e^{-1}} + \frac{(e^1 - e^{-1})^2}{(e^1 + e^{-1})^2}$
- (d) 1

(e) None of the above.

2.2. If $f(x) = \frac{e^x \sin(x)}{1 + e^x \sin(x)}$ then $f'(0)$ equals:

(a) $1/2$

(b) 1

(c) 2

(d) 0

(e) None of the above.

2.3. If $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1+x+x^2+x^3}}{1+\sin(x)}$ then $f'(0)$ equals:

(a) 1

(b) $1/2$

(c) 0

(d) $-1/2$

(e) None of the above.

2.4. If $f(x) = \ln(\ln(\ln(2^x)))$ then $\ln(\ln(2)) \ln(2) f'(\ln(2))$ equals:

(i) 1

(ii) $1/2$

(iii) 0

(iv) $-1/2$

(v) None of the above.

3. Limit from the derivative

3.1. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}$. Then $g(h) = \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$ equals:

(a) $1/4$ (b) $-1/(h+3)^2$ (c) $-1/4$ (d) $1/(h+4)^2$

(e) None of the above.

$$\frac{\frac{1}{h+4} - \frac{1}{4}}{h} = \frac{-1}{4(h+4)}$$

3.2. Let $f(x) = \frac{e^{1+x}}{x}$. Then $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ equals:

(a) $1 - 1/x$ (b) $-1/x$ (c) $e(e^x x - e^x)/x^2$ (d) $e^x - e^x/x$

(e) None of the above.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{e^{x-x-h} - 1}{(x+h)h} = \frac{x}{x+h} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} - \frac{1}{x+h} \\ &\rightarrow 1 - 1/x \end{aligned}$$

3.3. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$. Then $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h}$ equals:

(a) -2 (b) -1 (c) 0 (d) 1

(e) None of the above.

3.4. Let $f(x) = e^x + e^{2x} + e^{3x}$. What is $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(h) - 6}{h}$?

(i) 6 (ii) 9 (iii) 11 (iv) 14

(v) None of the above.

Note the “prime” appearing in the limit

4. Limit practice 2

4.1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin(2|x|)\sin(3x)}{\cos(x) - 1}$ equals:



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- (a) a finite positive number
- (b) a finite negative number
- (c) zero
- (d) $+\infty$
- (e) $-\infty$

4.2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^3}}{x^2 - x - 1}$ equals:

- (a) a finite positive number
- (b) a finite negative number
- (c) zero
- (d) $+\infty$
- (e) $-\infty$

4.3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1^x - 2^x)(3^x - 4^x)}{5^x - 6^x}$ equals:

- (a) a finite positive number
- (b) a finite negative number
- (c) zero
- (d) $+\infty$
- (e) $-\infty$

4.4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 + |x - 1| - |2 - 3x|}{x}$ equals:

- (a) a finite positive number
- (b) a finite negative number
- (c) zero
- (d) $+\infty$
- (e) $-\infty$

4.5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x \sin(1/x)}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ equals:

- (a) a finite positive number
- (b) a finite negative number
- (c) zero
- (d) $+\infty$
- (e) $-\infty$

4.6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{1+x}}{1 - \frac{x}{x+1}}$ equals:

- (a) a finite positive number
- (b) a finite negative number
- (c) zero
- (d) $+\infty$
- (e) $-\infty$

4.7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1 + \cos(x))^3}{\cos(x) + \ln(1+x^2)}$ equals:

- (a) a finite positive number
- (b) a finite negative number
- (c) zero
- (d) $+\infty$
- (e) $-\infty$

4.8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 3x - 4}}{\sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 16}}$ equals:

- (a) a finite positive number
- (b) a finite negative number
- (c) zero
- (d) $-\infty$
- (e) $+\infty$

4.9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)(e^x - 1)}{\cos(x)(e^{2x} - 1)}$ equals:

- (a) a finite positive number
- (b) a finite negative number
- (c) zero
- (d) $-\infty$
- (e) $+\infty$

5. Word problems

5.1. A particle travels along the y -axis according to the formula $y(t) = t^3 - 2t$. Find the average speed of the particle over the interval $[0, 2^{1/2}]$.

- (i) $1/2^{1/2}$
- (ii) 0
- (iii) $2^{1/2}$
- (iv) 1
- (v) None of the above.

5.2. A particle travels along the x -axis according to $x(t) = \ln(2 + \cos(t))$. Find the average speed of the particle over the interval $[0, 2\pi]$.

- (i) $\ln(3)/\pi$
- (ii) $\ln(3^{1/2})/\pi$
- (iii) $[\ln(3) - \ln(2)]/2\pi$
- (iv) The function is discontinuous on the interval and the average speed cannot be computed.
- (v) None of the above.

5.3. Let $a(t) = (1 + 0.05)^t$ be the amount of money (in millions) in an offshore investment account, where t is measured in months. Let $A = a'(0)$, $B = a'(12)$ and let C be the average rate of change of $a(t)$ over $[0, 12]$. Which is correct:

- (i) $A < B < C$
- (ii) $C < A < B$
- (iii) $A < C < B$
- (iv) $B < C < A$
- (v) None of the above.

5.4. Let $B(t) = \gamma^t / (1 + \gamma^t)$ be the amount of bacteria in a petri dish, where t is measured in hours and $B(t)$ is measured in milligrams, and $\gamma = 2$ is the bacterial growth coefficient. Out of the options, what is the *smallest* time the scientist must wait until $B(t) \geq 2$ mg?

- (i) 1 hour is enough ($t = 1$)
- (ii) 2 hours is enough ($t = 2$)
- (iii) 3 hours is enough ($t = 3$)
- (iv) 10 hours is enough ($t = 10$) you may use $2^{10} = 1024$
- (v) None of the above.

