

Autumn 2022

Math 141 Midterm



Part 1 MCQ 30% (circle your choice)

(6pts) Problem 1

Find the value of c for which the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c^2 + cx^2, & x < 2 \\ 6c, & x = 2 \\ cx + x^3, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

is continuous at $x = 2$.

- (A) $c = -4$ (B) $c = 4$ (C) $c = -2$ (D) $c = 2$ (E) $c = 6$

Solution

The function f is continuous at $x = 2$ if and only if

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (c^2 + cx^2) = c^2 + 4c$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (cx + x^3) = 2c + 8$$
$$f(2) = 6c.$$

The condition of continuity gives

$$c^2 + 4c = 2c + 8 = 6c \Rightarrow c = 2$$

Ans : (D)

(6pts) Problem 2

If $f(x) = \frac{xe^x}{x^2 + e^x}$, then $f'(0) =$

- (A) 1 (B) e (C) 0 (D) e^{-1} (E) e^2

Solution

Here you apply the product and quotient rule to get

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{(e^x + x^2)^2} (x^3 e^x - x^2 e^x + e^{2x})$$

$$f'(0) = 1.$$

Ans : (A)

(6pts)Problem 3

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^6 - x}}{x^3 + 2}$$

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$ (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) $-\infty$ (E) -2

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^6 - x}}{x^3 + 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^6}}{x^3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2|x^3|}{x^3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-2x^3}{x^3} = -2. \end{aligned}$$

Ans : (E)

(6pts)Problem 4

If $F(x) = \int_{\sqrt{x}}^x (1 + t^2) dt$, then $F'(1)$ is equal to

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$ (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) $\frac{3}{2}$ (E) $\frac{-1}{2}$

Solution

$$F'(x) = (1 + x^2) - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}(1 + x)$$

$$F'(1) = 1.$$

Ans : (C)

(6pts)Problem 5

The length of a rectangle of constant area 800 square millimeters is increasing at the rate of 4 millimeters per second. What is the width of the rectangle at the moment the width is decreasing at the rate of 0.5 millimeter per second ?

- (A) 15 (B) 50 (C) 80 (D) 10 (E) 20

Solution

The area

$$800 = \ell w$$

Differentiating,

$$0 = \ell \frac{dw}{dt} + w \frac{d\ell}{dt}.$$

We are given $\frac{d\ell}{dt} = 4$, So

$$0 = \ell \frac{dw}{dt} + 4w.$$

When $\frac{dw}{dt} = -0.5$,

$$0 = -0.5\ell + 4w.$$

Combining this with

$$\ell = \frac{800}{w},$$

we obtain

$$w = 10$$

Ans : (D)

Part 2 Written 70%

(12pts) Problem 1

Find the equations for the tangent and normal at the point $P(1, 2)$ for

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 = 3.$$

Solution

An implicit differentiation gives

$$2x - y - xy' + 2yy' = 0$$

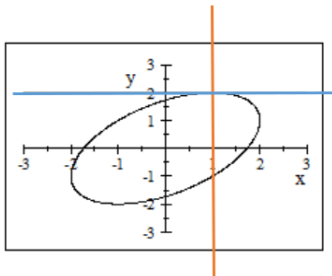
$$y'(2y - x) = y - 2x$$

$$y' = \frac{y - 2x}{2y - x} \quad [6 \text{ points}]$$

The slope at $x = 1$ and $y = 2$ is

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

Thus the equation of the tangent line is $y = 2$ and the equation of the normal line is $x = 1$. [4 points]



(10pts)**Problem 2**

Find the absolute extrema of

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{on the interval } [1, 4].$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{8}x - \frac{1}{x^2} && [2 \text{ points}] \\ &= \frac{1}{8x^2} (x^3 - 8) \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^3 - 8 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 2.$$

$x = 2$ is the only critical number. [2 points]

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{1} = \frac{17}{16} = 1.0625$$

$$f(4) = \frac{16}{16} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{4} = 1.25$$

$$f(2) = \frac{4}{16} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

$$\text{Absolute Maximum} = \frac{5}{4} = 1.25 \quad [3 \text{ points}]$$

$$\text{Absolute Minimum} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75 \quad [3 \text{ points}]$$

