

Evaluate the following limits

(1)
$$\lim_{x \to 2} \left(\frac{1}{x - 2} - \frac{4}{x^2 - 4} \right)$$
, (2) $\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{9x^2 - 4x + 1}{\sqrt{3x^4 + 5x^3 - x^2 + 2}}$.

Solution of Problem 1

(1)

$$\lim_{x \to 2} \left(\frac{1}{x - 2} - \frac{4}{x^2 - 4} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \left(\frac{x + 2}{x^2 - 4} - \frac{4}{x^2 - 4} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \left(\frac{x - 2}{x^2 - 4} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{(x - 2)}{(x - 2)(x + 2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{1}{x + 2} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25.$$
 [5 points]

(2)

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{9x^2 - 4x + 1}{\sqrt{3x^4 + 5x^3 - x^2 + 2}} = \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{9x^2}{\sqrt{3x^4}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{9x^2}{\sqrt{3}x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}} = 3\sqrt{3} = 5.1962$$
 [5 points]

Let g(x) be the function such that

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - m^2}{x - m}, & \text{if } x \neq m \\ m^2 + 1, & \text{if } x = m \end{cases}.$$

Find the value of m for which the function g(x) is continuous at x = m.

Solution of Problem 2

The function q(x) is continuous at x = m if and only if

$$\lim_{x \to m} g(x) = g(m).$$
 [3 **points**]

Note that when x is approaching m, then $x \neq m \Rightarrow$

$$g(x) = \frac{x^2 - m^2}{x - m} = \frac{(x - m)(x + m)}{x - m} = x + m.$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{x \to m} g(x) = \lim_{x \to m} (x + m) = 2m.$$
 [4 points]

Since $g(m) = m^2 + 1$, the condition of continuity gives

$$m^2 + 1 = 2m \Leftrightarrow m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$$

 $\Leftrightarrow (m-1)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow m = 1$ [3 points]

Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of the functions at the indicated points

(1)
$$f(x) = (7x^3 - 4x^2 + 2)^{1/3}$$
 at $x = 1$

(2)
$$g(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x+2}}\right)$$
 at $x = 0$.

Solution of Problem 3

(1)

$$f(x) = (7x^3 - 4x^2 + 2)^{1/3}$$

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) (21x^2 - 8x) (7x^3 - 4x^2 + 2)^{\frac{1}{3} - 1}$$
 [3 points]
$$= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) (21x^2 - 8x) (7x^3 - 4x^2 + 2)^{\frac{-2}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}x \frac{21x - 8}{(7x^3 - 4x^2 + 2)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

$$f'(1) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{21 - 8}{(7 - 4 + 2)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$
$$= \frac{13}{15} \sqrt[3]{5} = 1.4820$$
 [2 **points**]

(2)

$$g(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x+2}}\right) = \ln(x+1) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(x+2)$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{2(x+2)}$$
 [3 points]
$$g'(0) = \frac{1}{0+1} - \frac{1}{2(0+2)} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75.$$
 [2 points]

Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = e^x \cos x + \tan x$ at x = 0.

Solution of Problem 4

$$f(x) = e^x \cos x + \tan x$$

$$f'(x) = e^x \cos x - e^x \sin x + \sec^2 x \qquad [4 \text{ points}]$$

$$f'(0) = e^0 \cos 0 - e^0 \sin 0 + \sec^2 0$$

$$= 2. \qquad [3 \text{ points}]$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

The equation of the tangent line is given by

$$y = 2(x-0) + 1$$

= $2x + 1$ [3 **points**]

Find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 = 3$$
 at the point (1, 2).

Solution of Problem 5

Here, we find the derivative by implicit differentiation.

Taking derivative with respect to x keeping in mind that y is a function of x, we get

$$2x - y - xy' + 2yy' = 0$$
 [3 points]

$$-xy' + 2yy' = y - 2x$$

$$y'(-x + 2y) = y - 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y' = \frac{y - 2x}{-x + 2y}$$
[4 points]

The slope at the point (1,2) is

$$m = \frac{2-2}{-1+4} = 0.$$
 [3 points]

A meteor (spherical in shape) enters earth's atmosphere and starts burning up in such a way that its surface area decreases at a constant rate of $100 \text{ } cm^2/s$. Find the rate at which the diameter is changing when the radius is 5m.

Hint: The surface area of a sphere of radius r is $4\pi r^2$.

