

MATH 140 EXAM #3 KEY (SUMMER 2020)

1 Set $f'(x) = 12x^2 - 42x + 36 = 0$ to get $x = \frac{3}{2}, 2$. These are the critical points. Evaluate: $f(1) = 19$, $f(3) = 27$, $f(3/2) = 20.25$, $f(2) = 20$. Absolute maximum is $f(3) = 27$, absolute minimum is $f(1) = 19$.

2 f is continuous and differentiable on $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)$, so is continuous on $[-1, 2]$ and differentiable on $(-1, 2)$. Mean Value Theorem applies: there exists some $c \in (-1, 2)$ such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(2) - f(-1)}{2 - (-1)} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

We have $f'(x) = 2/(x+2)^2$, so $f'(c) = 1/2$ implies $2/(c+2)^2 = 1/2$. Solve to get $c = 0, -4$. Since $0 \in (-1, 2)$ the theorem is confirmed.

3 First we have

$$f'(x) = 2x\sqrt{9-x^2} - \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{9-x^2}},$$

so since

$$f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow 2x\sqrt{9-x^2} - \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} > 0 \Rightarrow 2x(9-x^2) > x^3$$

(multiply by $\sqrt{9-x^2}$), it follows that $f'(x) > 0$ if and only if

$$3x(\sqrt{6}-x)(\sqrt{6}+x) > 0.$$

This has solution set $(-3, -\sqrt{6}) \cup (0, \sqrt{6})$, while $f'(x) < 0$ has solution set $(-\sqrt{6}, 0) \cup (\sqrt{6}, 3)$. Therefore f is increasing on $(-3, -\sqrt{6})$ and $(0, \sqrt{6})$, and decreasing on $(-\sqrt{6}, 0)$ and $(\sqrt{6}, 3)$.

4a Domain is \mathbb{R} , while the only intercept is $(0, 0)$.

4b There's only the horizontal asymptote $y = 0$.

4c Here

$$f'(x) = \frac{12(2-x^2)}{(x^2+2)^2},$$

so $f'(x) = 0$ if and only if $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$. These are the critical points.

4d $f'(x) < 0$ iff $2-x^2 = 0$ iff $x \in (-\infty, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$, while $f'(x) > 0$ iff $x \in (-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$. Hence f is decreasing on $(-\infty, -\sqrt{2})$, $(\sqrt{2}, \infty)$, and increasing on $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$. By the First Derivative Test $f(-\sqrt{2}) = -3\sqrt{2}$ is a local minimum and $f(\sqrt{2}) = 3\sqrt{2}$ is a local maximum.

4e Differentiating $f'(x)$ gives

$$f''(x) = \frac{24x(x^2-6)}{(x^2+2)^3}$$

So $f''(x) > 0$ iff $24x(x^2 - 6) > 0$ iff $x \in (-\sqrt{6}, 0) \cup (\sqrt{6}, \infty)$. We conclude that f is concave up on $(-\sqrt{6}, 0)$, $(\sqrt{6}, \infty)$, and concave down on $(-\infty, -\sqrt{6})$, $(0, \sqrt{6})$. Inflection points are $(-\sqrt{6}, f(-\sqrt{6}))$, $(0, f(0))$, $(\sqrt{6}, f(\sqrt{6}))$.

5 Let x be the length of one leg of the right triangle, so that $1000 - x$ is the length of the other side. Area of triangle is $A(x) = \frac{1}{2}x(1000 - x)$. Setting $A'(x) = 500 - x = 0$ gives $x = 500$. Area of triangle is maximized when the lengths of the two legs is 500.

6 Suppose d is the distance traveled by the driver. This is a constant here, whereas the velocity v is the variable. Cost C as a function of v is

$$C(v) = \frac{15d}{v} + \frac{2.50d}{10 - 0.07v}.$$

Then

$$C'(v) = -\frac{15d}{v^2} - \frac{2.50d}{(10 - 0.07v)^2}(-0.07),$$

and setting $C'(v) = 0$ gives

$$\frac{0.175}{(10 - 0.07v)^2} = \frac{15}{v^2},$$

which has solutions

$$v = \frac{-21 \pm \sqrt{1050}}{0.2030}.$$

The choice of “ $-$ ” gives a negative velocity, which we must discount. The “ $+$ ” option gives $v \approx 56$ miles per hour, which is the velocity that minimizes cost.

Note that $C'(v)$ is undefined at $v = 0$ and $v \approx 142.9$, but since neither of these values is in the domain of $C(v)$ they are not critical points. (And anyway it's not reasonable for the driver to go 0 mph or 143 mph.)

7 Set $f(x) = \sqrt[4]{x}$, so $f'(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^{-3/4}$, and hence $f'(81) = \frac{1}{108}$. Thus the tangent line to $f(x) = \sqrt[4]{x}$ at $(81, f(81)) = (81, 3)$ has slope $\frac{1}{108}$, resulting in the equation $y = \frac{1}{108}x + \frac{9}{4}$. Now,

$$\sqrt[4]{85} = f(85) \approx \frac{1}{108}(85) + \frac{9}{4} = 3.037.$$

8a The limit could be figured by factoring out \sqrt{x} from the numerator and denominator and reducing. But with L'Hôpital's Rule we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x - 3\sqrt{x}}{x - \sqrt{x}} \stackrel{\text{LR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{x}}}{1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2\sqrt{x} - 3}{2\sqrt{x} - 1} = \frac{2\sqrt{0} - 3}{2\sqrt{0} - 1} = 3.$$

8b From the identity $\sin(2u) = 2 \sin u \cos u$ we get $\csc x = \frac{1}{2} \csc(x/2) \sec(x/2)$, which will help make things a bit easier:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{\csc x + x}{\tan(x/2)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \csc(x/2) \sec(x/2) + x}{\tan(x/2)} \cdot \frac{\cos(x/2)}{\cos(x/2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \csc(x/2) + x \cos(x/2)}{\sin(x/2)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \csc(\pi/2) + x \cos(\pi/2)}{\sin(\pi/2)} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

L'Hôpital's Rule makes things worse for this problem.

8c This one is like one I did in the lecture: L'Hôpital's Rule leads to nothing but messes, so we don't use it here. Multiply numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{x^2 + x} + x$ to get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + x} + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 1/x} + 1} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

9a $\frac{1}{3}y^3 + 4y^{-1/2} - 2y^{-1} + C.$

9b $8 \sin \theta - \cos \theta + C.$

10 We have $h(t) = 4 \sin t + 4 \cos t + C$, so

$$0 = h(\pi/2) = 4 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} + 4 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + C = 4 + C,$$

implying $C = -4$, and therefore

$$h(t) = 4 \sin t + 4 \cos t - 4.$$