## 2015-2016 Fall Semester MAT123-07 Midterm (10/12/2015)

- 1) Find all local extrema and inflection points of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$ . On which intervals is the function increasing, decreasing, concave upward, or concave downward? Find all asymptotes. Graph the function.
- 2) Use Rolle's theorem to show that  $3\tan x + x^3 = 2$  has exactly one solution on the interval  $[0, \pi/4]$ .
- 3) Find the tangent line to the graph of the equation  $x \sin(xy y^2) = x^2 1$ , at (1, 1).
- 4) Evaluate the limits

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b. 
$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{x^2 - \lfloor x^2 \rfloor}{x - 3}$$

- 5) A point P is moving in the xy-plane. When P is at (4,3), its distance to the origin is increasing at a rate of  $\sqrt{2}$  cm/s, and its distance to the point (7,0) is decreasing at a rate of 3 cm/s. Determine the rate of change of the x-coordinate of P at that moment.
- 6) Sketch the region bounded by y=2|x| and  $y=8-x^2$ . Find the area of the region.

Solutions (Last update: 7/11/25 (11th of July) 4:59 AM)

1) Take the first derivative and set to 0.

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{2}{x^3}$$
 
$$f'(x) = 0 \to \frac{2}{x^3} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \to x = -2 \text{ (candidate for a critical point)}$$

Take the second derivative and set to 0.

$$f''(x)=\frac{2}{x^3}+\frac{6}{x^4}$$
 
$$f''(x)=0\,\to\,\frac{1}{x^3}=-\frac{3}{x^4}\,\to\,x=-3\,\text{(candidate for an inflection point)}$$

 $\{-2, -3\} \in D$ . Therefore, f(-2) gives rise to a local extremum. The sign of the first derivative changes from minus to plus, meaning f(-2) is a local minimum. x = -3 gives rise to an inflection point because the sign of the second derivative also changes.

Find the asymptotes.

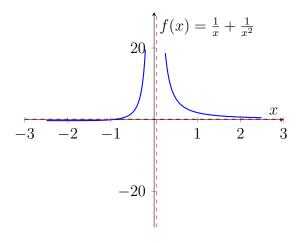
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \to -\infty} f(x) = 0$$

y=0 is the horizontal asymptote and x=0 is the vertical asymptote.

Let us find the concavity and monotonicity. If the sign of f'(x) is minus, the function is decreasing on the corresponding interval; otherwise, increasing. If the sign of f''(x) is minus, the graph of the function is concave downward; otherwise, concave upward.

x	$(-\infty, -3)$	(-3, -2)	(-2,0)	$(0,\infty)$
f' sign	-	-	+	-
f'' sign	-	+	+	+

Eventually, sketch the graph.



2) Let  $f(x) = 3 \tan x + x^3 - 2$ . f is continuous on  $[0, \pi/4]$  and differentiable on  $(0, \pi/4)$ . By IVT (Intermediate Value Theorem), there exists at least one point where f(x) = 0 because f(0) = -2 and  $f(\pi/4) = 1 + (\pi/4)^3$ . Assume that we have two roots on the interval, so at some point c, f'(c) = 0.

$$f'(x) = 3\sec^2 x + 3x^2 \rightarrow f'(c) = 3\sec^2 c + 3c^2 = 0 \rightarrow \sec^2 c = -c^2$$

Since  $-c^2 \le 0$  and  $\sec^2 c > 0$ , there is no c that satisfies the equation. This contradicts our assumption that we have two roots on the interval. By Rolle's theorem, there is only one root on the interval  $[0, \pi/4]$ .

3) Implicitly differentiate both sides.

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x\sin(xy-y^2)] = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2-1)$$

$$1 \cdot \sin(xy-y^2) + x \cdot \cos(xy-y^2) \cdot \left[\left(1 \cdot y + x\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - 2y\frac{dy}{dx}\right] = 2x$$

Rearrange the equation to solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  through a careful and rigorous attempt.

$$x \cdot \cos(xy - y^{2}) \cdot \left[ \left( 1 \cdot y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) - 2y \frac{dy}{dx} \right] = 2x - \sin(xy - y^{2})$$

$$y + \frac{dy}{dx} (x - 2y) = \frac{2x - \sin(xy - y^{2})}{x \cdot \cos(xy - y^{2})}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (x - 2y) = \frac{2x - \sin(xy - y^{2})}{x \cdot \cos(xy - y^{2})} - y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{2x - \sin(xy - y^{2})}{x \cdot \cos(xy - y^{2})} - y}{(x - 2y)}$$
(1)

Calculate  $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{(1,1)}$  from (1). This will give us the slope of the tangent line.

