

1. Compute the following limits provided they exist.

$$(a) \lim_{c \rightarrow 1} \frac{|c-1|}{c-1}$$

$$(b) \lim_{c \rightarrow 1} \frac{c^3 - 3c^2 + 3c - 1}{c^2 - 2c + 1}$$

$$(c) \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \sin c \cos \frac{1}{c}$$

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$$(a) \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{|c-1|}{c-1} = 1, \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{|c-1|}{c-1} = -1$$

so limit as  $c \rightarrow 1$  does not exist.

$$(b) \frac{c^3 - 3c^2 + 3c - 1}{c^2 - 2c + 1} = \frac{(c-1)^3}{(c-1)^2} = c-1 \xrightarrow{c \rightarrow 1} 0$$

so limit as  $c \rightarrow 1$  is zero

$$(c) \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \sin c \cos \frac{1}{c} \leq \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \sin c = 0$$

$$\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \sin c \cos \frac{1}{c} \geq \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \sin c (-1) = 0$$

so limit  $\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \sin c \cos \frac{1}{c} = 0$ .

2. The function

$$\phi(x) = x \ln|x|$$

is not defined at  $x = 0$ .

- (a) Can you assign a value to  $\phi(0)$  in such a way to make  $\phi$  continuous?
- (b) Can you assign a value to  $\phi'(0)$  in such a way to make  $\phi'$  continuous?

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(a) We know from class that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = 0$ ,

so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \ln|x| = 0$  and we can define  $\phi(0) = 0$

(b)  $\phi'(x) = \ln x + x \frac{1}{x} = \ln x + 1$  for  $x > 0$ .

So  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \phi'(x)$  does not exist

$\Rightarrow$  there is no way to assign  $\phi'(0)$  as to make  $\phi'$  continuous.

3. Compute the derivative of  $k(x) = \sqrt{x}$  by

- (a) using the definition of the derivative as the limit of a difference quotient,
- (b) using the power rule of differentiation.

Confirm that the two results coincide.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad k'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h-x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad k(x) &= x^{+\frac{1}{2}} \\ \Rightarrow k'(x) &= \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

So the answers coincide.

4. Consider the function

$$f(x) = -xe^x.$$

Find horizontal and vertical asymptotes, local minima, local maxima, and inflection points of  $f$ . Identify the regions where the graph of  $f$  is concave upward or concave downward. Finally, sketch the graph into the coordinate system provided. (10)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -\infty, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0 \quad \text{by properties of exp.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  horizontal asymptote  $y=0$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$

$$\text{critical points: } f'(x) = -e^x - xe^x = -(1+x)e^x$$

$\Rightarrow$  critical point at  $x=-1$  where  $f'$  changes from positive to negative, so the critical point corresponds to a maximum at

$$x=-1, y=f(-1) = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}$$

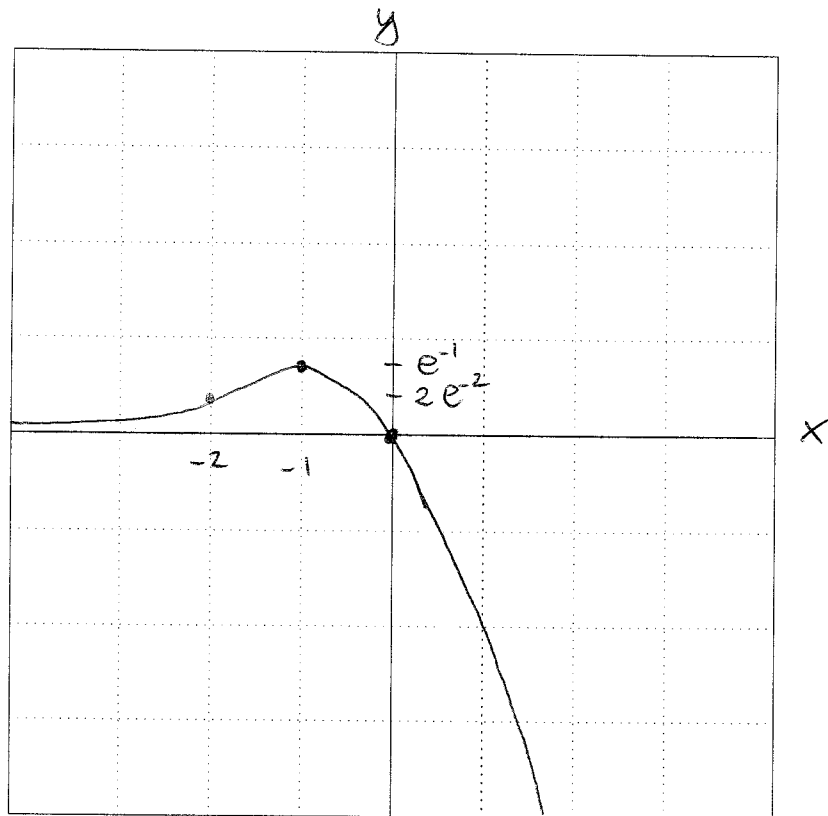
$$\text{points of inflection: } f''(x) = -e^x - (1+x)e^x = -(2+x)e^x$$

$f''(x)=0$  when  $x=-2$ , there  $f''$  changes from positive to negative, so there is a point of inflection at

$$x=-2, y=f(-2) = 2e^{-2} = \frac{2}{e^2}$$

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To the left of  $x=-2$ , the graph is concave up, to the right it is concave down.



5. A commuter train carries 800 passengers each day at a ticket price of €1.00 per person. Market research reveals that for each 5 cent increase/decrease of the price 50 fewer/more people would take the train. What fare should be charged to maximize revenue? (10)

Let  $x$  be the number of units of increase or decrease, i.e.

$$\text{price } P = 1 + x \frac{5}{100}$$

$$\text{passengers } N = 800 - x \cdot 50$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{revenue } R = P \cdot N = \left(1 + x \frac{5}{100}\right)(800 - 50x)$$

$$R'(x) = \frac{5}{100}(800 - 50x) + \left(1 + \frac{5}{100}x\right)(-50)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{critical point at } \frac{5}{100}(800 - 50x) + \left(1 + \frac{5}{100}x\right)(-50) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5(800 - 50x) = 50(100 + 5x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 80 - 5x = 100 + 5x$$

$$\Rightarrow 10x = -20$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2$$

Since  $R$  is quadratic with negative leading coefficient, this corresponds to a maximum. So the optimal price is

$$P_{\text{opt}} = 1 - 2 \frac{5}{100} = \frac{90}{100} = 90 \text{ cent}$$