

# MATH 161

# SOLUTIONS: TEST I

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**Instructions:** Answer any 10 of the following 12 questions. You may solve more than 10 to obtain extra credit. ☺

1. Albertine orders a large cup of coffee at Metropolis on Granville. Let  $F(t)$  be the temperature in *degrees Fahrenheit* of her coffee  $t$  minutes after the coffee is placed on her tray.

(a) (2 pts) Explain the meaning of the statement:  $F(9) = 167$ . (Use complete sentences. Avoid any mathematical terms!)



*Solution:* Nine minutes after the cup of coffee is placed upon the tray, Albertine finds that the temperature of the coffee is  $167^\circ\text{F}$ .

(b) (3 pts) Explain the meaning of the statement:  $F^{-1}(99) = 17.5$

*Solution:* When the temperature of the coffee is  $99^\circ\text{F}$ , 17.5 minutes have elapsed since the coffee mug was placed upon Albertine's tray.

(c) (3 pts) Give the *practical* interpretation of the statement:  $F'(9) = -1.10$ . (Use complete sentences. Do not use the words “derivative” or “rate” or any other mathematical term in your explanation.)

*Solution:* Nine minutes after being served her coffee, Albertine notices that the temperature of the coffee is decreasing by about  $1.1^\circ\text{F}$  every minute during the next couple of minutes.

(d) (1 pt) What are the *units* of  $F'(9)$ ?

*Answer:*  $^\circ\text{F}/\text{minute}$  (since  $\Delta F/\Delta t$  represents change in temp/ change in time.)

(e) (3 pts) Using the information given in parts (a) and (c), estimate the temperature of Albertine's coffee seven minutes after she has been handed the coffee.

*Solution:* Since after nine minutes the temperature is  $167^\circ\text{F}$ , we would estimate that two minutes earlier the temperature was  $167 + 2(1.1) = 169.2^\circ\text{F}$ .

(f) (3 pts) **EXTRA CREDIT**

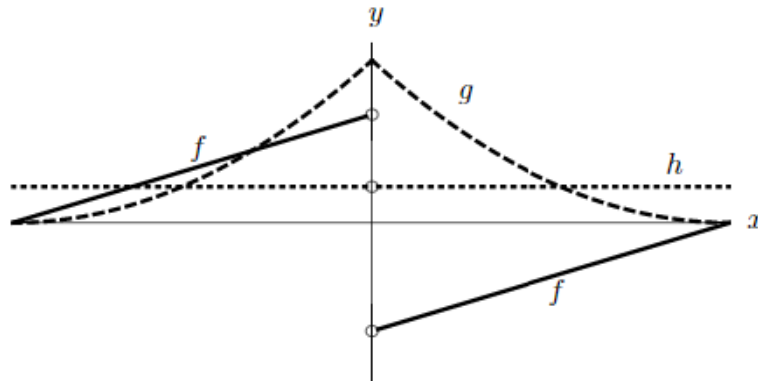
Explain the meaning of the statement:

$$(F^{-1})'(99) = -1$$

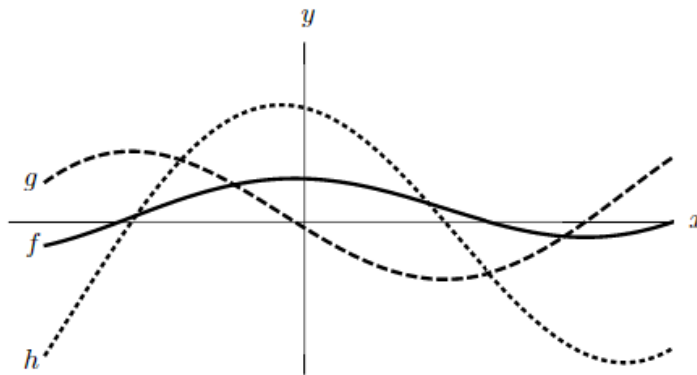
*Solution:* When the temperature of the coffee is  $99^\circ\text{F}$ , time increases by one minute for each  $^\circ\text{F}$  that the temperature of the coffee falls.

2. (4 pts each) For each of the following three sets of axes, exactly one of the following statements (a) – (e) is true. You may use a letter more than once. In the space provided next to each figure, enter the letter of the true statement for that figure. For each graph, note that the x and y scales are not the same.

