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M242: Calculus I (Fall 2018)
Midterm Exam, part I



Read and follow all instructions. You may not use any electronic devices.

Part I: Computations

Complete the following problems, showing enough work. Each problem is worth 5 points. Partial credit will be given when deserved.

1–3. Find the limits, provided they exist.

1.
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x-1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \sqrt{\frac{(x-1)^2}{x-1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \sqrt{x-1} = \sqrt{0^+} = 0.$$

2.
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+7)(\cancel{x-2})}{(x-1)(\cancel{x-2})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+7}{x-1} = \frac{9}{1} = 9.$$

3.
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(2x)}{x} \right)^3 = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\overset{2}{2} \sin(\overset{2}{2}x)}{\underset{2}{2}x} \right)^3 = 2^3 \left(\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(u)}{u} \right) = 2^3 \cdot 1 = 8$$

4-7. Compute the derivatives of the functions. Show enough work.

$$4. \quad f(x) = (x+1)^2(2x-1) = (x^2+2x+1)(2x-1) = 2x^3+4x^2+2x-x^2-2x-1 \\ = 2x^3+3x^2-1$$

$$\boxed{f'(x) = 6x^2+6x = 6x(x+1)}$$

$$5. \quad g(x) = \frac{x^2-2x}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = \frac{x^2}{x^{1/3}} - 2 \frac{x}{x^{1/3}} = x^{5/3} - 2x^{2/3}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{5}{3}x^{2/3} - \frac{4}{3}x^{-1/3} = \boxed{\frac{5x-4}{3\sqrt[3]{x}} = g'(x)}$$

$$6. \quad y = \sin(\tan(x^2))$$

$$f = \sin(u) \quad u = \tan(N) \quad N = x^2 \\ f' = \cos(u) \quad u' = \sec^2(N) \quad N' = 2x$$

$$\boxed{y' = 2x \sec^2(x^2) \cos(\tan(x^2))}$$

$$7. \quad h(x) = \left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)^2 = \frac{x^2}{x^2+2x+1}$$

$$h'(x) = \frac{(x^2+2x+1)(2x) - x^2(2x+2)}{(x+1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2x^3} + 4x^2 + 2x - \cancel{2x^3} - 2x^2}{(x+1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{2x(\cancel{x+1})}{(x+1)^4 \cancel{3}}$$

$$\boxed{h'(x) = \frac{2x}{(x+1)^3}}$$

8. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the implicit function $x^2 + 6xy + y^2 = 0$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^2 + 6xy + y^2 = 0]$$

$$2x + 6y + 6x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x - 6y}{6x + 2y}}$$

9. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = \sec(x)$ at the point $(-\frac{\pi}{4}, \sqrt{2})$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec(x) \tan(x) \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=-\frac{\pi}{4}} = \sec\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}(-1) = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$y = y_0 + m(x - x_0)$$

$$= \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

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

10. Find all critical numbers of the function $y = x^3 - \frac{15}{2}x^2 + 18x - 100$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 15x + 18 = 3(x^2 - 5x + 6) = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x-3)(x-2) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 2, 3} \quad \text{Critical Numbers}$$