Examinations from previous years

1. Refer to the accompanying graph of y = f(x) in order to answer the following questions (each mark on an axis represents one unit).



(d) At which values of x, if any, is f discontinuous?

(e) At which values of x, if any, is f continuous but not differentiable?

Evaluate each of the following limits. Use the terms ∞, -∞, and *does not* exist, as appropriate.

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to -2} \frac{3x^2 + x - 10}{2x^2 + x - 6}$$
 (b) $\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{x + 2}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 1}}$
(c) $\lim_{x \to -2^-} \frac{x^2 - 5}{x^2 - 4}$ (d) $\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{3 + h} - \sqrt{3}}{h}$

3. Given

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2-x & \text{if } x < -1\\ x^2 + 2 & \text{if } -1 \le x < 3\\ e^x + 2 & \text{if } x \ge 3 \end{cases}$$

Determine all points of discontinuity of the function f(x). Justify your answer.

- 4. Use the limit definition of the derivative to find f'(x) if $f(x) = \frac{1}{2-3x}$.
- 5. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for each of the following:

(a)
$$y = \frac{3x}{x^2 + 1}$$

(b) $y = x^2 \tan x + e^{\sec 2x}$
(c) $y = \ln\left(\frac{e^{x^2}\sqrt{3 + 2x}}{2 + 7x^2}\right)$
(d) $y = (\sin x)^{\cos x}$
(e) $y = \left(\frac{x + 1}{x + 2}\right)(2x - 5)$
(f) $x^3 - 2x^2y + y^4 = 1$

- 6. For which value(s) of x does the graph of $y = (3x + 5)^4 (4 x)^3$ have a horizontal tangent line?
- 7. A particle moves along a straight line with equation of motion $s = t^2 \ln t$. Find the acceleration of the particle when the velocity is zero.
- 8. Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 3}$ at the point where x = 1.
- 9. Find all point(s) of inflection of the function $f(x) = x^2 e^x$.
- 10. Find the largest and smallest values of $f(x) = x\sqrt{1-x^2}$ on the interval $\left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right]$.
- 11. Find y given $y'' = -1 + \sin t$, y'(0) = 3 and $y(2\pi) = 0$.
- 12. A wire 17 metres long is cut into 2 pieces. One piece is bent to form a square and the other is bent to form a rectangle that is twice as long as it is wide. How should the wire be cut so that the sum of the two areas is minimum?
- 13. A stone is tossed into a still pond. A circular wave spreads at the rate of 10 m/s. How fast is the area of the pond enclosed by the wave increasing when the edge of the waveform is 20 metres from the center of the point of impact?
- 14. Given

$$f(x) = \frac{3x}{(1-x)^2}, \ f'(x) = \frac{3+3x}{(1-x)^3}, \ f''(x) = \frac{12+6x}{(1-x)^4}.$$

Graph the function f(x), identifying all intercepts, asymptotes, local extrema and inflection points. Specify intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, concave up and concave down. Show all your work.

- 15. Evaluate the area between y = |x 2| and the x-axis from x = 0 to x = 3.
- 16. Evaluate the following integrals:

(a)
$$\int \left(x^{3/5} + \frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{e^{-x}} + 2\pi\right) dx$$
 (b) $\int_1^3 \frac{t^3 - t}{t^2} dt$
(c) $\int \sec x (\sec x - \tan x) dx$

17. Use differentiation to verify that:

$$\int \frac{1}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}} \, dx = \frac{x}{4\sqrt{4-x^2}} + C$$

- ANSWERS _
- 1. (a) $\mathbb{R} \setminus ([-1,0] \cup \{3\}), (b) \mathbb{R}, (c) (i) \infty, (ii) 1, (iii) undefined, (iv) 0, (v) 1, (d) All <math>x \in [-1,0] \cup \{3,5\}, (e) -3, 2.$
- 2. (a) 11/7, (b) $-1/\sqrt{3}$, (c) $-\infty$, (d) $1/(2\sqrt{3})$.

3.
$$f$$
 has a jump discontinuity at $x = 3$.
4. $f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{1}{2 - 3(x + h)} - \frac{1}{2 - 3x} \right) = \dots = \frac{3}{(2 - 3x)^2}$
5. (a) $\frac{3(1 - x^2)}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$, (b) $2x \tan x + x^2 \sec^2 x + 2 \sec 2x \tan 2x e^{\sec 2x}$,
(c) $2x + \frac{1}{3 + 2x} - \frac{14x}{2 + 7x^2}$, (d) $(\sin x)^{\cos x} \left\{ \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x} - \sin x \ln \sin x \right\}$,
(e) $\frac{2x^2 + 8x - 1}{(x + 2)^2}$, (f) $\frac{x(3x - 4y)}{2(x^2 - 2y^3)}$.
6. At $x = -5/3$, 11/7, 4. 7. $a = 2$
8. $x - 2y + 3 = 0$ 9. $(-2 \pm \sqrt{2}, (6 \pm 4\sqrt{2}) e^{-2 \pm \sqrt{2}})$
10. The largest value is $\frac{1}{2}$ and the smallest value is 0.
11. $y = -t^2/2 - \sin t + 4t + 2\pi(\pi - 4)$

- 12. Cut the wire so as to use 8 m for the square and 9 m for the rectangle.
- 13. The area is increasing by $400\pi \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$.



- The only intercept is (0, 0), the asymptotes are x = 1 (vertical) and y = 0 (horizontal), the only local extremum is $\left(-1, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$, and the only inflection point is $\left(-2, -\frac{2}{3}\right)$. f is decreasing on $(-\infty, -1)$ and on $(1, \infty)$, and increasing on (-1, 1). f is concave down on $(-\infty, -2)$, and concave up on (-2, 1) and $(1, \infty)$.
- 15. The area is 5/2 square units.
- 16. (a) $\frac{5}{8}x^{8/5} 1/(2x^2) \ln|x| + e^x + 2\pi x + C$, (b) $4 \ln 3$, (c) $\tan x - \sec x + C$.

17.
$$\frac{d}{dx}\left\{\frac{x}{4\sqrt{4-x^2}}\right\} = \frac{1}{4}\left\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} + \frac{x^2}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}}\right\}$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4-x^2+x^2}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}}.$$

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