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18.01 Single Variable Calculus  
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**Problem 1.** (10 pts). Find the tangent line to  $y = \frac{1}{3}x^2$  at  $x = 1$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^2, \quad f'(1) = \frac{2}{3}x \Big|_{x=1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = f(x_0) = \frac{1}{3}x_0^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$y - y_0 = f'(1)(x - x_0)$$

$$y - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}(x - 1)$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{3}$$

**Problem 2.** Find the derivative of the following functions:

a. (7 pts).  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x}}, \quad x < 1$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x} - x \cdot \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{1-x}}}{1-x} = \frac{1-x + \frac{x}{2}}{(1-x)^{3/2}}$$

b. (8 pts).  $\frac{\cos(2x)}{x}$

$$= \frac{2-x}{2(1-x)^{3/2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-2\sin(2x) \cdot x - \cos(2x)}{x^2}$$

c. (5 pts).  $e^{2f(x)} = g(x)$

$$g'(x) = 2f'(x) e^{2f(x)}$$

d. (5 pts).  $\ln(\sin x)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \cos x = \cot x$$

**Problem 3.** (15 pts). Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for the function  $y$  defined implicitly by  $y^4 + xy = 4$  at  $x = 3, y = 1$ .

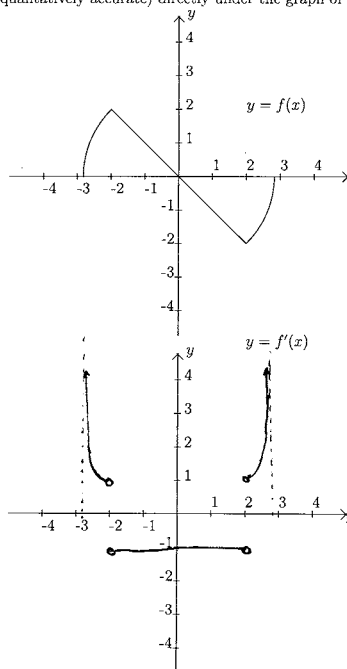
$$4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + y + x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y}{4y^3 + x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=3, y=1} = \frac{-1}{4(1)^3 + 3} = -\frac{1}{7}$$

**Notation**

**Problem 4.** (15 pts.) Draw the graph of the derivative of the function (qualitatively accurate) directly under the graph of the function.



Problem 5. (15 pts) Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax+b & x < 1 \\ x^4+x+1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Find all  $a$  and  $b$  such that the function  $f(x)$  is differentiable.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (ax+b) = a+b$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x^4+x+1) = 3$$

So  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x=1$  if and only if  
 $a+b=3$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} a = a$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (4x^3+1) = 5$$

So  $f'(x)$  is differentiable at  $x=1$  if and only if  
 $a=5$  So  $b=-2$

Problem 6. Evaluate these limits by relating them to a derivative.

a. (5 pts). Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+2x)^{10} - 1}{x}$ .

Let  $f(x) = (1+2x)^{10}$ . Then

$$f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+2h)^{10} - 1}{h}$$

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$$10(1+2x)^9 \cdot 2 \Big|_{x=0} = \boxed{20}$$

b. (5 pts). Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\cos x} - 1}{x}$ .

Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{\cos x}$ . Then

$$f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\cos h} - 1}{h}$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\cos h} - 1}{h} = f'(0) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos x)^{-1/2} (-\sin x) \Big|_x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} \cdot (-0) = \boxed{0}$$

Problem 7. (10 pts). Derive the formula  $\frac{d}{dx} a^x = M(a)a^x$  directly from the definition of the derivative, and identify  $M(a)$  as a limit.

$$\frac{d}{dx} (a^x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{x+h} - a^x}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x a^h - a^x}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x (a^h - 1)}{h}$$

$$= a^x \underbrace{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^h - 1}{h}}_{M(a)}$$