2019-2020 Fall MAT123 Midterm (04/11/2019)

1. Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \to 3^+} \cos(x-3)^{\ln\left(\frac{2x}{3}-2\right)}$$

2. Find constants a and b such that f(x) defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\tan ax}{\tan bx}, & \text{if } x < 0\\ 4, & \text{if } x = 0\\ ax + b, & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

will be continuous at the point x = 0.

- 3. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that the equation $1 2x = \sin x$ has at least one real solution. Then use Rolle's Theorem to show it has no more than one solution.
- 4. Ship A is 60 miles north of point O and moving in the north direction at 20 miles per hour. Ship B is 80 miles east of point O and moving west at 25 miles per hour. How fast is the distance between the ships changing at this moment?

5. Sketch the graph of

$$f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x}$$

6. Evaluate the following integrals.

(a)
$$\int x^2 \sqrt{9 + x^2} \, dx$$

(b)
$$\int \tan x \cdot \sec^6 x \, dx$$

(c)
$$\int_4^8 \frac{1}{(x-4)^3} dx$$

(d)
$$\int e^{2x} \sin e^x dx$$

(e)
$$\int \frac{dx}{\sin x - \cos x}$$

- 7. Let us consider the area A of the region bounded by the curves $x = e^y$, $x = y^2 2$ and the straight lines y = 1, y = -1. Write an integral (but don't evaluate) corresponding to the area A
- (i) with respect to the y and
- (ii) with respect to the x.

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1. Let L be the value of the limit.

$$L = \lim_{x \to 3^+} \cos(x-3)^{\ln\left(\frac{2x}{3}-2\right)}$$
$$\ln(L) = \ln\left(\lim_{x \to 3^+} \cos(x-3)^{\ln\left(\frac{2x}{3}-2\right)}\right)$$

Since $\cos(x-3)^{\ln(2x/3-2)}$ is continuous for x>3, we can take the logarithm function inside the limit. Using the property of logarithms, we get:

$$\ln(L) = \lim_{x \to 3^+} \left[\ln\left(\cos(x-3)^{\ln\left(\frac{2x}{3}-2\right)}\right) \right] = \lim_{x \to 3^+} \left[\ln\left(\cos(x-3)\right) \ln\left(\frac{2x}{3}-2\right) \right] \quad [0 \cdot \infty]$$

Rearrange the limit to obtain an indeterminate form. Afterwards, apply L'Hôpital's rule.

$$\lim_{x \to 3^+} \left[\ln\left(\cos(x-3)\right) \ln\left(\frac{2x}{3} - 2\right) \right] = \lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{2x}{3} - 2\right)}{1/\ln\left(\cos(x-3)\right)} \quad \left[\frac{0}{0}\right]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H.}}{=} \lim_{x \to 3^{+}} \frac{\frac{1}{\frac{2x}{3} - 2} \cdot \frac{2}{3}}{\left(-\ln^{-2}\cos(x - 3)\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(x - 3)} \cdot \left(-\sin(x - 3)\right)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 3^{+}} \frac{\ln^{2}(\cos(x-3))}{(x-3)\tan(x-3)} \quad \left[\frac{0}{0}\right]$$

$$\lim_{x \to 3^{+}} \frac{2\ln(\cos(x-3)) \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(x-3)} \cdot (-\sin(x-3))}{\tan(x-3) + (x-3)\sec^{2}(x-3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{-2 \ln(\cos(x-3)) \sin(x-3)}{\sin(x-3) + (x-3) \sec(x-3)} \stackrel{u=x-3}{=} \lim_{u \to 0^+} \left(\frac{-2 \ln(\cos(u)) \sin(u)}{\sin(u) + u \sec(u)} \cdot \frac{u}{u} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{u \to 0^{+}} [-2\ln(\cos(u))] \cdot \lim_{u \to 0^{+}} \frac{\sin(u)}{u}}{\lim_{u \to 0} \sec(u) + \lim_{u \to 0^{+}} \frac{\sin(u)}{u}} \quad \left[\lim_{u \to 0} \frac{\sin(u)}{u} = 1\right]$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{u \to 0^{+}} [-2\ln(\cos(u))]}{\lim_{u \to 0^{+}} \sec(u) + 1} = \frac{-2\ln(\cos(0))}{1+1} = \frac{-2\ln(1)}{2} = 0$$

We found out that ln(L) = 0. Therefore, L = 1

2. To ensure continuity at x = 0, the one-sided limit values must be equal to the value of the function at that point.

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{\tan ax}{\tan bx} = \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} (ax + b) = f(0) = 4$$

The easy part is that we can calculate the limit from the right.

