

You may *not* use your books, notes, graphing calculator, phones or any other internet devices on this exam. Please show all work clearly and legibly.

1. (a) (4 points) State the mean value theorem.

Response. For real numbers $a < b$, **if**¹ f is a function which is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , **then** there is a real number c with $a < c < b$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(a)-f(b)}{a-b}$. \square

Problem	Points	Score
1	7	
2	6	
3	7	
Total:	20	

- (b) (3 points) For $f(x) = x^3 + x + 4$ find all c in the interval $(-2, 0)$ which satisfy the statement of the mean value theorem for $f(x)$ on the interval $[-2, 0]$.

Response. We compute that $f(0) = 4$ and $f(-2) = -6$. Thus, we are looking for c such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(0)-f(-2)}{0-(-2)} = \frac{4-(-6)}{2} = 5$. We set $f'(c) = 3c^2 + 1 = 5$. Solving that yields $c = \pm\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} = \pm\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$. As only $-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ is in our interval $(-2, 0)$, that is our only such c value. \square

¹Note the **If... Then...** structure to my response. The **if** is the hypothesis and the **then** is the conclusion. Both parts are necessary to any theorem!!!

2. (6 points) Let $g(x) = x^5 - 10x$. Find where g is increasing and decreasing and find any local maxima or minima.

Response. As we will refer to both, we compute $g'(x)$ and $g''(x)$ upfront:

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= 5x^4 - 10 = 5(x^4 - 2) \\ g''(x) &= 20x^3 \end{aligned}$$

To find intervals of increase & decrease, we need to determine when $f'(x) > 0$. To do that, we solve for critical points. g is differentiable everywhere, so all critical points are of the type $g'(x) = 0$. We set $g'(x) = x^4 - 2 = (x^2 - \sqrt{2})(x^2 + \sqrt{2}) = (x - \sqrt[4]{2})(x + \sqrt[4]{2})(x^2 + \sqrt{2}) = 0$ and get $x = \pm \sqrt[4]{2}$. Thus, our intervals of interest are $(-\infty, -\sqrt[4]{2})$, $(-\sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[4]{2})$ and $(\sqrt[4]{2}, \infty)$.

Plugging in $x = -2$ gives $g'(-2) = 5(2^4 - 2) = 70$. Plugging in $x = 0$ gives $g'(0) = -10$. Finally, by even symmetry, plugging in $x = 2$ gives $g'(2) = 70$. Thus, g is increasing on $(-\infty, -\sqrt[4]{2}) \cup (\sqrt[4]{2}, \infty)$ and decreasing on $(-\sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[4]{2})$. We note $g''(x)$ is positive when $x > 0$ and negative when $x < 0$. Thus, $x = -\sqrt[4]{2}$ is a local maximum and $x = \sqrt[4]{2}$ is a local minimum by the second derivative test. \square

3. Use L'hospital's rule to compute the following limits:

(a) (3 points)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} =$$

Response. Note $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^x - 1 = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x$. Thus,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(e^x - 1)}{\frac{d}{dx}(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x}{1} = \frac{e^0}{1} = 1$$

\square

(b) (4 points)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(3x)}{\tan(7x)} =$$

Response. Note $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(3x) = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \tan(7x)$. Thus,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(3x)}{\tan(7x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} \sin(3x)}{\frac{d}{dx} \tan(7x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \cos(3x)}{7 \sec^2(7x)} = \frac{3}{7} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(3x)}{\sec^2(7x)} = \frac{3}{7} * \frac{1}{1} = \frac{3}{7}$$

\square