- 1. The following are unrelated:
  - (a) (8 pts) Suppose y is a function of x, find y' if  $\sin(xy) = \frac{2}{3}$ .
  - (b) (8 pts) Suppose  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{-x + |x|}$ . Find the derivative of f(x) for all x < 0.
  - (c) (8 pts) Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$  if  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x \sec^2(x) + \tan(x)$ .
  - (d) (8 pts) For a differentiable function g(x), find  $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{g(x^2)}{x}\right)$ .

### Solution:

(a) Apply implicit differentiation, the chain rule, and the product rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \sin(xy) \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ 2/3 \right]$$
$$\cos(xy) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[ xy \right] = 0$$
$$\cos(xy) \cdot \left( x \cdot y' + y \cdot 1 \right) = 0$$

Since  $\cos(xy) = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(xy)}$  and  $\sin(xy) = 2/3$ , the value of  $\cos(xy)$  can not equal zero. That leads to the following:

$$x \cdot y' + y = 0$$
$$y' = \boxed{-y/x}$$

(b)

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & , \quad x \ge 0 \\ -x & , \quad x < 0 \end{cases}$$

In this problem, only negative values of x are considered, so that |x| = -x.

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{-x} + |x|$$
  
=  $\sqrt[3]{-x - x}$   
=  $(-2x)^{1/3}$ 

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}(-2x)^{-2/3} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[-2x]$$
$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (-1)^{-2/3} \cdot 2^{-2/3} \cdot x^{-2/3} \cdot (-2)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{1/3} \cdot x^{-2/3}$$
$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{x^2}}}$$

(c)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x \sec^2 x + \tan x$$
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \left(x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [\sec^2 x] + \sec^2 x \cdot 1\right) + \sec^2 x$$
$$= x \cdot (2 \sec x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [\sec x] + 2 \sec^2 x$$
$$= 2x \sec x \cdot (\sec x \tan x) + 2 \sec^2 x$$
$$= 2 \sec^2 x (x \tan x + 1)$$

Therefore,

$$y''(\pi/4) = 2 \sec^2(\pi/4)(\pi/4 \cdot \tan(\pi/4) + 1)$$
  
= 2 \cdot (\sqrt{2})^2 \cdot (\pi/4 \cdot 1 + 1)  
= \begin{bmatrix} \pi + 4 \end{bmatrix}

(d) Begin with the quotient rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{g(x^2)}{x} \right] = \frac{x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [g(x^2)] - g(x^2) \cdot 1}{x^2}$$
$$= \frac{x \cdot g'(x^2) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [x^2] - g(x^2)}{x^2}$$
$$= \frac{x \cdot g'(x^2) \cdot 2x - g(x^2)}{x^2}$$
$$= \frac{2x^2 g'(x^2) - g(x^2)}{x^2}$$
$$= \frac{2g'(x^2) - g(x^2)}{x^2}$$

2. (26 pts) Consider the function  $y = x\sqrt{2+4x}$ , with domain  $\left[-\frac{1}{2},\infty\right)$ , to answer the following.

- (a) Find the x and y-intercepts of the function.
- (b) The first derivative is  $y' = \frac{2+6x}{\sqrt{2+4x}}$ . On what intervals is y increasing? Decreasing?
- (c) Find x and y coordinates of the local maximum and minimum extrema, if any.
- (d) Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of y on the interval  $\left|-\frac{1}{2},3\right|$ .

## Solution:

(a) y(0) = 0 implies that the location of the *y*-intercept is (0,0).

The x-intercepts must be located at values of x for which  $x\sqrt{2+4x} = 0$ . x = 0 and x = -1/2 are the two values that satisfy the requirement. So, the x-intercepts are located at (0,0) and (-1/2,0).

(b) We're given that  $y' = \frac{2+6x}{\sqrt{2+4x}}$ .

The denominator of y' is positive on  $(-1/2, \infty)$ .

The numerator of y' is negative for x < -1/3 and it is positive for x > -1/3.

Therefore, y' < 0 on (-1/2, -1/3) and y' > 0 on  $(-1/3, \infty)$ , so that y is decreasing and increasing on those intervals, respectively.

Finally, although y' is undefined at x = -1/2, we can see that y(-1/2) > y(x) for all x values in (-1/2, -1/3), so that by the definition of a decreasing function, y is decreasing on the entire interval [-1/2, -1/3), including the left endpoint.

So, in summary:

y is increasing on 
$$(-1/3, \infty)$$
  
y is decreasing on  $[-1/2, -1/3)$ 

(c) The critical numbers of y are all x values in the domain of y such that either y'(x) = 0 or y'(x) is undefined. From the derivative expression in part (c), we see that y'(-1/2) is undefined and y'(-1/3) = 0. Since x = -1/2 and x = -1/3 are both in the domain of y, they are the critical numbers of y, so that those two values of x are the only possible locations of local extrema of y.

Since a local extremum can not occur on the boundary of an interval, there is no local extremum at x = -1/2.

