

Question 3 (Differentiation and Extreme Values of Functions)

(a)-(c) Find the derivatives below. In each part, you must state which differentiation rules or other theorems you are using.

- (a) [10 pts] Find $\frac{dg}{dx}$ if $g(x) = \frac{x^2-4}{x+0.5}$.

(8 points for correct answer with correct working. 2 points for stating which rules/theorems were used.)

Using the quotient rule (and sum and difference rules) we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dg}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 0.5} \right) \\ &= \frac{(x^2 - 4)'(x + 0.5) - (x^2 - 4)(x + 0.5)'}{(x + 0.5)^2} \\ &= \frac{2x(x + 0.5) - (x^2 - 4)(1)}{(x + 0.5)^2} \\ &= \frac{2x^2 + x - x^2 + 4}{(x + 0.5)^2} = \frac{x^2 + x + 4}{(x + 0.5)^2}.\end{aligned}$$

- (b) [10 pts] Find $\frac{dy}{dt}$ if $y = \sin(t^2 + t - 1)$.

(As above.)

Let $u = t^2 + t - 1$. Using the chain rule, we calculate that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dt} = (\cos u)(2t + 1) \\ &= (2t + 1) \cos(t^2 + t - 1).\end{aligned}$$

- (c) [10 pts] Find $\frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2}$ if $r = \theta^3 \cos \theta$.

(As above.)

Using the product rule, we have that

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = (\theta^3)' \cos \theta + \theta^3 (\cos \theta)' = 3\theta^2 \cos \theta - \theta^3 \sin \theta.$$

Differentiating a second time, again using the product rule, gives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2} &= \frac{d}{d\theta} (3\theta^2 \cos \theta - \theta^3 \sin \theta) \\ &= (3\theta^2)' \cos \theta + 3\theta^2 (\cos \theta)' - (\theta^3)' \sin \theta - \theta^3 (\sin \theta)' \\ &= 6\theta \cos \theta - 3\theta^2 \sin \theta - 3\theta^2 \sin \theta - \theta^3 \cos \theta \\ &= 6\theta \cos \theta - 6\theta^2 \sin \theta - \theta^3 \cos \theta.\end{aligned}$$

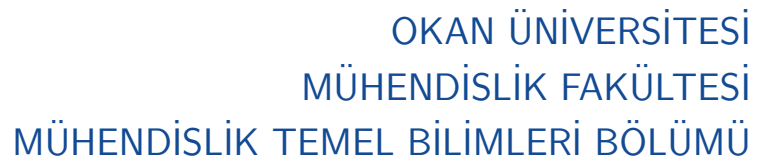
Define a function $h : [-1, 8] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$.

- (d) [20 pts] Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of h on $[-1, 8]$.

(5 points for finding h' . 5 points for finding the critical point. 10 points for finding abs. max. and abs. min.)

The derivative of $h(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is $h'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$. h' does not exist if $x = 0$. h' is never equal to zero. Therefore the only critical point of h is $x = 0$.

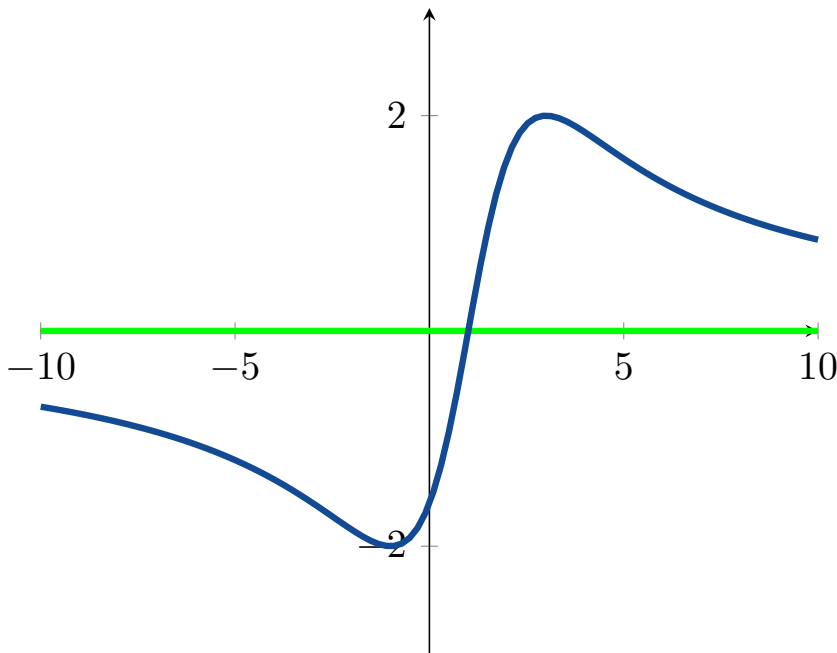
We calculate that $h(-1) = -1$, $h(0) = 0$ and $h(8) = 2$. Therefore the absolute maximum value of h on $[-1, 8]$ is 2, and the absolute minimum value of h on $[-1, 8]$ is -1.



