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Directions : You have 60 minutes to complete all 5 problems on this exam. There are a possible 100 points to be earned. You may not use your book, notes, or any graphing/programmable calculator. Please be sure to show all pertinent work. *A correct answer with no work will receive very little credit!* If any portion of the exam is unclear please come to me and I will elaborate provided I can do so without giving away the problem.

1. (10 points)

Evaluate the limit, if it exists

$$\text{a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x + 1}$$

$$\text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - 2}{x - 2}$$

Solution :

a)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x + 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x + 1)(x - 3)}{x + 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x - 3 \\ &= -4. \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - 2}{x - 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - 2}{x - 2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+2} + 2}{\sqrt{x+2} + 2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x + 2 - 4}{(x - 2)(\sqrt{x+2} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x - 2}{(x - 2)(\sqrt{x+2} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2} + 2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

2. (20 points)

Does there exist a real number x so that $\sin(x) = x^3 - 1$? If so, how do you know?

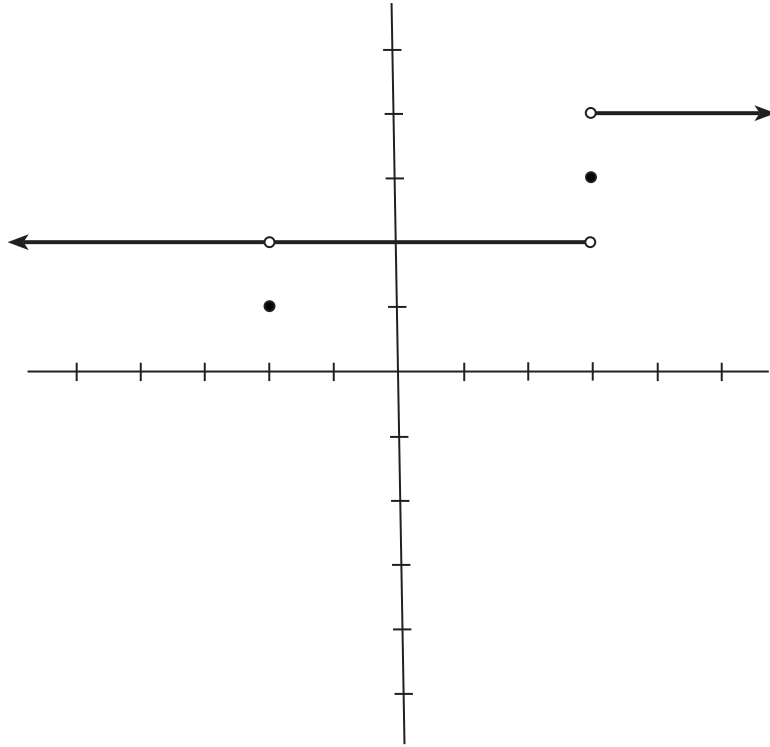
Solution : Sure there is such a number. Let $f(x) = \sin(x) - x^3 + 1$ and notice that since $f(x)$ is the sum and difference of continuous functions, it is continuous. Also observe that $f(0) = 1 > 0$ and $f(\pi) = -\pi^3 + 1 < 0$. By the intermediate value theorem, there exists a number c in between 0 and π so that $f(c) = 0$. But this says that $\sin(c) - c^3 + 1 = 0$, and so $\sin(c) = c^3 - 1$ as promised.

3. (20 points)

Sketch the graph of an example of a function f that satisfies all of the given conditions.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 4, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = 2, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = 2, \quad f(3) = 3, \quad \text{and } f(-2) = 1.$$

Solution :



4. (20 points)

Find the slope of the tangent to the curve $y = 2/(x+3)$ at the point where $x = a$ using the limit definition. You must use the limit definition if you wish to receive any credit.

Solution : We did this in class right before the exam. The slope of the tangent line at the point $x = a$ is the value of the derivative at $x = a$. So, we compute.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{a+h+3} - \frac{2}{a+3}}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2(a+3)}{(a+h+3)(a+3)} - \frac{2(a+h+3)}{(a+h+3)(a+3)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2(a+3) - 2(a+h+3)}{(a+h+3)(a+3)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2a+6-2a-2h-6}{(a+h+3)(a+3)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{-2h}{(a+h+3)(a+3)}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2h}{(a+h+3)(a+3)} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{(a+h+3)(a+3)} \\ &= \frac{-2}{(a+3)^2}.\end{aligned}$$

5. (30 points)

Differentiate the function.

(a) $V(r) = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

(b) $y = 4\pi^2$

(c) $g(x) = \frac{3x-1}{2x+1}$

(d) $f(\theta) = \frac{\sec(\theta)}{1+\sec(\theta)}$

(e) $y = \sin(x \cos(x))$

(f) $y = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x}}$

Solution :

a)

$$V'(r) = 3 \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \pi r^2 = 4\pi r^2$$

b)

$$y' = 0 \quad (4\pi^2 \text{ is a constant})$$

c)

$$g'(x) = \frac{(2x+1)(3) - (3x-1)(2)}{(2x+1)^2} = \frac{5}{(2x+1)^2}$$

d)

$$f'(\theta) = \frac{(1+\sec(\theta))\sec(\theta)\tan(\theta) - \sec(\theta)(\sec(\theta)\tan(\theta))}{(1+\sec(\theta))^2} = \frac{1}{(1+\sec(\theta))^2}$$

e)

$$y' = \cos(x \cos(x)) [\cos(x) - x \sin(x)]$$

f)

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