

MATH 161: Midterm 2

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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!

Problem	Score	Points
1		10
2		10
3		10
4		10
5		10
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1. Draw **one single graph** of a function which satisfies the following:

(a) $f(0) = 1$

(b) $f(2) = 1$

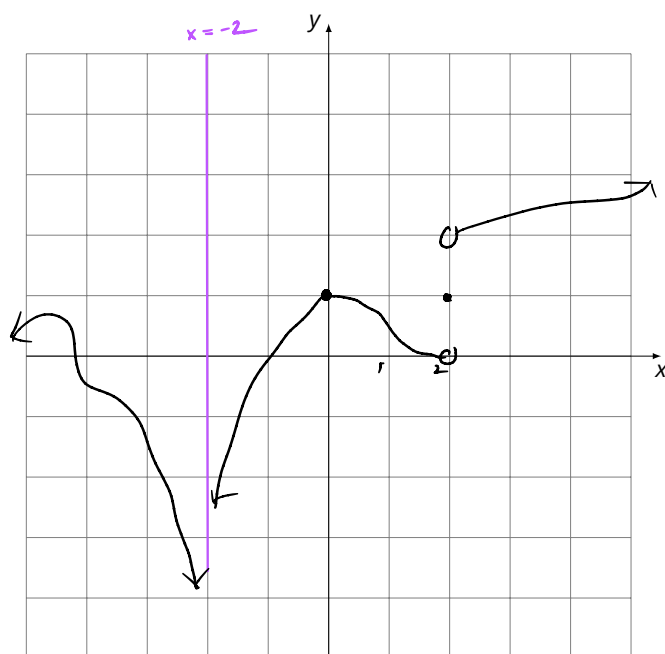
(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 0$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 2$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = -\infty$

Answers may vary.



2. Consider this limit:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{3+h} - \frac{1}{3}}{h}$$

(a) Try using Limit Laws to find the limit. What ends up happening?

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{3+h} - \frac{1}{3}}{h} &\stackrel{\text{limit law (5)}}{=} \frac{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 3 + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h} - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h} \\ &\stackrel{\text{limit law (7,8)}}{=} \frac{\frac{1}{3+0} - \frac{1}{3}}{0} \\ &= \frac{0}{0} \leftarrow \text{You end up with an indeterminate form of type } \frac{0}{0}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Now find the actual limit.

The limit says you're looking to create a global factor of $h-0 = \boxed{h}$ in the numerator. So, simplify the compound fraction.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{3+h} - \frac{1}{3}}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{3}{3} \frac{1}{3+h} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3+h}{3+h}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{3}{3(3+h)} - \frac{3+h}{3(3+h)}}{h} \quad \text{fact law (1)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{3 - (3+h)}{3(3+h)}}{h} \quad \text{fact law (5)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{3-3-h}{3(3+h)}}{h} \quad \text{dist law} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{-h}{3(3+h)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{3(3+h)} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \quad \text{fact law (2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cancel{h}}{3 \cdot \cancel{h} (3+h)} \quad \text{fact law (5)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{3(3+h)} \quad \text{now use limit laws} \\ &= \frac{-1}{3(3+0)} \\ &= \boxed{-\frac{1}{9}} \quad 3 \end{aligned}$$

3. Use **the mathematical definition of continuity** to prove the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x(x-1) & x < 1 \\ 0 & x = 1 \\ \sqrt{x-1} & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

is continuous at the number $x = 1$.

① Show $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exists.

we have: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \sqrt{x-1} \overset{\text{limit laws}}{=} \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 1} = \sqrt{1-1} = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} [x(x-1)] = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x \right] \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 1 \right] \overset{\text{limit laws}}{=} 1 \cdot (1-1) = 0$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$, we conclude $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exists and is equal to 0.

② Show $f(1)$ is defined.

$$f(1) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

③ Show $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$

from parts ① and ②, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 0$ and $f(1) = 0$.

\therefore , this condition is satisfied.

By the definition of continuity $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$.

4. Suppose $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

(a) What the expression $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ represent?

The derivative of $f(x)$, which represents the slope of the tangent line at the same x -coordinates.

(b) Find the limit

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

for the given function $f(x)$. You must use this limit definition to receive credit.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \\ &\stackrel{A^2 - B^2}{=} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h - x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}}{\cancel{h}(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{frac} \\ \text{law 5} \end{array} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \\ &\quad \begin{array}{l} \text{continuity} \\ \end{array} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+0} + \sqrt{x}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find the equation of the tangent line of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ at the point $(1, 1)$.

Tangent line of $f(x)$ at $(a, f(a))$ is

$$y - f(a) = f'(a)(x - a)$$

Given $(1, 1)$, we have $y - 1 = f'(1)(x - 1)$

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

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

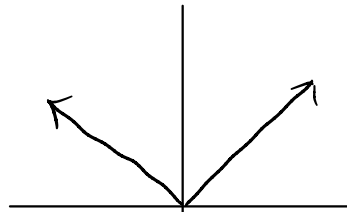
$$\boxed{y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}}$$

5. Short answer questions:

(a) If a function $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = a$, must it be differentiable at $x = a$?

If not, draw a graph of a function that is continuous but not differentiable.

No. The function $f(x) = |x|$ has the following graph.



$f(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} but differentiable on $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$.

(b) True or False:

$$f(x) = \sin(x) + \frac{x}{x+1}$$

is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

False. Finding continuity is just finding domain.

$\frac{x}{x+1}$ has domain $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$ because you cannot divide by 0.

$\therefore, f(x)$ is continuous on $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$.

(c) Given $f(x) = x$, find $f'(x)$.

$$f'(x) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = 0$$

6. Find the following derivatives. You are allowed to use the Differentiation Rules.

(a) $f(x) = \pi^2$

constant!

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [\pi^2] = \boxed{0}$$

(b) $f(\theta) = \theta^3 - e^\theta + 2 \sin \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\theta) &= \frac{d}{d\theta} [\theta^3 - e^\theta + 2 \sin \theta] \\ &= \frac{d}{d\theta} [\theta^3] - \frac{d}{d\theta} [e^\theta] + 2 \frac{d}{d\theta} [\sin \theta] \\ &= \boxed{3\theta^2 - e^\theta + 2 \cos \theta} \end{aligned}$$

power rule

(c) $g(x) = (x-1)(x+1)$

$$= x^2 - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} [x^2 - 1] \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} [x^2] - \frac{d}{dx} [1] \\ &= 2x - 0 \\ &= \boxed{2x} \end{aligned}$$