Since y is continuous at x = -1/3 and y' transitions from negative to positive at that location, the First Derivative Test indicates that y has a local minimum at x = -1/3.

$$y(-1/3) = -\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{2+4\cdot\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)} = -\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Therefore, y has a local minimum at  $\left(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)$ 

(d) Since y is continuous on the closed interval [-1/2, 3], the Extreme Value Theorem indicates that y attains absolute maximum and minimum values on that interval, and the Closed Interval Method can be used to identify them. Specifically, evaluate y at the boundaries of the domain and at the critical number in the interior of the domain.

$$y\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \qquad \text{(from part (a))}$$
$$y\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}} \qquad \text{(from part (c))}$$
$$y(3) = 3\sqrt{2+12} = 3\sqrt{14}$$

Upon identifying the maximum and minimum of the preceding three values, we conclude the following for the interval [-1/2, 3]:



3. (12 pts) For two resistors,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , connected in parallel, the combined electrical resistance, R, is given by  $(R)^{-1} = (R_1)^{-1} + (R_2)^{-1}$  where R,  $R_1$ , and  $R_2$  are all functions of time and are measured in ohms. Suppose  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are each increasing at a rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  ohms per second. At what rate is the combined resistance, R, changing when  $R_1 = 2$  ohms and  $R_2 = 4$  ohms?

#### Solution:

Since the goal is to determine the value of dR/dt under the given conditions, we begin by differentiating with respect to t.

$$\frac{d}{dt} [R^{-1}] = \frac{d}{dt} [R_1^{-1} + R_2^{-1}]$$
$$-R^{-2} \cdot \frac{dR}{dt} = -R_1^{-2} \cdot \frac{dR_1}{dt} - R_2^{-2} \cdot \frac{dR_2}{dt}$$
$$\frac{1}{R^2} \cdot \frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{R_1^2} \cdot \frac{dR_1}{dt} + \frac{1}{R_2^2} \cdot \frac{dR_2}{dt}$$

When  $R_1 = 2$  and  $R_2 = 4$ , the value of the combined resistance can be determined as follows:

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$
$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$
$$R = \frac{4}{3}$$

The problem statement indicates that the value of both  $dR_1/dt$  and  $dR_2/dt$  equals 1/2. Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{R^2} \cdot \frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{R_1^2} \cdot \frac{dR_1}{dt} + \frac{1}{R_2^2} \cdot \frac{dR_2}{dt}$$
$$\frac{1}{(4/3)^2} \cdot \frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{2^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{32}\right)$$
$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{16}{9} \cdot \frac{5}{32} = \boxed{\frac{5}{18}} \text{ ohms per second}$$

- 4. (8 pts) A company, Better Boulder Dice (BBD), is going to produce new metallic dice in the shape of a cube. Suppose x represents the edge length of a metal cube.
  - (a) The volume of a cube is  $V(x) = x^3$ . Find dV, the differential of V.
  - (b) The edges of each cube are designed to have a length of 2 cm, but the machine creating the cube produces edge lengths of 2.01 cm. Use differentials to estimate  $\Delta V$ , the difference between the designed volume and the machine-produced volume.

Solution:

(a)

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = 3x^2$$
$$dV = \boxed{3x^2 \, dx}$$

(b) The value of x is 2 and the value of dx is 2.01 - 2 = 0.01. Therefore,

$$\Delta V \approx dV = 3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 0.01 = 0.12 \text{ cm}^3$$

#### 5. (22 points)



Shown above is the graph of y = g(x) and the tangent line to g at (1,0). The function is differentiable on  $(-3,-2) \cup (-2,3)$ .

- (a) Sketch the graph of y = g'(x). Clearly label the tick marks.
- (b) Use the linearization of g at a = 1 to estimate the value of g(1.3).
- (c) The mean value theorem states that there exists a value of c in (-2,3) such that g'(c) equals a certain value.
  - i. What is the value of g'(c)?
  - ii. Suppose we wish to narrow down the possible values for c. In which of the following six intervals can c be found? Circle all possible answers. No explanation is necessary.

$$(-3, -2)$$
  $(-2, -1)$   $(-1, 0)$ 

(0,1) (1,2) (2,3)

# Solution:



Note that g'(1) is the slope of the tangent line in the y = g(x) graph, which is

$$g'(1) = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{0-3}{1-0} = -3$$

(b)

$$g(x) \approx L(x) = g(1) + g'(1)(x-1)$$
 "near"  $x = 1$ 

The point of tangency in the y = g(x) graph is (1, 0). Therefore, g(1) = 0.

The value g'(1) = -3 was determined in part (a).

It follows that the linearization of g(x) "near" x = 1 is given by

$$g(x) \approx L(x) = 0 - 3(x - 1) = -3(x - 1)$$

Therefore,

$$g(1.3) \approx L(1.3) = -3(1.3 - 1) = -0.9$$

(c) i. Since g(x) is continuous on [-2, 3] and is differentiable on (-2, 3), the Mean Value Theorem can be applied to g(x) on the interval [-2, 3] to state hat there exists some number c in the interval (-2, 3) such that

$$g'(c) = \frac{g(3) - g(-2)}{3 - (-2)} = \frac{-2 - 2}{5} = \boxed{-\frac{4}{5}}$$

ii. The graph of y = g'(x) that was constructed in part (a) indicates that g'(x) can only attain a value of -4/5 on the intervals (0,1) and (1,2)