MATH 131 Homework 9

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1. Let $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ show $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{\frac{-2}{3}}$

For $a \neq 0$:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} - a^{\frac{1}{3}}}{x - a} = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} - a^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(x^{\frac{1}{3}} - a^{\frac{1}{3}})(x^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}}a^{\frac{1}{3}} + a^{\frac{2}{3}})} = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}}a^{\frac{1}{3}} + a^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{1}{3}a^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

2. Let $f(x) = x^2$ rational and f(x) = 0 irrational.

Prove f is continuous at x = 0

f is continuous at 0 if $\forall \delta 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists \epsilon > 0 : |x - 0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon$

When $x \in \mathbb{Q}$: $|f(x)-f(0)| = |x^2-0| < |x^2|$, and $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$: |f(x)-f(0)| = |0-0| = 0 so $|f(x)-f(0)| < |x|^2$.

Fix δ . Take $\epsilon = \sqrt{\delta}$.

Then $|x - 0| < \delta \implies |x| < \delta \implies |x|^2 < \delta^2$.

But then $|f(x) - f(0)| < |x|^2 = \delta^2 = \epsilon$, so f is continuous at 0.

Prove f is not continuous $\forall x \neq 0$

Pick $a = \sqrt{20}$.

Prove f is differentiable at x = 0.

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$$

When $x \in \mathbb{Q} : \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} x = 0.$

Similarly when $x \notin \mathbb{Q} : \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{0}{x} = 0$.

So $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{f(x)}{r} = 0 = f'(0)$.

3. Prove if f and g are differentiable and f(0) = g(0) and $\forall x : f'(x) \le g'(x)$ then $\forall x \ge 0 : f(x) < g(x)$.

Consider h(x) = f(x) - g(x). Then since $f'(x) \le g'(x) \implies h'(x) = f'(x) - g'(x) \le 0$, and h(x) is differentiable on \mathbb{R} .

Fix x. By Mean Value Theorem $\exists y \in (0,x) : h'(x) = \frac{h(x) - h(0)}{x - 0}$.

But then $h(x) - h(0) < h'(x) < 0 \implies h(x) < h(0)$.

But then $f(x) - q(x) < f(0) - q(0) \implies f(x) < q(x)$.

4. Show $\forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})x < \tan x$ Let $f(x) = x - \tan x$. Then $f'(x) = 1 - \sec^2 x = 1 - (1 + \tan^2 x) = \tan^2 x$, which is > 0 for all $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$. So f is strictly increasing and note $f(0) = 0 - \tan 0 = 0$ so $\forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} : f(x) > 0 \implies x < \tan x$

Show that $\frac{x}{\sin x}$ is strictly increasing.

Let $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sin x}$, then $f'(x) = \frac{\sin x - x \cos x}{\sin^2 x}$.

But from above we know $x < \tan x \implies \sin x > x \cos x$. So $\forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2} : f'(x) > 0$, which means f(x) is strictly increasing.

Show that $\forall x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] : x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \sin x$

Note that at the endpoints $x = \frac{\pi}{2} \sin x$ and $\frac{x}{\sin x}$ is strictly increasing as shown above.,

$$\forall x, y : 0 < x < y < \frac{\pi}{2} \implies \frac{x}{\sin x} < \frac{y}{\sin y} < \lim_{y \to \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{y}{\sin y} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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5. Let f be differentiable on \mathbb{R} with $a = \sup\{|f'(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}\} < 1$. Show (s_n) converges

Note f is continuous and differentiable on \mathbb{R} , so we can use the MVT on the interval (s_{n-1}, s_n) to know that $\exists y \in (s_{n-1}, s_n) : f'(y) = \frac{f(s_n) - f(s_{n-1})}{s_n - s_{n-1}}$.

But then using the fact that a < 1 we get

$$\left| \frac{f(s_n) - f(s_{n-1})}{s_n - s_{n-1}} \right| \le \Longrightarrow |f(s_n) - f(s_{n-1})| \le a|s_n - s_{n-1}| \implies |s_{n+1} - s_n| \le a|s_n - s_{n-1}|$$

But we can apply this recursive defintion to get $|s_{n+1} - s_n| \le a^n |s(1) - s(0)|$.

 (s_n) converges if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \forall m > n > N : |s_m - s_n| < \epsilon$

Fix $s(0) \in \mathbb{R}, \epsilon > 0$. Then we pick.

Prove f(x) = x has a fixed point.

From above, we know (s_n) converges, so let $s = \lim s_n$. Since (s_n) converges, so does $(f(s_n))$, also to s, as it is the same sequences, just delayed.

Then because f is differentiable and continuous on $\mathbb{R} \lim s_n = s \implies \lim f(s_n) = f(s) \implies f(s) = s$ and f has a fixed point.

6. Find $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^3}{\sin x - x}$

Since $\lim x^3 = \lim g(x) = 0$ we can apply LHopital's rule.

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x^3}{\sin x - x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{3x^2}{\cos x - 1} = \frac{0}{0}$$

Note again $\lim x^2 = \lim \cos x - 1 = 0$ so we can apply L'Hoptial's rule twice again.

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x^3}{\sin x - x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{3x^2}{\cos x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{6x}{-\sin x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{6}{-\cos x} = -6$$

Find $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3}$

Again we recursively apply LHopitals rule

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sec^2 - 1}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{2 \tan x \sec^2 x}{6x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{2 \sec^2 x + 6 \tan^2 x \sec^2 x}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Find $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x}$

We can rewrite this as $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x-\sin x}{x\sin x}$, then apply L'Hopital's rule.

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x - \sin x}{x \sin x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x + x \cos x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x}{2 \cos x - x \sin x} = 0$$

7. **Find** $\lim_{x\to 0} (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$. We can rewrite $(1+2x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{\log 1+2x}{x}$ so

$$\lim_{x \to 0} (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \to 0} e^{\frac{\log 1 + 2x}{x}} = e^{\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\log 1 + 2x}{x}}$$

Then by LHopital's rule:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\log 1 + 2x}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{2}{1 + 2x} = 2 \implies \lim_{x \to 0} (1 + 2x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e^2$$

Find $\lim_{x\to\infty}$

8. **Let**