

Question 1. Let

$$f(x) = \frac{1 + \sin x}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \frac{2e^x}{e^x - 1}.$$

(a) Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of  $f(x)$ .

Horizontal asymptotes:  $x=0$ , as  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 + \sin x}{x} = \infty$

Vertical asymptotes: To find those,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1 + \sin x}{x} = -\infty$

we need  
to calculate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \sin x}{x} \text{, and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 + \sin x}{x}.$$

$$0 \leq 1 + \sin x \leq 2 \Rightarrow \frac{0}{|x|} \leq \frac{1 + \sin x}{x} \leq \frac{2}{|x|}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{as } x \rightarrow \pm\infty} 0$ 
 $\xrightarrow{\text{by squeeze}} 0$ 
 $\xrightarrow{\text{as } x \rightarrow \mp\infty} 0$

}  $y=0$  is the only horizontal asymptote.

(b) Find a formula for the inverse of  $g(x)$ .

$$y = \frac{2e^x}{e^x - 1} \Leftrightarrow e^x \cdot y - y = 2 \cdot e^x \Leftrightarrow e^x (y - 2) = y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^x = \frac{y}{y - 2} \Leftrightarrow x = \ln\left(\frac{y}{y - 2}\right), \text{ so}$$

$$g^{-1}(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x}{x - 2}\right).$$

(c) Differentiate the function  $g(x)$ .

$$g'(x) \stackrel{\text{quotient rule}}{=} \frac{2e^x \cdot (e^x - 1) - e^x \cdot 2e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2} = \frac{-2e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2}.$$

**Question 2.** Evaluate the limit in each part. Show the details of your work.  
(Note: You cannot use L'Hospital's Rule.)

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

arcsin is continuous on its domain  
 $\Rightarrow \arcsin(\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} x+1) = \arcsin(-1) = -\pi/2$

(b)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{t^2+6t} - \sqrt{t^2+3}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{t^2+6t} + \sqrt{t^2+3})(\sqrt{t^2+6t} - \sqrt{t^2+3})}{\sqrt{t^2+6t} + \sqrt{t^2+3}} =$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6t-3}{\sqrt{t^2+6t} + \sqrt{t^2+3}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6}{\sqrt{1+\frac{6}{t}} + \sqrt{1+\frac{3}{t}}} = 3$

(c)  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2\theta}{\theta} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2\theta}{2\theta} \cdot 2 = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2\theta} \cdot \frac{2}{\cos 2\theta} = 2$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^5 - 32}{x - 2} = f'(2)$ , where  $f(x) = x^5$ , hence

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^5 - 32}{x - 2} = 5 \cdot x^4 \Big|_{x=2} = \underline{\underline{80}}$



Question 3. Consider the functions given below.

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2} \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$h(x) = \sqrt{x+1} \quad u(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Find the derivative of  $h(x)$  using the limit definition of a derivative.

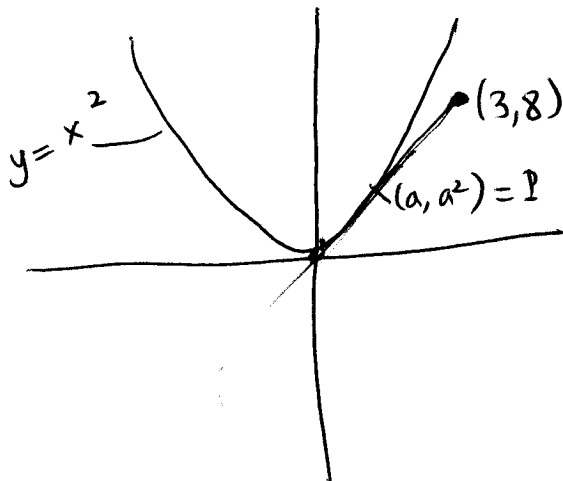
$$h'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+1+h} - \sqrt{x+1}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{x+1+h} + \sqrt{x+1})(\sqrt{x+1+h} - \sqrt{x+1})}{h \cdot (\sqrt{x+1+h} + \sqrt{x+1})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h \cdot (\sqrt{x+1+h} + \sqrt{x+1})} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+1}}$$

(b) Which of the functions  $f(x)$ ,  $g(x)$ ,  $h(x)$  and  $u(x)$  are differentiable at  $x = 0$ . Explain your reasoning.

- (a) shows that  $h(x)$  is diff'ble at  $x=0$ .
- $u(x)$  is NOT, because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} u(x) = -1 \neq 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} u(x)$ ,  
so  $u$  is not even continuous.
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{-1/3}$ , which  
does NOT exist, hence  $f$  is NOT diff'ble at  $x=0$ .
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2}{x} = 0$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{x} = 1$   
 $\neq$  }  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0}$  does NOT exist, hence  $g$  is not diff'ble.

**Question 4.** Find an equation of a line passing through  $(3, 8)$  and tangent to the parabola  $y = x^2$ . (Note: There may be more than one such tangent lines. It suffices to find an equation for one of them.)