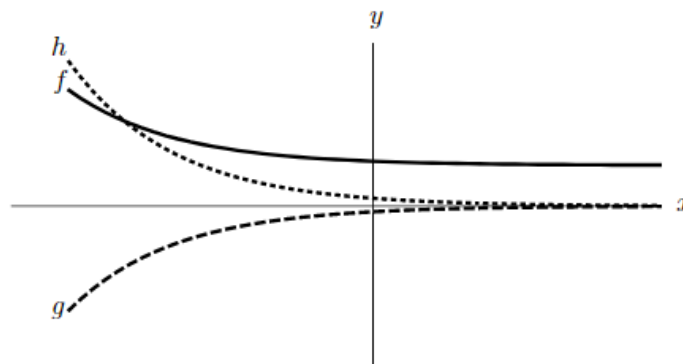
- (a)  $h$  is the derivative of  $f$ , and  $f$  is the derivative of  $g$ .  
 (b)  $g$  is the derivative of  $f$ , and  $f$  is the derivative of  $h$ .  
 (c)  $g$  is the derivative of  $h$ , and  $h$  is the derivative of  $f$ .  
 (d)  $h$  is the derivative of  $g$ , and  $g$  is the derivative of  $f$ .  
 (e) None of (a)-(d) are possible.



*True Statement: A*



*True Statement: E*



*True Statement: D*

3. (12 pts) Using the limit definition of the derivative, write an explicit expression for the *derivative* of the function

$$g(x) = (\cos x)^x \text{ at } x = 3.$$

Do not try to calculate this derivative.

*Solution:*

$$g'(3) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(h+3) - g(3)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cos(h+3))^{h+3} - (\cos 3)^3}{h}$$

4. (a) (6 pts) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  if, for all  $x > 5$ ,

$$\frac{4x-1}{x} < f(x) < \frac{4x^2+3x}{x^2}$$

Explain!

Which theorem are you using?

*Solution:* Since  $\frac{4x-1}{x} \rightarrow 4$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\frac{4x^2+3x}{x^2} \rightarrow 4$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , we can invoke the **Squeeze**

**Theorem** to conclude that  $f(x) \rightarrow 4$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

- (b) (6 pts) Show that  $y = f(x) = x^3 + 5e^x + 1$  has *at least one* real root. Explain!

Which theorem are you using?

*Solution:* Note that  $y = f(x)$  is continuous on the real line since it is a sum of continuous functions.

Next, notice that  $f(1) > 0$  and  $f(-10) = -8.99 < 0$ .

Invoking the **Intermediate Value Theorem**, we conclude that  $f$  must have a root on the interval  $(-10, 1)$ .

5. (12 pts) Find an equation of the *normal line* to the curve

$$y = g(x) = \frac{x^2-1}{x^2+1} \text{ at } x = 1.$$

You may use short cuts.

*Solution:* Let  $y = g(x)$ . Then  $g'(x) = \frac{(x^2+1)2x - (x^2-1)2x}{(x^2+1)^2}$ .

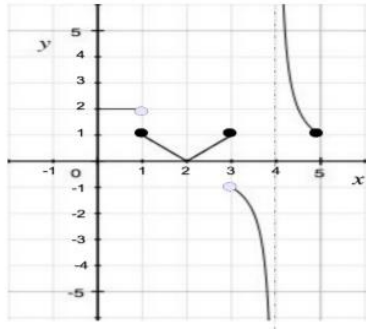
$$\text{Thus } g'(1) = \frac{(1^2+1)2 - (1^2-1)2}{(1^2+1)^2} = \frac{4}{4} = 1.$$

Also note that  $g(1) = 0$ , so the point of tangency is  $(1, 0)$ .

Finally, the slope of the normal line is  $-1$  and the equation of the normal line is  $y - 0 = -(x - 1)$ ; more simply,

$$y = 1 - x.$$

6. (12 pts) The graph of a function  $g$  is shown below. For each of the following, decide if the limit exists. If it does, find the limit. If it does not, decide also if the “limit” is  $\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ , or neither. No justification is necessary for full credit, but show your work for purposes of partial credit.



(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = 2$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = 2$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = 1$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = \text{does not exist; neither } \pm \infty.$

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = 0$

(f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = [\text{redundant}]$

(g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} g(x) = 1$

(h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} g(x) = -1$

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = \text{does not exist; neither } \pm \infty.$

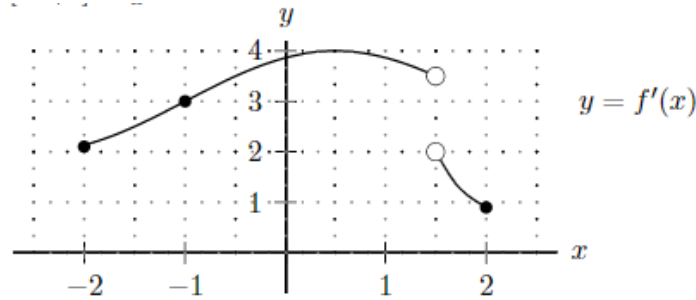
(j)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} g(x) = \infty$

(k)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} g(x) = -\infty$

(l)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} g(x) = \text{does not exist; neither } \pm \infty.$

(m)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} g(x) = 1$

7. Suppose that  $f(x)$  is a function that is continuous on the interval  $[-2, 2]$ . The graph of  $f'(x)$  on the interval  $[-2, 2]$  is given below.



