

1. Find the derivative of

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

using the definition. You may not use any of the differentiation rules from class, only the definition.

[2pts]

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{3(x+h)+1} - \frac{1}{3x+1}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3x+1) - (3x+3h+1)}{(3x+3h+1)(3x+1)h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3h}{(3x+3h+1)(3x+1)h} \\ &= \frac{-3}{(3x+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Determine all values of  $a$  such that the function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} (x-1)^2 + a & \text{if } x < 2 \\ 2^x + ax & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

[1pts]

is continuous everywhere.

For  $g$  to be continuous at 2,

We need  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = g(2)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$  exists if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} ((x-1)^2 + a) = 1 + a$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (2^x + ax) = 4 + 2a$$

So  $1 + a = 4 + 2a$ , that is  $a = -3$

We have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = -2 = g(2)$

$g$  is defined as an elementary function on  $(-\infty, 2)$  and  $(2, \infty)$  so it is clearly continuous there.

3. Determine the following limits. You may use any technique we have seen so far in the course.

[4pts]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + \sqrt{x^6 + x^2}}{-x^3 + 3x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + \sqrt{x^6 \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^4}\right)}}{-x^3 + 3x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + x^3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^4}}}{-x^3 + 3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^4}}\right)}{x^3 \left(-1 + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^4}}}{-1 + \frac{3}{x^2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{-1} = \underline{\underline{-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x^2 - 9) \sin(x - 3)}{(x - 3)^2} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\cancel{(x-3)}(x+3) \sin(x-3)}{\cancel{(x-3)}(x-3)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x+3) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sin(x-3)}{x-3} \\
 &= 6 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 6 \cdot 1 = \underline{\underline{6}}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Determine each of the following derivatives. You may use any technique we have seen so far in the course. You do not need to simplify your answer.

(a)  $\frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{re^r + 3\pi^2}{r^3 + 1} \right)$

$$= \frac{(re^r + 3\pi^2)'(r^3 + 1) - (re^r + 3\pi^2)(r^3 + 1)'}{(r^3 + 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(e^r + re^r)(r^3 + 1) - (re^r + 3\pi^2)(3r^2)}{(r^3 + 1)^2}$$

(b)  $\frac{d}{dx} (\cos(e^{x^3}))$

$$= [-\sin(e^{x^3})](e^{x^3})'$$

$$= [-\sin(e^{x^3})](3x^2 e^{x^3})$$

5. Determine the equations of all lines that are tangent to the curve  $f(x) = 2x^2$  and pass through the point  $(0, -18)$ . *Hint: find the slope of the tangent line to the curve at  $x = a$ , then find the equation of the tangent line at  $x = a$ , and then find the values of  $a$  that make this line pass through the given point.*

[2pts]

$$f'(x) = 4x$$

$$f'(a) = 4a$$

$$\text{Tangent at } (a, 2a^2) : \quad 4a = \frac{y - 2a^2}{x - a}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4ax - 2a^2$$

since the tangent passes through  $(0, -18)$ :

$$-18 = 4a(0) - 2a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{18}{2} = 9 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{a = \pm 3}}$$

6. A function  $y = f(x)$  is defined implicitly using the equation

$$y^5 = e^x + x^2.$$

[2pts]

Differentiating implicitly, find an expression for  $y'$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y^5) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x + x^2)$$

$$5y^4 y' = e^x + 2x$$

$$y' = \frac{e^x + 2x}{5y^4}$$

7. Consider the function

$$f(x) = x^{(e^x)}.$$

[2pts]

Find an expression for  $f'(x)$  purely in terms of  $x$ . *Hint: logarithmic differentiation.*

$$y = x^{e^x}$$

$$\ln y = \ln x^{e^x}$$

$$\ln y = e^x \ln x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln y) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x \ln x)$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = e^x \ln(x) + e^x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

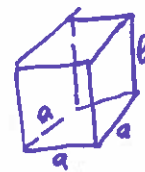
$$y' = y \left[ e^x \ln(x) + \frac{e^x}{x} \right]$$

$$y' = x^{e^x} \left[ e^x \left( \ln(x) + \frac{1}{x} \right) \right]$$

8. A box with a square base is changing its height ( $h$ ) and the side ( $a$ ) of its base continuously. When the side ( $a$ ) measures 2 cm and height ( $h$ ) measures 9 cm, the side ( $a$ ) is growing at a rate of 1 cm/min while the height ( $h$ ) is decreasing at a rate of 2 cm/min. What is the rate of change of the volume at that moment?

[3pts]

side of base :  $a$   
height :  $h$



Given  $\frac{da}{dt} = 1 \text{ cm/min}$  when  $(a, h) = (2, 9)$

$\frac{dh}{dt} = -2 \text{ cm/min}$  when  $(a, h) = (2, 9)$

We find  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  when  $(a, h) = (2, 9)$

Equation:  $V = a^2 h$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 2a \frac{da}{dt} h + a^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\left. \frac{dV}{dt} \right|_{(a, h) = (2, 9)} = 2(2)(1)(9) + 2^2(-2)$$

$$= 36 - 8 = \underline{\underline{28}} \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$$

Answer: The volume is increasing at a rate of  $28 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$ .