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,1)} = -1$$

Recall:  $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$ . m is  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at x = 1. So, the tangent line is:

$$y - 1 = -(x - 1) \to y = 2 - x$$

4)

a) Let L be the value of the limit. Then, take the logarithm of both sides.

$$L = \lim_{x \to 0^+} (1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$ln(L) = ln \left[ \lim_{x \to 0^+} (1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \right]$$

The expression on the right is continuous for x > 0. Therefore, we can take the logarithm inside the limit.

$$\ln(L) = \lim_{x \to 0^+} \ln\left[ (1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \right] = \lim_{x \to 0^+} \left[ \frac{\ln(1 + \sin x)}{x} \right]$$

If we substitute x = 0, the limit is in the form 0/0. L'Hôpital's rule states that we may take the derivatives of both sides of the fraction if there's a 0/0 indeterminate form. Apply the chain rule accordingly.

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \left[ \frac{\ln(1 + \sin x)}{x} \right] \stackrel{\text{L'H.}}{=} \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{1 + \sin x} \cdot \cos x}{1} \right] = \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \left[ \frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x} \right]$$

The limit can now be evaluated by substituting x = 0.

$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \left[ \frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x} \right] = \frac{\cos 0}{1 + \sin 0} = 1$$

Now, ln(L) = 1. Simply, take L out of the logarithm.

$$L = e$$

b) Look at the one-sided limits. Let us first evaluate the limit from the right side. Above and near x = 3, the floor function will return 9.

$$\lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{x^2 - \lfloor x^2 \rfloor}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{(x - 3)(x + 3)}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \to 3^+} (x + 3) = 6$$

From the left side, the output is the largest integer less than 9. Therefore,  $|x^2| = 8$ .

$$\lim_{x \to 3^{-}} \frac{x^{2} - \lfloor x^{2} \rfloor}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \to 3^{-}} \frac{x^{2} - 8}{x - 3} = -\infty$$

The one-sided limits are not equal to each other. Therefore, the limit does not exist.

5) x = x(t) and y = y(t). The distance between the point P and the origin, and the distance between the point P and the point (7,0) are, respectively, given by:

$$f(t) = \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$g(t) = \sqrt{(x-7)^2 + (y-0)^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - 14x + 49 + y^2}$$

Take the first derivative with respect to time.

$$f'(t) = \frac{1}{2(x^2 + y^2)} \cdot \left(2x\frac{dx}{dt} + 2y\frac{dy}{dt}\right) \tag{2}$$

$$g'(t) = \frac{1}{2(x^2 - 14x + 49 + y^2)} \cdot \left( (2x - 14) \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} \right)$$
(3)

For  $t = t_0$ , it is given  $x(t_0) = 4$ ,  $y(t_0) = 3$  and  $f(t_0) = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5$ ,  $g(t_0) = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2} = 3\sqrt{2}$ . We then obtain a system of two equations by substituting values in (2) and (3):

$$f'(t_0) = \frac{1}{50} \cdot \left(8\frac{dx}{dt} + 6\frac{dy}{dt}\right) = \sqrt{2}$$

$$g'(t_0) = \frac{1}{36} \cdot \left( (-6)\frac{dx}{dt} + 6\frac{dy}{dt} \right) = 3$$

Let us simplify the equations for readiness.

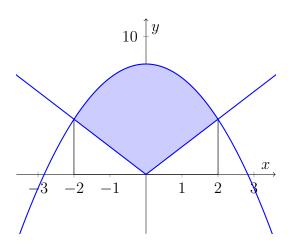
$$8x'(t_0) + 6y'(t_0) = 50\sqrt{2}$$
$$-6x'(t_0) + 6y'(t_0) = 108$$

The question wants us to find the change in the x-coordinate of P. Therefore, negate the latter equation and solve for  $x'(t_0)$ .

$$x'(t_0) = \frac{25\sqrt{2} - 54}{7}$$

The change in the y-coordinate is left as a practice for the reader.

6)



The area can be found by integrating the difference in y with respect to x. We split the integral into two because the absolute value function changes sign.

$$I = \int_{-2}^{2} (8 - x^{2} - 2|x|) dx = \int_{-2}^{0} (8 - x^{2} + 2x) dx + \int_{0}^{2} (8 - x^{2} - 2x) dx$$

$$I = \left[ 8x - \frac{x^{3}}{3} + x^{2} \right]_{-2}^{0} + \left[ 8x - \frac{x^{3}}{3} - x^{2} \right]_{0}^{2}$$

$$I = 0 - \left( -16 + \frac{8}{3} + 4 \right) + \left( 16 - \frac{8}{3} - 4 \right) - 0 = \boxed{\frac{56}{3}}$$