- (a) (6 pts) Let  $y = L(x)$  be the local linearization of  $f(x)$  at  $x = -1$ . Using the fact that  $f(-1) = -4$ , write a formula for  $y = L(x)$ .

*Solution: Note that  $f(-1) = -4$  and  $f'(-1) = 3$ . So  $L(x) - (-4) = 3(x - (-1))$ .*

*Simplifying:  $L(x) = -4 + 3(x+1)$*

- (b) (6 pts) Use your formula for  $L(x)$  to approximate  $f(-0.5)$ .

*Solution: Since 0.5 is close to  $x = -1$ , our estimate is:*

$$f(-0.5) \approx L(-0.5) = -4 + 3(-0.5+1) = -5.5$$

8. Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable functions satisfying:

$$f(3) = -2, g(3) = -4, f'(3) = 3, \text{ and } g'(3) = -1.$$

- (a) (6 pts) Let  $H(x) = (f(x) + 2g(x) + 1)(f(x) - g(x) - 4)$ . Compute  $H'(3)$  (Hint: Use short cuts here.)

*Solution: Using the product rule,*

$$H'(x) = (f'(x) + 2g'(x))(f(x) - g(x) - 4) + (f(x) + 2g(x) + 1)(f'(x) - g'(x))$$

$$\text{So } H'(3) = (f'(3) + 2g'(3))(f(3) - g(3) - 4) + (f(3) + 2g(3) + 1)(f'(3) - g'(3)) = (3 + (-2))(-2 - (-4) - 4) + (-2 + (-8) + 1)(3 - (-1)) = 1(-2) + (-9)(4) = -38$$

- (b) (6 pts) Let  $M(x) = \frac{2f(x) + 3g(x)}{2 - 3g(x)}$ . Compute  $M'(3)$

*Solution: Using the quotient rule,*

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

$$\text{So, } M'(3) = \frac{(2-3g(3))(2f'(3)+3g'(3)) - (2f(3)+3g(3))(-3g'(3))}{(2-3g(3))^2} = \frac{14(3) - (-16)(3)}{14^2} = \frac{90}{196} = \frac{45}{98}$$

9. For each of the following, find any and all critical points. Then, using the first derivative test, classify them (local max, local min, neither).

(a) (6 pts)  $y = f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$

*Solution:*  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 3 = 3(x + 1)(x - 1)$

*Hence the critical points are  $x = \pm 1$ .*

*Next, performing a sign analysis on  $dy/dx$ , we find that  $dy/dx$  is positive when  $|x| > 1$  and negative when  $|x| < 1$ . Hence  $f$  is rising on  $(-\infty, -1)$ , falling on  $(-1, 1)$ , and rising on  $(1, \infty)$ .*

*This means that  $f$  achieves a **local maximum** at  $x = -1$  and a **local minimum** at  $x = 1$ .*

(b) (6 pts)  $y = g(x) = 3x^4 - 16x^3 + 18x^2 + 1$

*Solution:*  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 12x^3 - 48x^2 + 36x = 12x(x^2 - 4x + 3) = 12x(x - 3)(x - 1)$

*Hence the critical points are  $x = 0, 1, 3$ .*

*Next, performing a sign analysis on  $dy/dx$ , we find that  $dy/dx$  is positive when  $x > 3$  and  $0 < x < 1$ ;  $dy/dx$  is negative when  $1 < x < 3$  and when  $x < 0$ . Hence  $g$  is rising on  $(0, 1)$  and on  $(3, \infty)$ ;  $g$  is falling on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and on  $(1, 3)$ .*

*This means that  $g$  achieves a **local maximum** at  $x = 4$  and **local minima** at  $x = 1$  and  $x = 6$ .*

10. Let  $y = f(x)$  be a differentiable function with derivative

$$f'(x) = \frac{e^x(x-1)(x-2)^2(x-4)^3(x-5)^4(x-6)^5}{1+x^4}$$

(a) (4 pts) Find any and all critical points.

*Solution:*  $f'(x) = 0$  implies that  $x = 1, 2, 4, 5,$  and  $6$ . These are the five critical points.

(b) (8 pts) Classify each critical point (local max, local min, neither).

*Solution:* Clearly since their respective factors have even exponents,  $x = 2$  and  $x = 5$  are neither max nor min. Doing a sign analysis on  $f'(x)$  we find that the only transition points are  $x = 1, 4,$  and  $6$ .

