

# Practice Key

## MATH 121, Calculus I — Exam I (Spring 2014)

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This exam has a total value of 100 points. There are 9 problems in total to be solved. The first seven are worth 10 points, the remaining two are worth 15 points. This is strictly a closed-book exam.

### Score

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1. [10 points] Find the exact value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3+x} - \sqrt{3}}{x}$ .

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

Answer:  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$

2. [10 points] Which of the following statements are true? (Since there may be more than one correct answer, determine all correct answers.)

- (A) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  exists, then  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ .
- (B) If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ , then  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ .
- (C) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists, then  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ .
- (D) If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ .

Answer: A, D

3. [10 points] Suppose that the function  $g$  satisfies the following inequality

$$2x \leq g(x) \leq x^4 - x^2 + 2$$

for all values of  $x$ . Find the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$ .

squeeze theorem

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2x \leq g(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^4 - x^2 + 2)$$

$$2 \leq g(x) \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = 2$$

Answer:

2

4. [10 points] For what value of the constant  $c$  is the function  $f$  continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ?

we need

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2 + 2x & \text{if } x < 2 \\ x^3 - cx & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (cx^2 + 2x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 - cx)$$

$$c(2)^2 + 2(2) = (2)^3 - c(2)$$

$$4c + 4 = 8 - 2c$$

$$6c = 4$$

$$c = 2/3$$

Answer:

2/3

5. [10 points] For what values of  $x$  does the graph of  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$  have a horizontal tangent? need to find  $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(x+h)^3 - 3(x+h) + 1] - [x^3 - 3x + 1]}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^3 + 3h^2x + 3x^2h + \cancel{x^3} - 3x - 3h + 1 - \cancel{x^3} + 3x - 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 + 3hx + 3x^2 - 3}{h} = 3x^2 - 3$$

Answer:

horizontal tangent means  $f'(x) = 0$

$$3x^2 - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

6. [10 points] Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve  $y = \sqrt{x}$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ .

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$m @ (1, 1) = f'(1) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1}} = \frac{1}{2}$

Answer:

$$Y - Y_1 = m(X - X_1)$$

$$Y - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(X - 1)$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{2}X - \frac{1}{2} + 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}X + \frac{1}{2}$$

7. [10 points] Find the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+2}{\sqrt{9x^2+1}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+2}{\sqrt{9x^2+1}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x}{x} + \frac{2}{x}}{\frac{\sqrt{9x^2+1}}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{2}{x}}{\sqrt{\frac{9x^2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2}}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{2}{x} \rightarrow 0}{\sqrt{9 + \frac{1}{x^2} \rightarrow 0}} = \frac{1+0}{\sqrt{9+0}} = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Answer:  $\frac{1}{3}$

8. [15 points] Let  $f(t) = 5t - 9t^2$ . Use the limit definition of the derivative to find  $f'(t)$ .

Caution: Do not use the Power Rule to solve this problem.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t+h) - f(t)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[5(t+h) - 9(t+h)^2] - [5t - 9t^2]}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5t + 5h - 9t^2 - 18th - 9h^2 - 5t + 9t^2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5h - 18th - 9h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (5 - 18t - 9h) \rightarrow 0 \\ &= 5 - 18t \end{aligned}$$

Answer:

9. [15 points] The position function of a particle is given by  $s(t) = t^2 - 4.5t$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

(a) When does the particle reach a velocity of 5 m/s?

(b) When does the particle have acceleration 0 m/s<sup>2</sup>? Explain the significance of this value of  $t$ .

a)

$$v(t) = s'(t) = \cancel{2t - 4.5} \quad 2t - 4.5$$

$$2t - 4.5 = 5$$

$$2t = 9.5$$

$$t = 4.75$$

b)

$$a(t) = v'(t) = 2$$

the particle always has an acceleration of 2

Bonus. [5 points] On what interval(s) is the function  $f(x) = x^3 e^x$  increasing?

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 e^x + x^3 e^x = e^x (3x^2 + x^3)$$

$$0 = e^x (3x^2 + x^3)$$

$0 = e^x$   
can't happen

$$0 = 3x^2 + x^3$$

$$= x^2(3+x)$$

$$x=0 \quad x=-3$$

	$x < -3$	$-3 < x < 0$	$0 < x$
$f'(x)$	-	+	+
	dec	inc	inc