$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} (ax + b) = 0 + b = b$$

Hence, b = 4. To calculate from the left, we need another technique.

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{\tan ax}{\tan bx} = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \left(\frac{\sin ax}{\cos ax} \cdot \frac{\cos bx}{\sin bx} \cdot \frac{bx}{bx} \cdot \frac{ax}{ax} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \left(\frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right) \cdot \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{\sin bx}{bx}} \right) \cdot \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \left(\frac{\cos(bx) \cdot ax}{\cos(ax) \cdot bx} \right)$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{\sin bx}{bx}} \cdot \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \left(\frac{\cos(bx) \cdot a}{\cos(ax) \cdot b} \right) = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \left(\frac{\cos(0) \cdot a}{\cos(0) \cdot b} \right)$$

$$= \frac{a}{b}$$

Now, set
$$\frac{a}{b} = b \to a = 16$$
. $a = 16, b = 4$

3. $-1 \le \sin x \le 1$, and $\sin x$ is continuous $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. 1 - 2x is continuous everywhere and takes any value in \mathbb{R} . Therefore, the equation $\sin x = 1 - 2x$ must have at least one real solution by IVT, and the *y*-intercept is on the interval [-1, 1].

Let $f(x) = \sin x - 1 + 2x$ and x_1 be one solution to the equation. Then, the root must satisfy $|1 - 2x| \le 1$. To disprove the existence of another root, we assume that x_2 is another distinct root. Since $f(x_1) = f(x_2) = 0$ and f(x) is differentiable everywhere, by Rolle's theorem, there must exist a point c such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = 0$$

Take the first derivative and calculate f'(c)

$$f'(c) = \cos c + 2$$

- $-1 \le \cos x \le 1$. Therefore, there is no such c that satisfies f'(c) = 0. This is a contradiction. By Rolle's theorem, there is *only* one root satisfying $\sin x = 1 2x$.
- 4. Let f(t) and g(t) represent the distance between Ship A and point O, and the distance between Ship B and point O, respectively. The distance between the ships can be represented using the Pythagorean theorem as follows:

$$D^2(t) = f^2(t) + g^2(t)$$

Take the derivative of both sides.

$$2D\frac{dD}{dt} = 2f(t)f'(t) + 2g(t)g'(t)$$

Solve for $\frac{dD}{dt}$.

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = \frac{f(t)f'(t) + g(t)g'(t)}{D}$$

For $t = t_0$, we have $f(t_0) = 60$, $g(t_0) = 80$, $f'(t_0) = 20$, $g'(t_0) = -25$, $D(t_0) = \sqrt{60^2 + 80^2} = 100$. We may now find the rate of change of the distance at that time.

$$\frac{dD}{dt}\bigg|_{t=t_0} = \frac{60 \cdot 20 - 80 \cdot 25}{100} = \boxed{-8 \text{ miles/hour}}$$

5. First off, find the domain. The expression is undefined when the denominator is zero. Therefore, $x \neq 0$. The only vertical asymptote occurs at x = 0.

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$

Let us find the limit at infinity and the limit at negative infinity.

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{e^x}{x} \stackrel{\text{L'H.}}{=} \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{e^x}{1} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{e^x}{x} = 0$$

The horizontal asymptote occurs only at y = 0.

Take the first derivative by applying the quotient rule.

$$y' = \frac{e^x \cdot x - e^x \cdot 1}{x^2} = \frac{e^x(x-1)}{x^2}$$

y' is undefined for x = 0, and y' = 0 for x = 1. Since 0 is not in the domain, the *only* critical point is x = 1.

Take the second derivative.

