

Quiz 03 (Set C (Solution))

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Multiple Choice Questions

1. (1 point) Let $f(x) = 200$. Then,

- A. $f^{-1}(x) = 200$
- B. $f^{-1}(x)$ does not exist.
- C. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{200}$
- D. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{200x}$

Answer: B

Solution: Consider two points in the domain of the function: $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

$f(1) = 200$ and $f(2) = 200$.

What happens when you 'invert' this function? You get:

$f^{-1}(200) = 1$ and $f^{-1}(200) = 2$.

This cannot be a valid function as it is not one-to-one. Therefore, the inverse does not exist.

2. (1 point) Consider the following statements:

Statement (i):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} |x + 3| = 0.$$

Statement (ii):

$f(x) = |x + 3|$ is differentiable at $x = -3$.

- A. Both (i) and (ii) are correct.
- B. Statement (i) is correct but statement (ii) is wrong.
- C. Statement (i) is wrong but statement (ii) is correct.
- D. Both (i) and (ii) are wrong.

Answer: B

Solution:

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} |x + 3| = 0$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} |x + 3| = 0$$

LHL = RHL. Therefore, the limit does exist and is equal to zero.

$$\text{LHD: } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} -1 = -1$$

$$(\text{since } |x + 3| = -x - 3 \quad \forall x < 0)$$

$$\text{RHD: } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} 1 = 1$$

$$(\text{since } |x + 3| = x + 3 \quad \forall x > 0)$$

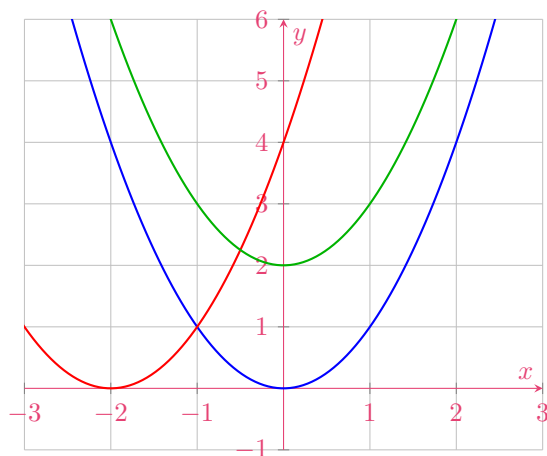
LHD \neq RHD. Therefore, $f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

3. (1 point) If $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = x^2 + 2$ and $h(x) = (x + 2)^2$, then

- A. the graph of $g(x)$ can be obtained by shifting $f(x)$ downwards by 2 units.
- B. the graph of $h(x)$ can be obtained by shifting $f(x)$ upwards by 1 unit.
- C. the graph of $h(x)$ can be obtained by shifting $f(x)$ to the left by 2 units.
- D. the graph of $g(x)$ can be obtained by shifting $f(x)$ to the right by 2 units.

Answer: C

Solution: This is very straightforward. $g(x)$ is $f(x)$ shifted up two units and $h(x)$ is $f(x)$ being shifted to the left by two units.



$$\text{---} f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{---} h(x) = (x + 2)^2 \quad \text{---} g(x) = x^2 + 2$$

Short Answer Questions-I

4. (1 point) Compute the inverse of the following function: $f(x) = \frac{5x - 1}{5x + 1}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= f(x) \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{5x - 1}{5x + 1} \\ \Rightarrow y(5x + 1) &= 5x - 1 \\ \Rightarrow 5xy + y &= 5x - 1 \\ \Rightarrow 5xy - 5x &= -1 - y \\ \Rightarrow x(5y - 5) &= -1 - y \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{-1 - y}{5y - 5} \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{1 + y}{5 - 5y} \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1 + y}{1 - y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Answer: $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1 + x}{1 - x} \right)$.

5. (1 point) Calculate: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^3 - 88x^2 + 2000}{5x^3 - 2x^2 + 10}$.

Solution: Divide the whole expression by x^3 .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 - \frac{88}{x} + \frac{2000}{x^3}}{5 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{10}{x^3}} \\ = \frac{2 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{88}{x} + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2000}{x^3}}{5 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{x} + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10}{x^3}} \\ = \frac{2}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Answer: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^3 - 88x^2 + 2000}{5x^3 - 2x^2 + 10} = \frac{2}{5}$

6. (1 point) Compute $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = 3x + \frac{6}{\sqrt{x}}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 3x + \frac{6}{\sqrt{x}} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3 + \frac{d\left(\frac{6}{\sqrt{x}}\right)}{dx} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3 + 6 \frac{d(x^{-1/2})}{dx} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3 - 6\left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Answer: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 - 3x^{-3/2}$

Short Answer Questions-II

7. (2 points) There are two parts in this question.

- (a) (1 point) Calculate a such the following function is continuous for all x . $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2ax - 1 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ 6x^2 + 3 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$

Solution: Condition for continuity at $x = a$: $LHL = RHL = f(a)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 2ax - 1 \\ &= 2a - 1 \\ \text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 6x^2 + 3 \\ &= 6 + 3 \\ &= 9 \\ f(1) &= 2a - 1 \\ \Rightarrow 2a - 1 &= 9 \\ \Rightarrow a &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Answer: $a = 5$.

- (b) (1 point) Compute $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $f(x) = \frac{3 - x^2}{3 + x^2}$.

Solution: Let $u = 3 - x^2$ and $v = 3 + x^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} u' &= -2x \\ v' &= 2x \end{aligned}$$

We know that, if $f(x) = \frac{u}{v}$, $f'(x) = \frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$.

Applying the quotient rule, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(3 + x^2)(-2x) - (3 - x^2)(2x)}{(3 + x^2)^2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-12x}{(3 + x^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Answer: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-12x}{(3 + x^2)^2}$

8. (2 points) The demand function for tickets on *Ruinmytrip* is given by

$$p = 400 - 0.02q$$

(a) (1 point) Compute the marginal revenue.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}TR &= (400 - 0.02) \cdot q \\TR &= (400 - 0.02q) \cdot q \\TR &= 400q - 0.02q^2 \\ \Rightarrow MR &= 400 - 0.04q\end{aligned}\quad \text{(applying the power rule)}$$

Answer: Marginal revenue = $400 - 0.04q$

(b) (1 point) Calculate the approximate revenue for the 2001st ticket.

Solution: We know that $MR(x)$ will approximate $TR(x + 1)$. Therefore, we need to compute $MR(2000)$.

$$\begin{aligned}MR(2000) &= 400 - 0.04q \\ \Rightarrow MR(2000) &= 400 - 0.04(2000) \\ \Rightarrow MR(2000) &= 400 - 80 \\ \Rightarrow MR(2000) &= 320\end{aligned}$$

Answer: The approximate revenue from selling the 2001st ticket is 320.