*Using the first derivative test, we find that  $x = 4$  is a local maximum;  $x = 1$  and  $x = 6$  are both local minima.*

11. (3 pts each) Compute each of the following limits. Justify your reasoning.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(4x^3 + 11)^2(3x - 91)^3}{(2x^2 + 5)^4(2x + 2017)}$

*Solution: Observe that:*

$$\frac{(4x^3 + 11)^2(3x - 91)^3}{(2x^2 + 5)^4(2x + 2017)} \cong \frac{(4x^3)^2(3x)^3}{(2x^2)^4(2x)} = \frac{16(27)}{32} \left( \frac{x^9}{x^9} \right) \rightarrow \frac{27}{2} \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{9}}{x - 3}$$

*Solution: Observe that, as long as  $x \neq 3$ :*

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{9}}{x - 3} = \frac{\frac{9 - x^2}{9x^2}}{x - 3} = \frac{9 - x^2}{9x^2(x - 3)} =$$

$$\frac{-(x - 3)(3 + x)}{9x^2(x - 3)} = \frac{-(3 + x)}{9x^2} \rightarrow -\frac{6}{81} = -\frac{2}{27} \text{ as } x \rightarrow 3$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin 7x}{x}$$

*Solution: This limit is 0 due to the squeeze theorem, viz,*

$$-1 \leq \sin 7x \leq 1$$

*Since we can assume  $x > 0$ ,*

$$-\frac{1}{x} \leq \frac{\sin 7x}{x} \leq \frac{1}{x}$$

*Now  $1/x$  and  $-1/x \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , and so must  $\frac{\sin 7x}{x}$ .*

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+1} - 1}{x}$$

*Solution: We begin by rationalizing the numerator of the algebraic expression. Then we assume that, as long as  $x \neq 0$ :*

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

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1} + 1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

12. (3 pts each) For each of the following functions, determine the type of discontinuity at the given point.

If it is a *removable* discontinuity, find a continuous extension of the function.

$$(a) \quad y = \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 2x}{(x-2)(x+5)} \text{ at } x = 2$$

*Solution: Factoring yields*

$$y = \frac{x(x^2 - x - 2)}{(x-2)(x+5)} = \frac{x(x-2)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+5)} = \frac{x(x+1)}{x+5} \text{ provided that } x \neq 2.$$

Now as  $x \rightarrow 2$ ,  $y \rightarrow \frac{6}{7}$ . Thus this is a **removable discontinuity**. The continuous extension requires that  $y$  be defined as  $\frac{6}{7}$  when  $x = 2$ .

$$(b) \quad y = \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 2x}{(x-2)(x+5)} \text{ at } x = -5$$

*Solution:* In part (a), we factored  $y$  as follows:

$$y = \frac{x(x^2 - x - 2)}{(x-2)(x+5)} = \frac{x(x-2)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+5)} = \frac{x(x+1)}{x+5} \text{ provided that } x \neq 2.$$

Now as  $x \rightarrow -5$ , the numerator tends to 20 but the denominator  $\rightarrow 0$ . Thus this is an **infinite discontinuity**.

$$(c) \quad y = \cos \frac{3}{x} \text{ at } x = 0$$

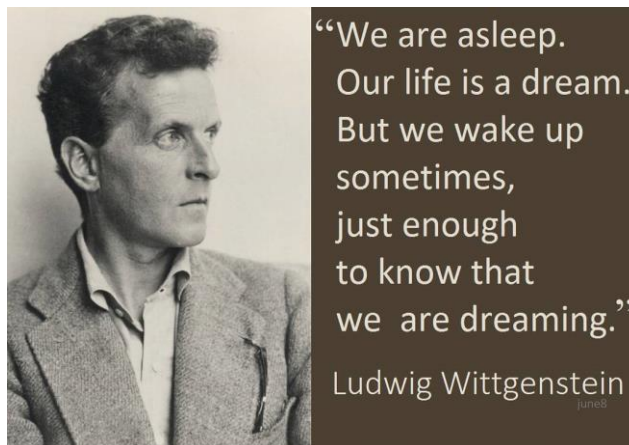
*Solution:* This is our archetypal example of an **essential discontinuity**.

$$(d) \quad y = \frac{|x|}{x} \text{ at } x = 0$$

*Solution:* This is a **jump discontinuity** since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|}{x} = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x} = -1$ .

*It is a hypothesis that the sun will rise tomorrow: and this means that we do not know whether it will rise.*

**- Ludwig Wittgenstein**





**DERIVATIVE RULES**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = \ln a \cdot a^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) \cdot g(x)) = f(x) \cdot g'(x) + g(x) \cdot f'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{g(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arctan x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arc sec} x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$