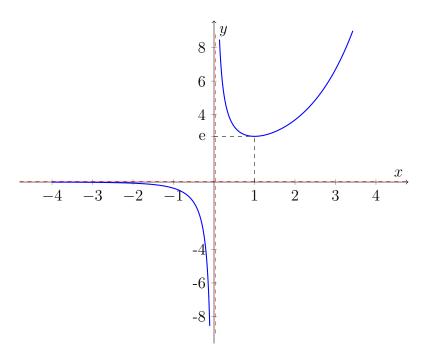
$$y'' = \frac{[e^x(x-1) + e^x]x^2 - e^x(x-1) \cdot 2x}{x^4} = \frac{e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)}{x^3}$$

There is no inflection point.

Consider some values of the function. Eventually, set up a table and see what the graph looks like in certain intervals.

$$f(1) = \frac{\mathrm{e}^1}{1} = \mathrm{e}$$

x	$(-\infty,0)$	(0,1)	$(1,\infty)$
y	$(-\infty,0)$	(∞, e)	(e, ∞)
y' sign	-	-	+
y'' sign	-	+	+



6.

(a) Let $x = 3 \tan u$, then $dx = 3 \sec^2 u \, du$.

$$I = \int x^{2} \sqrt{9 + x^{2}} dx = \int (3 \tan u)^{2} \cdot \sqrt{9 + (3 \tan u)^{2}} \cdot 3 \sec^{2}(u) du \quad [1 + \tan^{2} u = \sec^{2} u]$$

$$= 81 \int \tan^{2} u \cdot \sec^{3} u du = 81 \int \frac{\sin^{2} u}{\cos^{5} u} du = 81 \int \frac{1 - \cos^{2} u}{\cos^{5} u} du$$

$$= 81 \int \sec^{5} u du - 81 \int \sec^{3} u du \qquad (1)$$

Find the left-hand integral in (1) with integration by parts.

$$w = \sec^3 u \to dw = 3\sec^3 u \tan u \, du$$
$$dz = \sec^2 u \, du \to z = \tan u$$

$$\int \sec^5 u \, du = \tan u \cdot \sec^3 u - 3 \int \tan^2 u \cdot \sec^3 u \, du = \tan u \cdot \sec^3 u - 3 \int (\sec^5 u - \sec^3 u) \, du$$

The integral we want to evaluate appears on the right side. After a little algebra, we get:

$$\int \sec^5 u \, du = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \tan u \cdot \sec^3 u + \frac{3}{4} \int \sec^3 u \, du$$

Rewrite (1) and calculate the other integral in (1) with integration by parts.

$$I = \frac{81}{4} \cdot \tan u \cdot \sec^3 u - \frac{81}{4} \int \sec^3 u \, du \tag{2}$$

$$w = \sec u \to dw = \sec u \tan u \, du$$
$$dz = \sec^2 u \, du \to z = \tan u$$

$$\int \sec^3 u \, du = \tan u \cdot \sec u - \int \tan^2 u \sec u \, du = \tan u \cdot \sec u - \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 u}{\cos^3 u} \, du$$
$$= \tan u \cdot \sec u - \int \sec^3 u \, du + \int \sec u \, du$$

We encountered a similar case when calculating $\int \sec^5 u \, du$. So,

$$\int \sec^3 u \, du = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \tan u \cdot \sec u + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int \sec u \, du$$

The integral of $\sec u$ with respect to u is as follows. One can derive it with particular methods.

$$\int \sec u \, du = \ln|\tan u + \sec u| + c_1, \, c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$$
(3)

Rewrite (2) using (3).

$$I = \frac{81}{4} \cdot \tan u \cdot \sec^3 u - \frac{81}{8} \cdot \tan u \cdot \sec u - \frac{81}{8} \cdot \ln|\tan u + \sec u| + c$$

Recall that $x = 3 \tan u$, then $x^2 = 9 \tan^2 u = 9 \sec^2 u - 9 \rightarrow \sec u = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}}{3}$. The result is then as follows. Furthermore, we can omit the constant part to simplify.

$$I = \frac{x\sqrt{x^2 + 9}}{8} (2x^2 + 9) - \frac{81}{8} \ln \left| \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 9}}{3} \right| + c, \ c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$I = \frac{x\sqrt{x^2 + 9}}{8} (2x^2 + 9) - \frac{81}{8} \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 + 9}| + c, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