Solution of Problem 6

• Given:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -100cm^2/s.$$
 [2 points]

• Want:

$$\frac{dD}{dt}$$
 when $r = 5m = 500cm$ ($D = 2r$ is the diameter). [2 **points**]

• Related equation:

$$S = 4\pi r^2$$

• Related rate equation:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = (4\pi) (2r) \frac{dr}{dt}$$
 [2 **points**]

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$$-100 = 4000\pi \frac{dr}{dt} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{-100}{4000\pi} =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{40\pi}$$
 [2 **points**]

$$D = 2r \Rightarrow \frac{dD}{dt} = 2\frac{dr}{dt}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{20\pi} = 1.5915 \times 10^{-2}$$
 [2 **points**]

Find the absolute maximum and minimum of $f(x) = 4x^3 - 8x^2 + 1$ on the closed interval [-1,1].

Solution of Problem 7

$$f'(x) = 12x^2 - 16x$$

= $4x(3x - 4)$. [2 **points**]

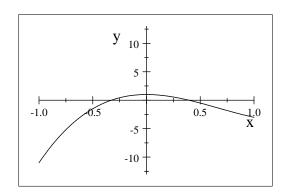
The critical numbers are 0 and $\frac{4}{3}$. [2 **points**]

Since $\frac{4}{3} = 1.3333 \notin [-1, 1]$, we will only consider 0. [2 **points**]

$$f(0) = 1$$

 $f(1) = 4-8+1=-3$
 $f(-1) = -4-8+1=-11$.

- Absolute Maximum is equal to 1 occurring at x = 0. [2 **points**]
- Absolute Minimum is equal to -11 occurring at x = -1. [2 points]



Find the local extrema of the function

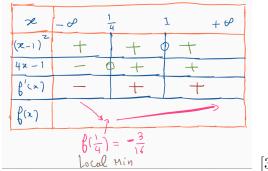
$$f(x) = x \left(x - 1\right)^3.$$

Solution of Problem 8

$$f'(x) = (x-1)^3 + 3x (x-1)^2$$

= $(x-1)^2 (x-1+3x)$
= $(x-1)^2 (4x-1)$. [2 points]

The critical numbers are 1 and $\frac{1}{4}$. [2 **points**] Table of variation:

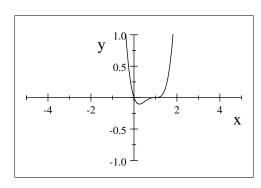


[3 points]

$$f(\frac{1}{4}) = (\frac{1}{4})(\frac{1}{4} - 1)^3 = \frac{-27}{256} = -0.10547$$

is a local minimum. (the only local extrema)

[3 points]



Find the open intervals where the function

$$g(x) = x^4 - 18x^2 + 9$$

is concave up or down.

Solution of Problem 9

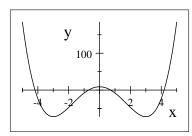
$$g(x) = x^4 - 18x^2 + 9$$
 $g'(x) = 4x^3 - 36x$ [2 **points**]
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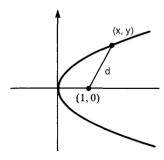
= $12(x^2 - 3)$
= $12(x - \sqrt{3})(x + \sqrt{3})$. [2 **points**]

g''(x) as a quadratic function has the sign of a=12 outside of the roots i.e. positive on $\left(-\infty, -\sqrt{3}\right) \cup \left(\sqrt{3}, \infty\right)$ and the opposite sign inside the roots i.e. negative on $\left(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}\right)$. [2 **points**]

- The graph of g is concave upward on $\left(-\infty, -\sqrt{3}\right) \cup \left(\sqrt{3}, \infty\right)$, and $\left[2 \text{ points}\right]$
- concave downward on $(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$ [2 **points**]



Find the point (s) on the parabola $2x = y^2$ closest to the point (1,0).



Solution of Problem 10

Let (x, y) be an arbitrary point on the curve.

The distance **d** from (x, y) to (1, 0) is

$$\mathbf{d} = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2}$$

= $\sqrt{(x-1)^2 + 2x}$. [3 **points**]

To minimize **d**, it suffices to minimize

$$f(x) = \mathbf{d}^2 = (x-1)^2 + 2x$$

= $x^2 + 1$ [3 points]
 $f'(x) = 2x$

x = 0 is the only critical number. Since

$$f''(x) = 2 > 0,$$

 $f(x) = \mathbf{d}^2$ achieves a minimum at x = 0. Thus (0,0) is the point on the parabola that is closest to the point (1,0). [4 **points**]