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1	2	3	TOTAL
50	50	50	100

Question 1 (Concavity and Curve Sketching) Define a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = \frac{8x - 8}{x^2 - 2x + 5}$.



(a) [4 pts] Find the horizontal asymptote(s) of $y = f(x)$. Draw the asymptote(s) on the axes above.

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8x - 8}{x^2 - 2x + 5} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{8}{x} - \frac{8}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{5}{x^2}} \\ &= \frac{0 - 0}{1 - 0 + 0} = 0,\end{aligned}$$

the line $y = 0$ is the only horizontal asymptote of $f(x)$.

(b) [3 pts] The derivative of f is given by $f'(x) = \frac{-8(x-3)(x+1)}{(x^2-2x+5)^2}$. Find all the critical points of f .

Clearly $f'(x) = 0$ if and only if $x = -1$ or $x = 3$. Since f' exists for all x , the only critical points of f are $x = -1$ and $x = 3$.

(c) [2 pts] Calculate $f(1)$ and $f'(1)$.

We can calculate that

$$f(1) = \frac{8 - 8}{1 - 2 + 5} = 0$$

and that

$$f'(1) = \frac{-8(-2)(2)}{(1 - 2 + 5)^2} = \frac{32}{4^2} = 2.$$

(d) [5 pts] Complete the following table:

interval	$(-\infty, -1)$	$(-1, 3)$	$(3, \infty)$
sign of f'	$f' < 0$	$f' > 0$	$f' < 0$
behaviour of f	decreasing	increasing	decreasing

(e) [4 pts] The second derivative of f is given by $f''(x) = \frac{16(x-1)(x^2-2x-11)}{(x^2-2x+5)^3}$. Solve $f''(x) = 0$.

Clearly $f''(1) = 0$. Since the roots of $x^2 - 2x - 11 = 0$ are $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 44}}{2} = 1 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$, we can see that $f''(x) = 0$ if and only if $x = 1 - 2\sqrt{3}$ or 1 or $1 + 2\sqrt{3}$.

(f) [6 pts] Complete the following table:

interval	$(-\infty, 1 - 2\sqrt{3})$	$(1 - 2\sqrt{3}, 0)$	$(0, 1 + 2\sqrt{3})$	$(1 + 2\sqrt{3}, \infty)$
sign of f''	$f'' < 0$	$f'' > 0$	$f'' < 0$	$f'' > 0$
concavity of f	concave down	concave up	concave down	concave up

(g) [6 pts] Complete the following table:

$(-\infty, 1 - 2\sqrt{3})$	$(1 - 2\sqrt{3}, -1)$	$(-1, 1)$	$(1, 3)$	$(3, 1 + 2\sqrt{3})$	$(1 + 2\sqrt{3}, \infty)$
decreasing and concave down	decreasing and concave up	increasing and concave up	increasing and concave down	decreasing and concave down	decreasing and concave up

(h) [20 pts] Draw the graph of $y = f(x)$ on the axes above.
[HINT: $\sqrt{3} \approx 1.7$]

Question 2 (Limits and Continuity)

(a)-(b) Calculate the following limits. For each one, you must state which limit laws or theorems you are using.

(a) [12 pts] $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x+1}}{x} =$

(8 points for correct answer. 4 points for stating which laws/theorems were used.)

Using the sum, difference and quotient rules, we can calculate that

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

(b) [12 pts] $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{x - 1 + \sin x}{3 \cos x} =$

(As above.)

Using the sum, difference and quotient rules, we can calculate that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{x - 1 + \sin x}{3 \cos x} = \frac{\pi - 1 + 0}{3(-1)} = \frac{1 - \pi}{3}$.

(c) [13 pts] The inequality

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{6} < \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x} < 1$$

holds for values of x close to zero. What, if anything, does this tell you about $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x}$? State which limit laws or other theorems you are using.

(8 points for correct value, 3 points for mentioning the Sandwich Theorem and 2 points for mentioning the other rules.)

First,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 - \frac{x^2}{6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{6} = 1 - 0 = 1$$

(difference, constant multiple and power rules) and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1$. By the Sandwich Theorem, we have that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x} = 1$.

Define a function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x - 3} & x \neq \pm 3, \\ -5 & x = -3, \\ 5 & x = 3. \end{cases}$

(d) [13 pts] At which points is g continuous? Justify your answer.

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = \frac{(-3)^2 - (-3) - 6}{(-3) - 3} = \frac{9 + 3 - 6}{-6} = -1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{x-3} = x + 2 = 5$, we have that f is continuous at $x = 3$, but discontinuous at $x = -3$.

Since f is a rational function $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ and since $q(x) \neq 0$ if $x \neq 3$, we can see that f is continuous at all $x \neq \pm 3$ also.

Therefore f is discontinuous at $x = -3$ and continuous everywhere else.

(9 points for correctly proving that f is continuous at 3, but discontinuous at -3. Remaining 4 points for considering $x \neq \pm 3$.)