

Evaluate the following limits

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\cos^2 x - 1}{\sin x}$$
 (b) $\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}}{3x - 10}$

Solution

a)

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\cos^2 x - 1}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{-2\sin x \cos x}{\cos x}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} -2\sin x = 0 \quad (4pts)$$

(b)

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}}{3x - 10} = \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{3x}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{-x}{3x} = \frac{-1}{3} \qquad (4pts)$$

Find the value (s) of the constant m for which the function f continuous at x=0

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x+7} - \frac{1}{7} \\ 7x + 7m, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ x^2 - 2m, & \text{if } x \le 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution

f is continuous at x = 0 if and only if

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} f(x) = f(0) \qquad (2pts)$$

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \left(x^{2} - 2m\right) = -2m \qquad (2pts)$$

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{+}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x+7} - \frac{1}{7}}{7x} + 7m\right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x+7} - \frac{1}{7}}{7x}\right) + 7m$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \left(\frac{1}{49x + 343}\right) + 7m$$

$$= \frac{1}{343} + 7m. \qquad (2pts)$$

The condition of continuity gives

$$\frac{1}{343} + 7m = -2m \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{3087}.$$
 (2pts)

Find
$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$
 for

(a)
$$y = \ln \left[\frac{xe^{x^2}}{\sqrt{x+1}} \right]$$
 (b) $xy^3 + y \ln x = y+1$

Solution

(a)

$$y = \ln\left[\frac{xe^{x^2}}{\sqrt{x+1}}\right] = \ln\left(xe^{x^2}\right) - \ln\sqrt{x+1}$$

$$= \ln x + \ln e^{x^2} - \frac{1}{2}\ln(x+1)$$

$$= \ln x + x^2 - \frac{1}{2}\ln(x+1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} + 2x - \frac{1}{2(x+1)}$$
(4pts)

$$(b) xy^3 + y \ln x = y + 1$$

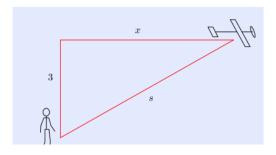
Taking derivative on both sides (keeping in mind that y is a function of x), we obtain

$$y^3 + 3xy'y^2 + y'\ln x + \frac{y}{x} = y'.$$

Now solving for y', we get

$$y' = \frac{\frac{-y}{x} - y^3}{\ln x + 3xy^2 - 1}$$
 (4pts)

An airplane flying horizontally at an altitude of 3000 m and a speed of 480 k/hr passes directly above an observer on the ground. How fast is the distance from the observer to the airplane increasing 30 s later?



Solution

The units in the statement of the problem are mixed. In the diagram, we have converted the 3000 m altitude to 3 km. Converting 30 s to 1/120 hr below leaves us with consistent units (kilometers and hours), and we can safely forget about units until the end.

• Given: $\frac{dx}{dt} = 480$

• Want: $\frac{ds}{dt}$ when t = 1/120. (2pts)

• The related equation is

 $s^2 = 3^2 + x^2.$

• The related rate equation is

$$2\frac{ds}{dt}s = 2\frac{dx}{dt}x$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{480x}{s} \qquad (2pts)$$

The final step is to evaluate $\frac{ds}{dt}$ at t = 1/120. The formula we obtained requires that we find x and s corresponding to this particular time. The plane, moving at a constant rate of 480k/hr, travels 4 k in 1/120hr, so

$$x = vt = \frac{480}{120} = 4. \tag{2pts}$$

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 \bullet The corresponding s is 5 as can be seen from the relationship. Therefore,

$$\frac{ds}{dt}\Big|_{t=\frac{1}{120}} = \frac{ds}{dt}\Big|_{x=4, s=5} = \frac{480(4)}{5} = 384k/hr.$$
 (2pts)

Find the local extrema of the function

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 5$$

Solution

$$f'(x) = 6x^2 + 6x - 12$$

= $6(x+2)(x-1)$

The critical numbers are 1 and -2.

