

Exam II
Math 140 Calculus I
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The exam is closed books, no calculators allowed. 100 points are worth 100% of the grade.

Problem 1 (10 pts) Define what it means for a function to be differentiable at a point. Define derivative of a function.

Solution. By definition, a function f is differentiable at a point x if the limit $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} = 0$ exists. If this the case, the latter limit is called the derivative of f at x .

Problem 2 (10 pts) Compute the derivative of the function. Simplify your answer to a single fraction.

$$f(x) = \frac{1-2x}{1+\frac{3}{x}}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{1-2x}{1+\frac{3}{x}} \right)' &= \frac{(1-2x)'(1+\frac{3}{x}) - (1-2x)(1+\frac{3}{x})'}{(1+\frac{3}{x})^2} \\
 &= \frac{-2(1+3x^{-1}) - (1-2x)(-3)x^{-2}}{x^{-2}(x+3)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-2-6x^{-1}+3x^{-2}-6x^{-1}}{x^{-2}(x+3)^2} = \frac{-2x^2-12x+3}{(x+3)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-2x^2-12x+3}{(x+3)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3 (10 pts) Compute the derivative of the function.

$$f(x) = 2^{3^{(\ln x)}} \quad .$$

Solution. We studied in class that $(p^x)' = p^x \ln p$. Therefore we can apply consecutively the chain rule to get

$$\left(2^{3^{(\ln x)}}\right)' = 2^{3^{(\ln x)}} (\ln 2) \left(3^{(\ln x)}\right)' = 2^{3^{(\ln x)}} (\ln 2) 3^{\ln x} (\ln 3) \underbrace{(\ln x)'}_{=\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{\ln 2 \ln 3}{x} 2^{3^{(\ln x)}} 3^{\ln x} \quad .$$

Problem 4 (10 pts) Compute the derivative of the function.

$$f(x) = \sec^3 \left(\frac{2}{x} \right) .$$

Solution. As studied in class, $(\sec x)' = \left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)' = \frac{-(\cos x)'}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} = \sec x \tan x$. Therefore

$$\sec^3 \left(\frac{2}{x} \right)' = 3 \sec^2 \left(\frac{2}{x} \right) \left(\sec \left(\frac{2}{x} \right) \right)' = 3 \sec^2 \left(\frac{2}{x} \right) \sec \left(\frac{2}{x} \right) \tan \left(\frac{2}{x} \right) \left(\frac{2}{x} \right)' = -\frac{6}{x^2} \sec^3 \left(\frac{2}{x} \right) \tan \left(\frac{2}{x} \right) \quad .$$

Problem 5 (15 pts) Compute the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\cos(8x) - 1} \quad .$$

Solution. We have that $\cos(8x) = 1 - 2\sin^2(4x)$. As studied in class, $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1$ and therefore

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\cos(8x) - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{1 - 2\sin^2(4x) - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{(4x)^2}{16}}{-2\sin^2(4x)} = -\frac{1}{32} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4x)^2}{\sin^2(4x)} = -\frac{1}{32} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{\sin^2(4x)}{(4x)^2}} = -\frac{1}{32} \quad .$$

Problem 6 (10 pts) Find the equation of the tangent line to the function

$$y = x(\ln x)$$

at the point $(1, 0)$.

Solution.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (x \ln x)' = (x)' \ln x + x(\ln x)' = \ln x + x \frac{1}{x} = \ln x + 1 \quad .$$

Therefore $\frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=1} = \ln 1 + 1 = 1$. Therefore the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $y = x(\ln x)$ at $(1, 0)$ is $(y - 0) = 1 \times (x - 1)$, or in other words, $y = x - 1$.

Problem 7 (10 pts) Use implicit differentiation to express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ via y and x , where x and y satisfy the following relation.
 $x^4(x - y) = y^2(3x + y)$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} x^4(x - y) &= y^2(3x + y) \\ x^5 - x^4y &= 3y^2x + y^3 && \frac{d}{dx} \\ 5x^4 - 4x^3y - x^4\frac{dy}{dx} &= 3y^2 + 6xy\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y^2\frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dy}{dx}(x^4 + 6xy + 3y^2) &= 5x^4 - 4x^3y - 3y^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{5x^4 - 4x^3y - 3y^2}{x^4 + 6xy + 3y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 8 (10 pts) Use implicit differentiation to find an equation of the tangent line to the curve

$$x^5 + x^3y - y^6 = -1$$

at the point $(-1, -1)$.

Solution. Direct substitution shows that $(-1, -1)$ satisfies the above equation.

$$\begin{aligned} x^5 + x^3y - y^6 &= -1 && \frac{d}{dx} \\ 5x^4 + 3x^2y + x^3\frac{dy}{dx} - 6y^5\frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can substitute $x = -1, y = -1$ in the above expression to get

$$\begin{aligned} 5(-1)^4 + 3(-1)^2(-1) + (-1)^3\frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=-1} - 6(-1)^5\frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=-1} &= 0 \\ 5 - 3 - \frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=-1} + 6\frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=-1} &= 0 \\ \frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=-1} &= -\frac{2}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the equation of the tangent line at the point $(-1, -1)$ is $y - (-1) = -\frac{2}{5}(x - (-1))$ or $y = -\frac{2}{5}x - \frac{7}{5}$.

Problem 9 (15 pts) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{3}{x}\right)^x$.

Solution. As studied in class, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e$. Set $t = -\frac{3}{x}$. Therefore as $x \rightarrow \infty$, $t \rightarrow 0^-$, and we have

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \infty \\ t = -\frac{3}{x} \\ t \rightarrow 0^-}} \left(1 - \frac{3}{x}\right)^x = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} (1+t)^{-\frac{3}{t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \left((1+t)^{\frac{1}{t}}\right)^{-3} = \left(\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} (1+t)^{\frac{1}{t}}\right)^{-3} = e^{-3} = \frac{1}{e^3} \quad .$$

The problems before this one sum up to 100%.

Problem 10 (10 pts) For a positive integer n , prove the power rule $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$ using the definition of derivative.

Solution. By the definition of derivative we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(x^n) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^n - x^n}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{(x+h)}((x+h)^{n-1} + (x+h)^{n-2}x + \cdots + (x+h)x^{n-2} + x^{n-1})}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\underbrace{(x+h)^{n-1} + (x+h)^{n-2}x + \cdots + (x+h)x^{n-2} + x^{n-1}}_{n \text{ summands total}} \right) = nx^{n-1} \quad . \end{aligned}$$