

Math 231 Calculus 1 Fall 25 Midterm 2b

Name: Solutions

- I will count your best 8 of the following 10 questions.
- You may use a calculator, and a US letter page of notes.

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Midterm 2	
Overall	

(1) (10 points) Find the derivative of the following functions.

(a) $f(x) = x^3 e^x$.

$$3x^2 e^x + x^3 e^x$$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\sin(x)}$.

$$\frac{(\sin x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \ln(x) \cos x}{\sin^2(x)}$$

(2) (10 points) Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(1 - 2x^2)$.

$$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{1 - (1 - 2x^2)}} \cdot (-4x)$$

(3) (10 points) Find the second derivative of the function $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{1-3x}$.

$$= (1-3x)^{1/3}$$

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

$$f''(x) = -\frac{2}{9} (1-3x)^{-5/3} \cdot 9 = -2(1-3x)^{-5/3}$$

- (4) (10 points) Use implicit differentiation to find the tangent line to the curve given by the equation $4xy^2 + 3x^2y = 10$ at the point $(1, -2)$.

$$4y^2 + 4x2yy' + 6xy + 3x^2y' = 0$$

at $(1, -2)$

$$16 + -16y' + -12 + 3y' = 0$$

$$4 = 13y' \quad y' = \frac{4}{13}$$

$$y + 2 = \frac{4}{13}(x - 1)$$

(5) Find the following limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{1 - e^{3x^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{+\sin(2x) \cdot 2}{-e^{3x^2} \cdot 6x} \quad \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(2x) \cdot 4}{-e^{3x^2} \cdot (6x)^2 - e^{3x^2} \cdot 6} = \frac{4}{-6} = -\frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

- (6) (10 points) The area of a circular oil slick increases at the rate of 5m/min.
How fast is the radius increasing when the radius is 12m?

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{dA}{dt}}_5 = 2\pi r \underbrace{\frac{dr}{dt}}_{12}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{5}{24\pi} \text{ m/min}$$

- (7) (10 points) Use linear approximation to estimate $\sqrt{35}$. What is the percentage error in your approximation?

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$$6 + \frac{1}{12} \cdot (-1) = 6 - \frac{1}{12}$$

percentage error:

$$\frac{\left| 6 - \frac{1}{12} - \sqrt{35} \right|}{\sqrt{35}} \times 100 \approx 0.00992\%$$

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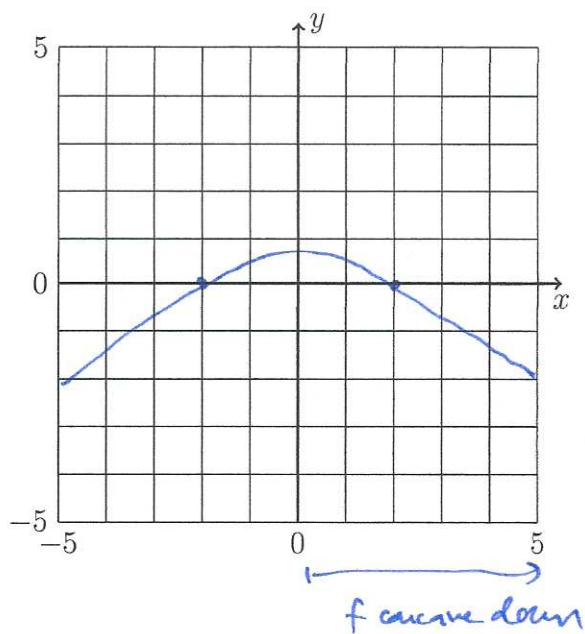
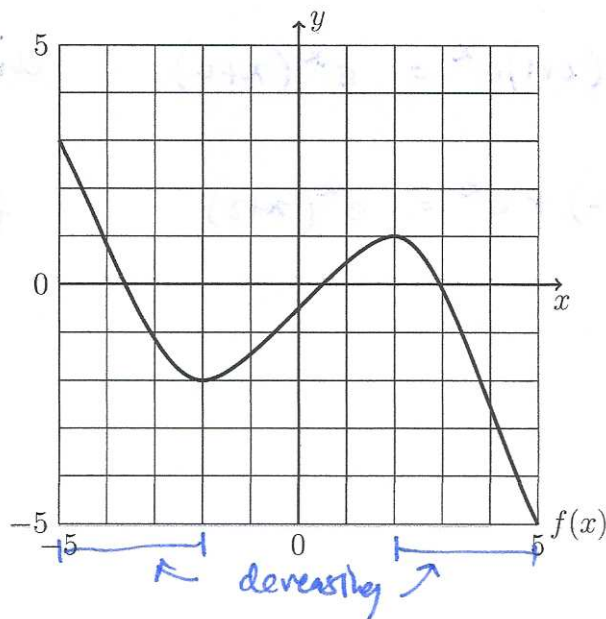
- (8) Find the critical points for the function $f(x) = (x+1)e^x$ and use the second derivative test to classify them.

$$f'(x) = e^x + (x+1)e^x = e^x(x+2) \quad \text{critical point } f'(x)=0 : x=-2$$

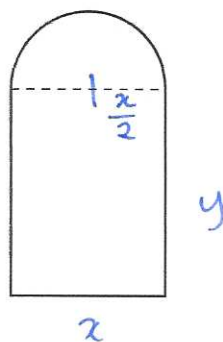
$$f''(x) = e^x(x+2) + e^x = e^x(x+3) \quad f''(-2) = e^{-2} > 0$$

local min

- (9) (10 points) The graph of the function $f(x)$ is shown below. On the top set of axes mark where $f(x)$ is decreasing. On the lower set of axes sketch $f'(x)$, and then use this to find where $f(x)$ is concave down.



- (10) A window is constructed in the shape of a rectangle with a semicircle attached to the top. If the total circumference of the window is 6m, what is the largest possible area?



$$A = xy + \frac{1}{2}\pi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2$$

$$C = x + 2y + \pi\frac{x}{2} = 6$$

$$y = 3 - x\left(1 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$A = x\left(3 - x\left(1 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) + \frac{\pi}{8}x^2$$

$$= 3x + x^2\left(-\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 + \frac{\pi}{8}\right) \quad \text{critical point:}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dx} = 3 + 2x\left(-1 - \frac{3\pi}{8}\right) \quad \frac{dA}{dx} = 0 \quad x = \frac{3}{2\left(1 + \frac{3\pi}{8}\right)} \approx 0.6887$$

$$A = \frac{9}{2\left(1 + \frac{3\pi}{8}\right)} + \frac{9}{4\left(1 + \frac{3\pi}{8}\right)} \cdot \left(-1 - \frac{3\pi}{8}\right) \approx 1.0330$$