(b) Rewrite the expression. Then, let $u = \tan^2 x + 1$. So, $du = 2 \tan x \sec^2 x \, dx$

$$I = \int \tan x \cdot \sec^6 x \, dx \quad \left[\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x \right]$$

$$= \int \tan x \cdot \sec^2 x \cdot (1 + \tan^2 x)^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int u^2 \, du = \frac{u^3}{6} + c$$

$$I = \frac{(\tan^2 x + 1)^3}{6} + c, \, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

(c) This is an improper integral; we need to make use of the limit concept. The expression is undefined for x = 4.

$$I = \int_{4}^{8} \frac{1}{(x-4)^{3}} dx = \lim_{R \to 4^{+}} \int_{R}^{8} \frac{1}{(x-4)^{3}} dx = \lim_{R \to 4^{+}} \left[-\frac{1}{2(x-4)^{2}} \right]_{R}^{8}$$
$$= \lim_{R \to 4^{+}} \left[-\frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{(R-4)^{2}} \right] = \boxed{\infty}$$

(d) We'll use integration by parts.

$$u = e^x \to du = e^x dx$$

$$dv = e^x \sin e^x dx \to v = -\cos e^x$$

$$\int e^{2x} \sin e^x dx = (-\cos e^x) \cdot e^x - \int e^x \cdot (-\cos e^x) dx$$

$$= \boxed{-e^x \cos e^x + \sin e^x + c, c \in \mathbb{R}}$$

(e) We may utilize the tangent half-angle substitution, which is sometimes called the Weierstrass substitution. Let $t = \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$. After some mathematical operations, we get the following. One can later derive the formulas.

$$\sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2} \quad \cos x = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} \quad dx = \frac{2}{1+t^2} dt$$

Rewrite the integral and apply partial fraction decomposition.

$$I = \int \frac{dx}{\sin x - \cos x} = \int \frac{\frac{2}{1+t^2}}{\frac{2t}{1+t^2} - \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}} dt = \int \frac{2}{t^2 + 2t - 1} dt = 2 \int \frac{1}{(t+1)^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2} dt$$
$$= 2 \int \frac{1}{(t+1-\sqrt{2})(t+1+\sqrt{2})} dt = 2 \int \left(\frac{A}{t+1+\sqrt{2}} + \frac{B}{t+1-\sqrt{2}}\right) dt \tag{4}$$

$$A(t+1-\sqrt{2}) + B(t+1+\sqrt{2}) = 1$$

$$t(A+B) + A + B + \sqrt{2}(B-A) = 1$$

$$\therefore A + B = 0 \quad \text{[eliminate } t\text{]} \to B - A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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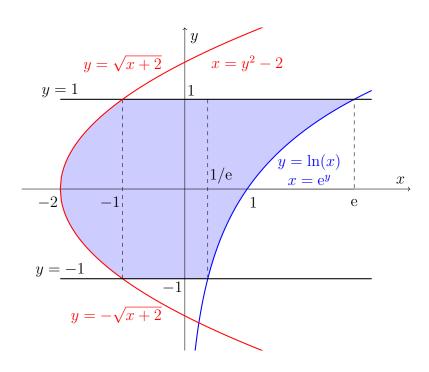
$$A = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}, \quad B = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

Plug the values of A and B into (4).

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \int \left(\frac{1}{t+1-\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{t+1+\sqrt{2}} \right) dt = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ln \left(\frac{|t+1-\sqrt{2}|}{|t+1+\sqrt{2}|} \right) + c, \ c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \ln \left(\frac{\left| \tan \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) + 1 - \sqrt{2} \right|}{\left| \tan \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) + 1 + \sqrt{2} \right|} \right) + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

7.



(i) The variable is y. Hence, the limits are -1, 1, respectively.

$$A = \int_{1}^{1} \left[e^{y} - (y^{2} - 2) \right] dy$$

(ii) We have three different regions. This leads us to take three different integrals.

$$A = \int_{-2}^{-1} \left[\sqrt{x+2} - (-\sqrt{x+2}) \right] dx + \int_{-1}^{1/e} \left[1 - (-1) \right] dx + \int_{1/e}^{e} (1 - \ln x) dx$$