

MATH 101/1001 Calculus I Midterm-1

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In solving the following problems, you are required to show all your work and provide the necessary explanations everywhere to get full credit.

Problem 1. Evaluate the following limits if exists:

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x}-x^2}{1-x}$ b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x(4x - \sqrt{16x^2 + 2})$

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8x}{3 \sin x - x}$ d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin x + 2\sqrt{x}}{x + \sin x}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x}-x^2}{1-x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(\sqrt{x}-x^2)(\sqrt{x}+x^2)}{(1-x)(\sqrt{x}+x^2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-x^4}{(1-x)(\sqrt{x}+x^2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x(1-x)(1+x+x^2)}{(1-x)(\sqrt{x}+x^2)} = \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x(1+x+x^2)}{\sqrt{x}+x^2} = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Note: It can also be solved by doing a parameter change $\sqrt{x} = u$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x(4x - \sqrt{16x^2 + 2}) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x(4x - \sqrt{16x^2 + 2})(4x + \sqrt{16x^2 + 2})}{4x + \sqrt{16x^2 + 2}} = \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x(16x^2 - 16x^2 - 2)}{4x + \sqrt{16x^2 + 2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x(-2)}{4x + \sqrt{16x^2 + 2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2}{4 + \sqrt{16 + \frac{2}{x^2}}} = -\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8x}{3 \sin x - x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8}{3 \frac{\sin x}{x} - 1} = \frac{8}{3(1) - 1} = 4$$

d)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin x + 2\sqrt{x}}{x + \sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}}{1 + \frac{\sin x}{x}} = \frac{1+0+0}{1+0} = 1$$

Problem 2: Explain why the equation $x^3 - 15x + 1 = 0$ has three solutions in the interval $[-4, 4]$ using the Intermediate Value Theorem.**Solution:**

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 15x + 1$, which is continuous on $[-4, 4]$. Then $f(-4) = -3$, $f(-1) = 15$, $f(1) = -13$, and $f(4) = 5$. By the Intermediate Value Theorem, $f(x) = 0$ for some x in each of the intervals $-4 < x < -1$, $-1 < x < 1$, and $1 < x < 4$. That is, $x^3 - 15x + 1 = 0$ has three solutions in $[-4, 4]$. Since a polynomial of degree 3 can have at most 3 solutions, these are the only solutions.

Problem 3: Evaluate the derivatives (dy/dx) of the given functions.

a. $y = \cos^3\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)$

b. $y = \sin(\cos(3x - 1))$

Solution:

Problem 4: Let $f(x) = x/(x + 1)$. Use the definition of the derivative to find $f'(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x+h}{x+h+1} - \frac{x}{x+1}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{(x+h)(x+1)}{(x+h+1)(x+1)} - \frac{(x+h+1)x}{(x+h+1)(x+1)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{(x+h)(x+1) - (x+h+1)x}{(x+h+1)(x+1)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{(x^2 + x + hx + h) - (x^2 + hx + x)}{(x+h+1)(x+1)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^2 + x + hx + h - x^2 - hx - x}{(x+h+1)(x+1)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{h}{(x+h+1)(x+1)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{(x+h+1)(x+1)} \cdot \frac{(x+h+1)(x+1)}{h \cdot (x+h+1)(x+1)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h \cdot (x+h+1)(x+1)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(x+h+1)(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(x+0+1)(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(x+1)(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $f'(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$.

Problem 5: The sides a and b of a right triangle are changing at the rates of $\frac{da}{dt} = -3t \text{ m/sec}$ m/sec and $\frac{db}{dt} = 2t \text{ m/sec}$ respectively. How fast does the area of the triangle change when $a = 30 \text{ m}$ and $b = 40 \text{ m}$ at $t = 2 \text{ sec}$?

Solution: The area of a triangle is given by $A = \frac{1}{2}ab$.

Then $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{da}{dt}b + a\frac{db}{dt})$. So,

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}(-6.40 + 30.4) = -60 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}.$$

Problem 6: a) Write down a function which is continuous at $x=1$ but not differentiable at $x=1$. **b)** Write down a function $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = f(1)$ but f is not continuous at $x = 1$.

Solution:

a) $f(x) = |x - 1|$

b) $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$

Problem 7: Find the lines that are (a) tangent and (b) normal to the following curve at the point $(1, \pi/2)$: $2xy + \pi \sin y = 2\pi$

Solution:

$$2xy + \pi \sin y = 2\pi \Rightarrow 2xy' + 2y + \pi(\cos y)y' = 0 \Rightarrow y'(2x + \pi \cos y) = -2y \Rightarrow y' = \frac{-2y}{2x + \pi \cos y};$$

(a) the slope of the tangent line $m = y' \Big|_{(1, \frac{\pi}{2})} = \frac{-2y}{2x + \pi \cos y} \Big|_{(1, \frac{\pi}{2})} = -\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow$ the tangent line is $y - \frac{\pi}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{2}(x - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{\pi}{2}x + \pi$$

(b) the normal line is $y - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{2}{\pi}(x - 1) \Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{\pi}x - \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{\pi}{2}$

Problem 8: Consider the graph of $x^2 + y^2 = 49$.

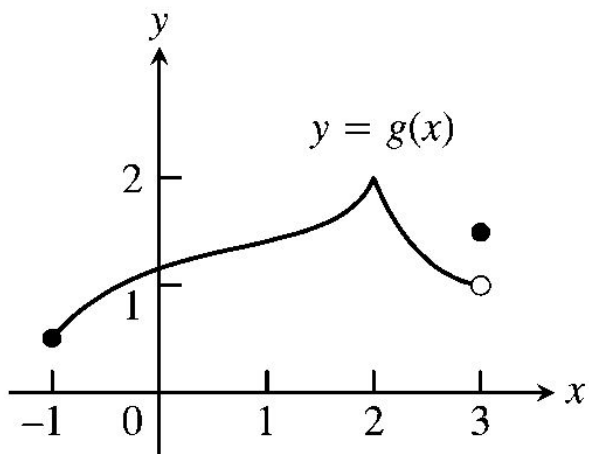
a) What would be the new equation if the graph is shifted 3 units down and 2 units left?

b) Sketch the graph of the new equation.

Solution: To make a vertical shift of 3 units down add 3 units to y value. To make a horizontal shift of 2 units left add 2 units to x value. New equation: $(x + 2)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 49$.

The original graph is a circle centered at $(0,0)$ with radius 7. The new graph is the same circle whose center is at $(-2,-3)$.

Problem 9: Below is the graph of a function $g(x)$ defined in the interval $[1, 3]$:



- a) At which points $g(x)$ does not have limit?
- b) At which points $g(x)$ is not continuous?
- c) At which points $g(x)$ is not differentiable?

Solution:

- a) None
- b) $x=3$
- c) $x=2$ and $x=3$