$B(t) < 2$ for all time.

6. *Implicit differentiation*

6.1. If $f(x)^2 + x^4 = 5$ where f is a differentiable function satisfying $f(1) = 2$, what is $f'(1)$?

(i) 2

(ii) -1

(iii) 1

(iv) -2

(v) None of the above.

6.2. What is the slope of the tangent line to the curve $xy + y^2 = 2$ at $(1, 1)$?

(i) $-1/6$ (ii) $-1/3$ (iii) $-1/2$

(iv) Cannot be determined with the information given.

(v) None of the above.

6.3. Let $g : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function satisfying $\sin(g(x)) = x$ and $g(0.5) = \pi/6$. What is $g'(0.5)$?

(i) $2^{-1/2}$ (ii) $3^{1/2}/2$ (iii) $-2^{1/2}$ (iv) $-2/3^{1/2}$

(v) None of the above.

$$+ \frac{2}{3^{1/2}}$$

6.4. Let $g : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function satisfying $\cos(g(x)) = x$ and $g(0.5) = 2\pi/3$. What is $g'(0.5)$?

(i) $-2^{1/2}/3$ (ii) $3/2^{1/2}$ (iii) $-3/2^{1/2}$ (iv) $2^{1/2}/3$

(v) None of the above.

$$- \frac{2}{3^{1/2}}$$

6.5. Find the ~~equation~~ slope of the tangent line to $x = y^3 + y^2$ at the point $(2, 1)$.

(i) 1

(ii) 5

(iii) $1/5$ (iv) $-1/5$

(v) None of the above.

slope

7. Continuity

A *discontinuity* of an expression $f(x)$ is a point a which is not in the maximal domain for which $f(x)$ is well-defined, or for which $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq f(a)$.

If $f(a)$ can be redefined so that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$, then we say a is a removable discontinuity.

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a+} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a-} f(x)$ both exist and are different, then we say a is a jump discontinuity.

7.1. Let:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3x - 3\sqrt{2} - 2}{x^2 + 6x + 7}.$$

How many discontinuities does this expression have, how many are removable, and how many are jump discontinuities?

(i) 2 and 1 and 0

(ii) 1 and 0 and 0

(iii) 2 and 2 and 0

(iv) 2 and 1 and 1

(v) None of the above

7.2. Let:

$$f(x) = \frac{|1-x|}{1-x} + \frac{|2-x|}{2-x}.$$

How many discontinuities does this expression have, how many are removable, and how many are jump discontinuities?

(i) 2 and 2 and 0

(ii) 2 and 0 and 2

(iii) 2 and 1 and 1

(iv) 2 and 0 and 0

(v) None of the above

7.3. Let:

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{\ln(2)+x} - e^{\ln(2)}}{x} + \frac{\sin(x-1)}{x-1}.$$

How many discontinuities does this expression have, how many are removable, and how many are jump discontinuities?

(i) 2 and 2 and 0

(ii) 2 and 0 and 2

(iii) 2 and 1 and 1

(iv) 2 and 0 and 0

(v) None of the above

8. *Asymptotes*

8.1. Find all the asymptotes of the expression $f(x) = (e^x + 1)/(e^x - 1)$, and add them up (i.e., if $y = a_1, a_2, \dots$ and $x = b_1, b_2, \dots$ are the horizontal and vertical asymptotes, you should return $(a_1 + a_2 + \dots) + (b_1 + b_2 + \dots)$). If there are no asymptotes, return NA.

- (a) -1
- (b) 0
- (c) 1
- (d) NA
- (e) None of the above.

8.2. Find all the asymptotes of the expression $f(x) = (x^3 + 2x + 1)/(x^3 + x^2)$, and add them up. If there are no asymptotes, return NA.

- (a) -1
- (b) 0
- (c) 1
- (d) NA
- (e) None of the above.

8.3. Find all the asymptotes of the expression $f(x) = (2x \sin(x) + 1)/(x^2 + 1)$, and add them up. If there are no asymptotes, return NA.

- (a) -1
- (b) 0
- (c) 1
- (d) NA
- (e) None of the above.

8.4. Find all the asymptotes of the expression $f(x) = x(x - 1)^{-1} - (x - 2)^{-1}$, and add them up. If there are no asymptotes, return NA.

- (a) -1
- (b) 0
- (c) 1
- (d) NA
- (e) None of the above.

9. Piecewise functions

9.1. Find values of $m, b \in \mathbb{R}$ so that the following function is continuous.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (\cos(3x) - 1)/x & \text{for } x < 0 \\ mx + b & \text{for } x \in [0, 1] \\ \sin(3x - 3)/(x - 1) & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

What is $m + b$?

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) None of the above.

9.2. Find values of $k, m, \ell \in \mathbb{R}$ so that the following function is differentiable.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - e^{-2x}}{1 - e^{-x}} + \ell x & \text{for } x < 0 \\ m & \text{for } x = 0 \\ \frac{1 - e^{2x}}{1 - e^x} + k & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

What is $k + m + \ell$?

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) None of the above.

9.3. Let $f(x) = |1 - |1 - |x|||$. It can be shown that:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + b & \text{for } x \leq -2 \\ cx + d & \text{for } -2 < x \leq -1 \\ ex + f & \text{for } -1 < x \leq 0 \\ gx + h & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 1 \\ ix + j & \text{for } 1 < x \leq 2 \\ kx + \ell & \text{for } 2 < x \end{cases}$$

What is $a + c + e$?

- (a) -2
- (b) -1
- (c) 0
- (d) 1
- (e) None of the above.