

Evaluate the following limits

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{2x}$$
 (b) $\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2 - 7x + 1}}{3x + 2}$

Solution

(a)

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{2x} = "\frac{0}{0}"$$

We use the l'Hospital's rule.

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{2x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^x}{2} = \frac{e^0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$
 (2pts)

(b)

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2 - 7x + 1}}{3x + 2} = \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2}}{3x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{2|x|}{3x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{2(-\cancel{x})}{3\cancel{x}} \quad (\text{ when } x \to -\infty, \text{ then } x < 0 \Rightarrow |x| = -x)$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{-2}{3} = \frac{-2}{3}. \quad (\mathbf{3pts})$$

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

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 2px}{3x}, & \text{if } x > 0\\ x^2 + x + 1 & \text{if } x \le 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution

f continuous at x = 0 if and only if

$$\lim_{x \to 0} f(x) = f(0)$$

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

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{+}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \frac{\sin 2px}{3x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\sin 2px}{x}$$

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$$= \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \frac{2p}{3} \cdot \frac{\sin 2px}{2px}$$

$$= \frac{2p}{3}.$$

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} (x^{2} + x + 1) = 1 = f(0).$$

Thus, the condition of continuity gives the equation

$$\frac{2p}{3} = 1$$

$$p = \frac{3}{2}.$$
 (3pts)

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

(a)
$$y = \ln \left[\frac{2x+1}{(x-6)^5} \right]$$
 (b) $x^2y + y^3 \sec x = 3$

Solution

(a)

$$y = \ln \left[\frac{2x+1}{(x-6)^5} \right] = \ln (2x+1) - \ln (x-6)^5$$
$$= \ln (2x+1) - 5\ln (x-6)$$

Now we use the formula

$$\frac{d}{dx}\ln u(x) = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x)} \quad \text{to get}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{2x+1} - \frac{5}{x-6} \qquad (2pts)$$

 $(b) x^2y + y^3 \sec x = 3$

We first differentiate both sides to get

$$2xy + x^2y' + 3y'y^2 \sec x + y^3 \sec x \tan x = 0$$

Now keep the terms with y' on the left and move all other terms to the right.

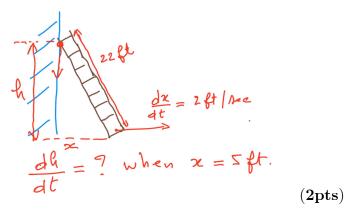
$$x^2y' + 3y'y^2 \sec x = -2xy - y^3 \sec x \tan x.$$

Now factor y' and solve to get

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2xy - y^3 \sec x \tan x}{x^2 + 3y^2 \sec x}$$
 (3pts)

A 22-foot ladder is leaning against the wall of a house. The base of the ladder is being pulled away from the wall at a rate of 2 feet per second. How fast is the top of the ladder moving down the wall when the base is 5 feet from the wall?

Solution



The related equation is

$$x^2 + h^2 = 22^2.$$

The related rate equation is

$$2x\frac{dx}{dt} + 2h\frac{dh}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$$
 and when $x = 5$, $h = \sqrt{22^2 - 5^2} = 21.424$.

We have

$$(2) (5) (2) + (2) (21.424) \frac{dh}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{-(2) (5) (2)}{(2) (21.424)} = -0.46677 \ ft/s.$$
 (3pts)

Find the absolute extrema of the function $f(x) = 2x - 3x^{\frac{2}{3}}$ on the interval [-1, 3]. Solution

$$f(x) = 2x - 3x^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

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

$$= 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}}\right).$$

The critical numbers are 0 and 1. (2pts)

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(1) = -1$$

$$f(-1) = -5$$

$$f(3) = (2)(3) - (3)(3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = -0.24025$$
 Absolute Max = 0 and Absolute Min = -5 (3pts)

Use definite integrals to evaluate

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{5}{n} \left(1 + \frac{3i}{n} \right)^{3}$$

Solution

Here we use the formula

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

$$a = 1 \text{ and } \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{3}{n} \Rightarrow b = 4$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{5}{n} \left(1 + \frac{3i}{n} \right)^{3} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} 5 \left(1 + \frac{3i}{n} \right)^{3} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{5}{3} \left(1 + \frac{3i}{n} \right)^{3} \frac{3}{n} \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{5}{3} x^{3}. \quad (3pts)$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{5}{n} \left(1 + \frac{3i}{n} \right)^{3} = \int_{1}^{4} \frac{5}{3} x^{3} dx$$
$$= \left. \frac{5}{3} \frac{x^{4}}{4} \right|_{1}^{4} = \frac{425}{4} = 106.25 \qquad (2pts)$$

Find the critical numbers of the function

$$F(x) = \int_{1}^{x} (2t^{2} + 5t + 3) dt$$

Solution

Here we use the first fundamental theorem

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{a}^{x} f(t)dt = f(x).$$

$$F'(x) = 2x^2 + 5x + 3$$

= $(2x + 3)(x + 1)$ (3pts)

The critical numbers are

$$x = \frac{-3}{2}$$
 and $x = -1$. (2pts)

Find the average value of the function $f(x) = x\sqrt{x^2 + 3}$ on the interval [1, 6]. Solution

$$f_{ave} = \frac{1}{6-1} \int_{1}^{6} x\sqrt{x^2 + 3} dx.$$

Now we use the u-substitution to evaluate $\int_1^6 x \sqrt{x^2 + 3} dx$. Put

$$u = x^{2} + 3,$$
 $du = 2xdx \Rightarrow xdx = \frac{du}{2}$
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow u = 4$ and $x = 6 \Rightarrow u = 39$

$$f_{ave} = \frac{1}{5} \int_{1}^{6} \sqrt{x^{2} + 3} x dx = \frac{1}{5} \int_{4}^{39} u^{1/2} \frac{du}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \int_{4}^{39} u^{1/2} du \quad (\mathbf{3pts})$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \Big|_{4}^{39}$$

$$= \frac{13}{5} \sqrt{39} - \frac{8}{15}$$

$$= 15.704. \quad (\mathbf{2pts})$$