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- All work must be shown
- Total points 100
- Nongraphing, nonprogrammable calculator permissible

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| 9        | 5   |       |
| 10       | 5   |       |
| 11       | 5   |       |
| 12       | 6   |       |
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**ANSWERS**

1. [6 points] Solve the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} x + y - 2z = -7 \\ 3x - 5y + 2z = 11 \\ x - 2y + 2z = 10 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y - 2z &= -7 \\ -8y + 8z &= 32 \\ -3y + 4z &= 17 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y - 2z &= -7 \\ y - z &= -4 \\ -3y + 4z &= 17 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y - 2z &= -7 \\ y - z &= -4 \\ z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

If  $z = 5$ ,  $y - 5 = -4$  gives  $y = 1$

If  $y = 1$ ,  $z = 5$ ,  $x + 1 - 10 = -7$  gives  $x = 2$

ANSWER:  $x = 2, y = 1, z = 5$

2[5 points] Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 2$ . The bisection method is used to find an approximate value of  $x$  that will satisfy the equation  $f(x) = 0$ . Find the next three lines of the following table.

| a     | $\frac{a+b}{2}$ | b      | f(a)    | $f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$ | f(b)   |
|-------|-----------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1     | 1.25            | 1.5    | -1      | -0.4375                       | 0.25   |
| 1,25  | 1,375           | 1,5    | -0,4375 | -0,1093                       | 0,25   |
| 1,375 | 1,4375          | 1,5    | -0,1093 | <del>-0,1093</del><br>0,0664  | 0,25   |
| 1,375 | 1,40625         | 1,4375 | -0,1093 | -0,2246                       | 0,0664 |

3.[24 points] Compute the following limits:

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{2x^2 - x - 6}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{(2x+3)(x-2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+2}{2x+3} = \boxed{\frac{4}{7}}$$

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{15}{7}} x \cdot f(x+1)$  where  $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$  is the floor function.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{15}{7}} x \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{15}{7}} \lfloor x+1 \rfloor &= \frac{15}{7} \cdot \lfloor \frac{22}{7} \rfloor \\ &= \frac{15}{7} \cdot 3 = \boxed{\frac{45}{7}} \end{aligned}$$

$$c) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x + 5e^{-x}}{7e^x - 11e^{-x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x + 5e^{-x}}{7e^x - 11e^{-x}} \cdot \frac{e^{-x}}{e^{-x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 5e^{-2x}}{7 - 11e^{-2x}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{7}}$$

$$d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3-x} - \sqrt{3}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3-x} - \sqrt{3}}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3-x} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3-x} + \sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x}{x(\sqrt{3-x} + \sqrt{3})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x} + \sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$e) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{7}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{7}{x}} \cdot \frac{x}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{x} - 1}{\frac{2}{x} + 7} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{7}}$$

$$f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{\sin(3x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{5x} \cdot \frac{3x}{\sin(3x)} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{5}{3}}$$

4[5 points] Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 + x - 2}{x - 1}, & x \neq 1 \\ 3, & x = 1 \end{cases}$

a) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^2 + x + 2 = 4$$

b) Is  $f(x)$  continuous at  $x=1$ ? Justify your answer.

No as  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^2 + x + 2 \neq f(1)$ .

$$d) f(t) = t^2 e^{\sqrt{t}}$$

$$f'(t) = 2te^{\sqrt{t}} + t^2 e^{\sqrt{t}} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}$$

OR

$$2te^{\sqrt{t}} + t^2 e^{\sqrt{t}} \left( \frac{1}{2} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$e) f(x) = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{1+x^2}\right)$$

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

$$f) f(t) = \cos^2\left(\frac{1}{t^3}\right)$$

$$f'(t) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{t^3}\right) \left( -\sin\left(\frac{1}{t^3}\right) \right) \left( -3t^{-4} \right)$$

5[24 points] Find the derivative of the following functions and do **not** simplify your answer:

a)  $f(t) = \frac{5}{t} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{t}} + \ln(2\pi)$

$$f'(t) = -\frac{5}{t^2} - \frac{3}{2}t^{-3/2}$$

OR

$$= -5t^{-2} - \frac{3}{2}t^{-3/2}$$

b)  $f(x) = \left(\frac{2x^2-1}{3x^2+1}\right)^4$

$$f'(x) = 4\left(\frac{2x^2-1}{3x^2+1}\right)^3 \left[ \frac{(4x)(3x^2+1) - \cancel{6x}(2x^2-1)(\cancel{6x})}{(3x^2+1)^2} \right]$$

c)  $f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x^3+2x}{x^2-1}\right)$

$$f(x) = \ln(x^3+2x) - \ln(x^2-1)$$

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

8[5 points] Using the formal definition of derivative, find the derivative

of  $f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$ .