(12pts) **Problem 3**




Find the open interval(s) where the function $f(x)$ is concave upward and the open interval(s) where the function $f(x)$ is concave downward.

$$f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3.$$

Solution

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= 12x^2 - 24x \\ &= 12x(x - 2). \end{aligned} \quad [4 \text{ points}]$$

x	$-\infty$	0	2	$+\infty$
$f'' = 12x^2 - 24x$	+	0	0	+
$f''(x)$				

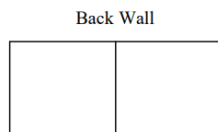
[4 points]

Concave up on $(-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$ [2 points]

Concave down on $(0, 2)$. [2 points]

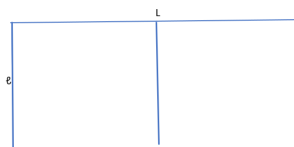
(12pts)**Problem 4**

A rancher is going to build a 3-sided cattle enclosure with a divider down the middle as shown below.



The cost per foot of the three side walls will be \$6/foot, while the back wall, being taller, will be \$10/foot. If the rancher wishes to enclose an area of 180 ft^2 , what dimensions of the enclosure will minimize his cost?

Solution



$$\text{Area} = \ell L \Leftrightarrow \ell L = 180$$

$$L = \frac{180}{\ell}, \quad \ell > 0. \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

$$\text{Cost} = C = (6)(3\ell) + 10L \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

$$C = 18\ell + \frac{1800}{\ell}$$

$$C' = 18 - \frac{1800}{\ell^2} \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

$$18 - \frac{1800}{\ell^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \ell = 10$$

$$C'' = \frac{3600}{\ell^3} > 0 \Rightarrow C \text{ is minimized at } \ell = 10. \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

The dimensions of the enclosure will minimize his cost are

$$\ell = 10 \text{ and } L = \frac{180}{10} = 18. \quad [4 \text{ points}]$$

(12pts)**Problem 5**

Use definite integrals to evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\pi}{n} \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + i \frac{\pi}{2n} \right).$$

Solution

We will use the formula

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[f \left(a + i \frac{b-a}{n} \right) \right] \frac{b-a}{n} = \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

$$a = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and } \frac{b - \frac{\pi}{2}}{\frac{\pi}{2n}} = \frac{\pi}{2n} \Rightarrow b = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi \quad [4 \text{ points}]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\pi}{n} \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + i \frac{\pi}{2n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[2 \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + i \frac{\pi}{2n} \right) \right] \frac{\pi}{2n}$$

$$f(x) = 2 \cos x. \quad [4 \text{ points}]$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\pi}{n} \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + i \frac{\pi}{2n} \right) &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} 2 \cos x dx \\ &= -2. \quad [4 \text{ points}] \end{aligned}$$

(12pts)**Problem 6**

Evaluate

$$(a) \int x^2 \sqrt[3]{x^3 + 5} dx, \quad (b) \int \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos x} dx$$

Solution

(a)

$$\int x^2 \sqrt[3]{x^3 + 5} dx = \int \sqrt[3]{x^3 + 5} x^2 dx$$

Put

$$u = x^3 + 5, \quad du = 3x^2 dx \Rightarrow x^2 dx = \frac{du}{3}. \quad [3 \text{ points}]$$

The integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3} \int u^{\frac{1}{3}} du &= \frac{1}{4} u^{\frac{4}{3}} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (x^3 + 5)^{\frac{4}{3}} + C \end{aligned} \quad [3 \text{ points}]$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos x} dx &= \int \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} \sin x dx \\ &= \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos x} \sin x dx. \end{aligned} \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

Now put

$$u = \cos x, \quad du = -\sin x dx \Leftrightarrow \sin x dx = -du. \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$

The integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos x} dx &= \int \frac{u^2 - 1}{u} du \\ &= \int \left(u - \frac{1}{u} \right) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} u^2 - \ln |u| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 x - \ln |\cos x| + C \end{aligned} \quad [2 \text{ points}]$$