

# MATH 141: Quiz 4

Name: key

Directions:

- \* Show your thought process (commonly said as "show your work") when solving each problem for full credit.
- \* If you do not know how to solve a problem, try your best and/or explain in English what you would do.
- \* Good luck!

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1. **Using the limit definition of the derivative**, find the derivative of  $g(t) = t^2 + 1$ .

You must use the limit definition, i.e.

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Shortcuts will receive zero credit.

$$\begin{aligned} g'(t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(t+h) - g(t)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(t+h)^2 + 1 - (t^2 + 1)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{t^2} + 2th + \cancel{h^2} + 1 - \cancel{t^2} - 1}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2th + h^2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}(2t + h)}{\cancel{h}} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2t + h) \stackrel{\text{continuity}}{=} 2t + 0 \\ &= \boxed{2t} \\ &\quad \text{1 pt} \end{aligned}$$

2. Using the limit definition of the derivative, find the derivative of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

LCD of  $\frac{1}{x+h}$  and  $\frac{1}{x}$  is  $x(x+h)$ .

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x}}{h} \cdot \frac{x(x+h)}{x(x+h)}$$

frac law

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x} \right) \cdot x(x+h)}{h \cdot x \cdot (x+h)}$$

dist

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\cancel{x+h}} \cdot \cancel{x} \cancel{(x+h)} - \frac{1}{\cancel{x}} \cdot \cancel{x} (x+h)}{h x (x+h)}$$

frac law

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - (x+h)}{h x (x+h)}$$

dist

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - x - h}{h x (x+h)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cancel{h}}{\cancel{h} x (x+h)}$$

frac law

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

continuity

$$= \frac{-1}{x(x+0)}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$$

Hw grade #1

$$f(1) = 1^4 + 1 - 3 = -1$$

$$f(2) = 2^4 + 2 - 3 = 15$$

1 pt

Because  $f(x)$  is continuous, by <sup>1 pt</sup> IVT there

must be a  $c \in (1, 2)$  where  $f(c) = 0$ , i.e.  
a root.