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{x+h}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+h}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{h}{x(x+h)}\right)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x(x+h)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2}$$



6.[5 points] Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve

$$y = f(x) = \sqrt{3x^4 + 1} \quad \text{at } x=2.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3x^4+1}} \quad (12x^3)$$

$$\text{When } x=2, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 7} \cdot 12 \cdot 8 = \frac{48}{7}$$

$$\text{When } x=2 \quad y=7$$

Equation is

$$y - 7 = \frac{48}{7}(x - 2)$$

OR equivalent

7[5 points] Find the derivative of function  $f(x) = (x^2 + 1)^{\arctan x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(f(x)) &= \ln(x^2 + 1)^{\arctan x} \\ &= \arctan x \ln(x^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \ln(x^2+1) + (\arctan x) \frac{1}{x^2+1} (2x)$$

$$\boxed{f'(x) = (x^2 + 1)^{\arctan x} \left[ \frac{1}{1+x^2} \ln(x^2+1) + (\arctan x) \frac{2x}{x^2+1} \right]}$$

OR equivalent

11. [5 points] Suppose  $f(x) = \sqrt{5}x^2$ . If  $x=30$ mm is accurate to within 2mm, how accurate is  $f(30)$  in mm?

Error is  $f'(x)dx$

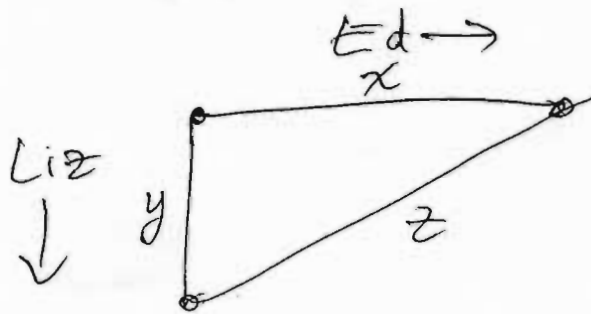
$$f'(x) = 2\sqrt{5}x$$

$$x = 30 \quad dx = 2 \text{ mm}$$

Error is  $2\sqrt{5}x dx = 2\sqrt{5}(30)(2)$

Accurate to within  $\boxed{120\sqrt{5} \text{ mm}}$

12. [6 points] At 12 noon, Ed begins to walk east at the rate of 6 kilometers per hour. Two hours later, Liz at the same starting point, walks south at the rate of 5 kilometers per hour. What is the rate at which the distance between Ed and Liz is changing at 4 p.m.?



$$z^2 = x^2 + y^2; \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = 6, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 5$$

Find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$

When  $x = 24, y = 10$

[Note: When  $x = 24, y = 10, z = 26$ ]

$$2z \frac{dz}{dt} = 2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{1}{z} \left( x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{26} ((24)(6) + (10)(5))$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{194}{26}} \text{ OR equivalent}$$

9[5 points] Find equation of the tangent line to the curve  $x^2 + 2xy^2 - y^3 = 7$  at the point (2, 1). Express the equation in point-slope form

$$2x + (2)(y^2) + (2x)(2y \frac{dy}{dx}) - 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\text{Set } x=2, y=1$$

$$4 + 2 + 8 \frac{dy}{dx} - 3 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{6}{5}$$

Tangent has eqn

$$(y-1) = -\frac{6}{5}(x-2)$$

10.[5 points] Let  $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$ . Find  $\frac{d}{dx} f^{-1}(x)$  at  $x=3$ .

$$f^{-1}(3) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))} = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(3))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{f'(1)} = \frac{1}{4}$$