Suppose <sup>(a)</sup> the line we are seeking for passes through  $P = (a, a^2)$  on the curve  $y = x^2$ .

— Then, this line is tangent to  $y = x^2$ , hence its slope at  $P$  is given by  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=a} = 2a$ .

— Furthermore, since this line passes through both  $P$  and  $(3, 8)$ , its slope also equals  $\frac{(8 - a^2)}{3 - a}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8 - a^2}{3 - a} = 2a \Leftrightarrow 8 - a^2 = 6a - 2a^2 \Leftrightarrow a^2 - 6a + 8 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a = 4 \text{ or } \underline{a = 2}.$$

For  $a = 2$ , the line we look for is  $\frac{y - 8}{x - 3} = 4$ .

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## Question 5.

(a) Let  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be two functions. Suppose for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  we are given that

$$\text{if } |x - 3| < \varepsilon^3, \text{ then } |f(x) - 5| < \varepsilon/2$$

and that

$$\text{if } |x - 3| < \varepsilon/10, \text{ then } |g(x) - 10| < \varepsilon/2.$$

Find a real number  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\text{if } |x - 3| < \delta, \text{ then } |f(x) + g(x) - 15| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

(Hint: Recall the triangular inequality  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$  which holds for all pair of real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ .)

By what we are given, it follows that:

$$\text{if } |x - 3| < \min(\varepsilon^3, \varepsilon/10), \text{ then } |f(x) - 5| + |g(x) - 10| < \varepsilon.$$

By the hint,  $|f(x) + g(x) - 15| \leq |f(x) - 5| + |g(x) - 10|$ , hence

$$\text{if } |x - 3| < \min(\varepsilon^3, \varepsilon/10), \text{ then } |f(x) + g(x) - 15| < \varepsilon.$$

So the  $\delta$

$$\text{We want is } \delta = \min\left(\frac{1}{23}, \frac{1}{20}\right) = \frac{1}{20}.$$



(b) Show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

using  $\varepsilon - \delta$  definition of a limit. (Note: You cannot use the limit laws. You must apply  $\varepsilon - \delta$  definition to the function  $f(x) = 1/x$ .)

• Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we want to find a  $\delta$  such that

if  $|x - 2| < \delta$ , then  $|\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2}| < \varepsilon$ , in other words

if  $2 - \delta < x < 2 + \delta$ , then  $\frac{|x - 2|}{|2x|} < \varepsilon$ .

Suppose without loss of generality that  $\delta \leq 1$ . Then  $2 - \delta < x < 2 + \delta \Rightarrow$   
 Now, if  $|x - 2| < \delta$ , then (assuming  $\delta \leq 1$ )  $\Rightarrow \underline{1 < x < 3}$

$$\frac{|x - 2|}{|2x|} < \delta \cdot \frac{1}{|2x|} \leq \frac{\delta}{2}$$

$|x| > 1$ , hence  $\frac{1}{|x|} < 1$

So it will suffice to choose  $\delta = \min(1, 2\varepsilon)$ .

• Indeed, if  $|x - 2| < \delta = \min(1, 2\varepsilon)$ , then  
 (i)  $2 - \delta < x < 2 + \delta$ , and since  $\delta \leq 1$ ,  $\underline{1 < x < 3}$ .

$$(ii) \quad \left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2} \right| = \frac{|x - 2|}{2|x|} < \frac{\delta}{2 \cdot |x|} \leq \frac{2\varepsilon}{2 \cdot |x|} = \frac{\varepsilon}{|x|} \leq \varepsilon \quad (i), \text{ as desired.}$$

Question 6. Is there a function  $f$  which is continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and

$$f(x)f(x+2) < 0$$

for every  $x$ ? Justify your answer. (Hint: Use the Intermediate Value Theorem.)

$$f(0)f(2) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{either } \begin{cases} f(0) < 0 \\ f(2) > 0 \end{cases} \text{ or } \begin{cases} f(2) < 0 \\ f(0) > 0 \end{cases}$$

Either case 0 is in between  $f(0)$  and  $f(2)$ , it follows from IVT that there is a  $c \in (0, 2)$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ . But then,  $f(c)f(c+2) \neq 0$ , hence such  $f$  cannot exist.



Question 7. (Bonus Question; No partial credit will be awarded)

Let  $f(x)$  be a continuous function satisfying  $|f(x)| \leq x^2$  for all  $x \in [-2, 2]$ . Show that  $f$  is differentiable at 0 and find  $f'(0)$ .

First note that  $|f(0)| \leq 0^2 = 0$  implies that  $f(0) = 0$ .

Now,  $f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$ .  
if the limit exists

By the given inequality  $|f(x)| \leq x^2$ , it follows that  $-x^2 \leq f(x) \leq x^2$ , hence  $-|x| \leq \frac{f(x)}{x} \leq |x|$ .  
as  $x \rightarrow 0$   $\searrow$  0  $\swarrow$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow$  By the squeeze theorem

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = 0, \quad \text{hence} \quad \underline{\underline{f'(0) = 0}}.$$