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MARKS

- [13] 1. (a) Solve for x : $2 \log_2(x-1) - \log_2(x+2) = 2$.
 (b) Let $f(x) = 2^{x^2-1}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$. Find $h = f \circ g$, and determine the domain and the range of $h(x)$.
 (c) Given the function $f(x) = 2e^x/(1+e^x)$, find the inverse function f^{-1} , and determine the domain and the range of f^{-1} .

- [7] 2. Find the limit if it exists :

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{|x^2 - 9|}$ (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (2x - \sqrt{4x^2 - 12x + 1})$

- [6] 3. Find (a) all horizontal, and (b) all vertical asymptotes of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{9x^6 + 3x^3} + 3x^3}{(2x+1)^2(x+2)}$$

- [12] 4. Find the derivatives of the following functions (for full marks you have to show at least **one intermediate step** of your calculations):

(a) $f(x) = \frac{(1+2x)x}{1+\tan x}$

(b) $f(x) = (e^3 x^3 + 3^x) \ln \sqrt{1+x}$

(c) $f(x) = \cos[x^2 + \cos(x^2 + \cos(x^2))]$

(d) $f(x) = (1+x^2)^{\arctan x}$

- [6] 5. Calculate the first derivative $f'(x)$ and the second derivative $f''(x)$ of the function $f(x) = x(x + e^{bx})$ where b is a parameter (i.e. a real number), and then find the exact value of $f''(1)$ as an expression of b .

- [4] 6. Consider the following piecewise-defined function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -\sin(ax) & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) For what values of a , if any, is the function $f(x)$ continuous at $x = 0$?
(b) Is there a value of the parameter a that makes f differentiable at every x ?

- [6] 7. Consider the function $y = \arctan(2x)$.

- (a) Find the linearization $L(x)$ of the function $y(x)$ at $a = 1/2$.
(b) Find the differential dy and evaluate it for the values $x = 0$ and $dx = 0.1$.

- [7] 8. Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2x + 1$.

- (a) Find the slope m of the secant line joining the points $(-2, f(-2))$ and $(0, f(0))$.
(b) Find all points $x = c$ (if any) on the interval $[-2, 0]$ such that the rate $f'(c)$ of instantaneous change of f is equal to the slope m of the secant line in (a).

- [12] 9. (a) Verify that the point $(1, 2)$ belongs to the curve defined by the equation $y^3 - xy = 2 + 2\sqrt{3 + x^2}$, and find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at this point.

- (b) At 1 PM, ship A is 5 kilometers strictly to the west of ship B. Ship A is sailing west at speed 20 km/hour and ship B is sailing north at 30 km/hour. How fast (in km/hour) is the distance between ships changing at 3 PM?

- [14] 10. (a) Find the point (x_0, y_0) on the curve $y = 2\sqrt{x}$ that is closest to the point $(3, 0)$.

- (b) A box with a square base is to be constructed with a volume of 50 m^3 . The material for the bottom and the sides of the box costs $\$2/\text{m}^2$, and the material for the top costs $\$5/\text{m}^2$. Find the dimensions that minimize the cost of the box.

- (c) Use l'Hopital's rule to evaluate the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \cos(x)}{e^{x^2} - 1}$.

[13] 11. Given the function $f(x) = x^4 - 8x^2$.

- (a) Calculate $f'(x)$ and use it to determine intervals where the function is increasing, intervals where it is decreasing, and all critical numbers on the x -axis where $f(x)$ has local maximum or local minimum.
- (b) Calculate $f''(x)$ and use it to determine intervals where the function is concave upward, intervals where the function is concave downward, and the inflection points (if any).
- (c) Sketch the graph of the function $f(x)$ using the information obtained above.

[5] **Bonus Question.** Let $p(x) = x^4 + a^2x^2 - 2a^2x$, where a is any real number. Prove that the graph $y = p(x)$ has at least one point of local minimum on the interval $(-1, 1)$.

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