

Math 231 Calculus 1 Fall 21 Midterm 2a

Name: Solutions

- I will count your best 8 of the following 10 questions.
- You may use a calculator, and a 3×5 index card of notes.

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2	10	
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Midterm 2	
Overall	

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

(a) $f(x) = x^2 \cos(x)$.

$$f'(x) = 2x \cos x + x^2 \cdot -\sin x$$

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{\ln(x) \cdot e^x - e^x \cdot \frac{1}{x}}{(\ln(x))^2}$$

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

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

(3) (10 points) Find the second derivative of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{2x-3}$.

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

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

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

$$2x + 6y^2 y' = y + xy'$$

$$(2, -1) = (2, -1) : \quad 4 + 6y' = -1 + 2y'$$

$$4y' = -5 \quad y' = -5/4.$$

$$y + 1 = -\frac{5}{4}(x - 2)$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} L'H &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6e^{3x^2} + 6x e^{3x^2} \cdot 6x}{2 \cos(4x) \cdot 4} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

- (6) (10 points) An oil tanker is leaking oil and forming a circular oil slick. If the area of the oil slick is growing at a rate of $5\text{m}^2/\text{minute}$, how fast is the radius growing when the radius is 4m ? (The area of a circle is $A = \pi r^2$.)

$$A(t) = \pi r(t)^2$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \pi \cdot 2r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 5, \quad r = 4$$

$$5 = \pi \cdot 8 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{5}{8\pi}$$

(7) (10 points) Use linear approximation to estimate $\sqrt{98}$. What is the percentage error in your approximation?

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{1/2}$$

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

$$f(98) \approx f(100) + f'(100) \cdot (98 - 100)$$

$$= 10 + \frac{1}{20} \cdot -2$$

$$\approx 10 - \frac{1}{10} = 9.9$$

percentage error:

$$\frac{|9.9 - \sqrt{98}|}{\sqrt{98}} \times 100 \approx 0.0051\%$$

- (8) Find the critical points for the function $f(x) = x^3 - 12x$ and use the first derivative test to classify them.

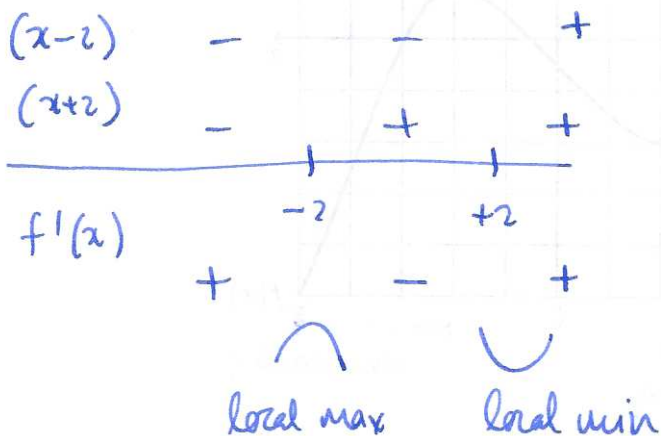
$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12$$

$$= 3(x-2)(x+2)$$

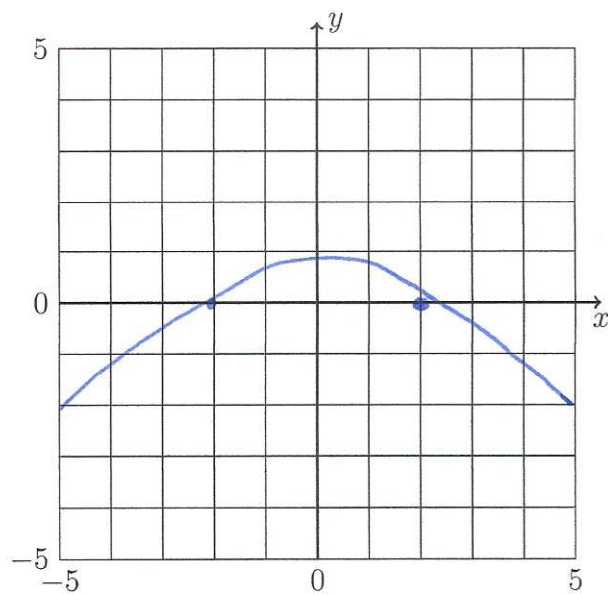
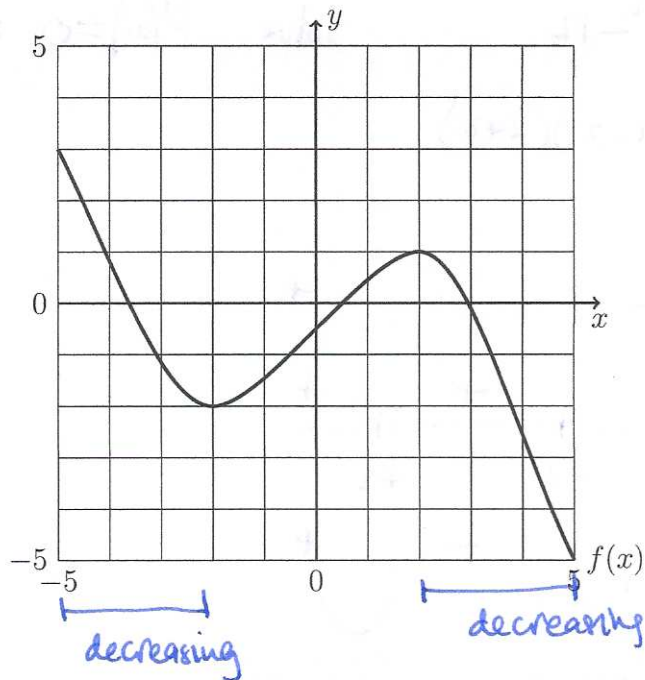
$$\text{solve } f'(x) = 0 : 3x^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$



- (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 $f'(x)$.



- (10) A container consists of a square base and four vertical sides, but without a top side. If the total area of the container is 1m^2 , what is the largest possible volume of the container?

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$$A = x^2 + 4xy = 1$$

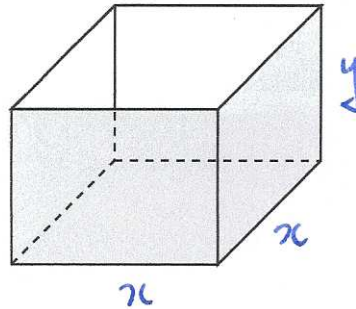
$$y = \frac{1-x^2}{4x}$$

$$V = x^2 \cdot \frac{(1-x^2)}{4x} = \frac{1}{4}(x-x^3)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{1}{4}(1-3x^2) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$y = \frac{1-\frac{1}{3}}{4 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{18}$$



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$$V = x^2 h$$

$$A = x^2 + 4xh = 1$$

$$h = \frac{1 - x^2}{4x}$$

$$V(x) = x^2 \left(\frac{1 - x^2}{4x} \right) = \frac{x(1 - x^2)}{4}$$

$$V'(x) = \frac{1}{4} (1 - 3x^2) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - 3x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$h = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{3}}{4 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}$$