

1. (10 pts) Find the minimum vertical distance between the functions $f(x) = e^{2x}$ and $g(x) = x$

Solution:

The vertical distance is given by the difference in y coordinates.

$$h(x) = f(x) - g(x) = e^{2x} - x$$

We find the critical number of this function

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= 0 \\ 2e^{2x} - 1 &= 0 \\ e^{2x} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ x &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\ln 2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we perform the 2nd derivative test

$$\begin{aligned} h''(x) &= 4e^{2x} \\ h''\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{2}\right) &= 4e^{-\ln 2} \\ &= 4e^{\ln 2^{-1}} \\ &= 2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $x = -\frac{\ln 2}{2}$ is a local minimum. The minimum distance is thus given by

$$h\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{2}\right) = e^{-\ln 2} + \frac{\ln 2}{2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\ln 2}{2}}$$

2. Differentiate the following with respect to x

(a) (10 pts) $y = \left(x + e^{\arctan(x)}\right)^2$

Solution:

We apply the chain rule

$$y' = 2 \left(x + e^{\arctan(x)}\right) \left(1 + e^{\arctan(x)} \left(\frac{1}{1+x^2}\right)\right) = \boxed{2 \left(x + e^{\arctan(x)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{e^{\arctan(x)}}{1+x^2}\right)}$$

(b) (10 pts) $y = x^{\cosh x}$

Solution:

We apply Logarithmic differentiation

$$\begin{aligned} \ln y &= \cosh x \ln x \\ \frac{1}{y} y' &= \cosh x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \sinh x \ln x \\ y' &= y \left(\frac{\cosh x}{x} + \sinh x \ln x \right) \\ &= \boxed{x^{\cosh x} \left(\frac{\cosh x}{x} + \sinh x \ln x \right)} \end{aligned}$$

3. (10 pts) Find the range of the following function by finding its inverse

$$f(x) = \frac{2x + 5}{3x - 1}$$

Solution:

We find the inverse by calling $y = \frac{2x + 5}{3x - 1}$, swapping x and y , and solving for y

$$x = \frac{2y + 5}{3y - 1}$$

$$3xy - x = 2y + 5$$

$$y(3x - 2) = x + 5$$

$$y = \frac{x + 5}{(3x - 2)}$$

Hence $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x + 5}{(3x - 2)}$. And the range of f is the domain of f^{-1} which is

$$\boxed{\left(-\infty, \frac{2}{3}\right) \cup \left(\frac{2}{3}, \infty\right)}$$

4. Evaluate the following limits

(a) (10 pts) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} x^2$

Solution:

Using L'Hospital's rule

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} x^2 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} \left(\frac{0}{0} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} \left(\frac{0}{0} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{e^x} \\ &= \boxed{0} \end{aligned}$$

(b) (10 pts) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n \\ \ln y &= \ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n \quad \text{using limit law} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \ln \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)} \left(\frac{0}{0} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)} \left(-\frac{2}{n^2}\right)}{-\frac{1}{n^2}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{1 + \frac{2}{n}} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $y = e^2$, i.e., $\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n = e^2}$

5. Evaluate the following integrals

(a) (10 pts) $\int \ln(\cosh x) \tanh x \, dx$

Solution:

We employ the substitution

$$u = \ln(\cosh x) \Rightarrow du = \frac{1}{\cosh x} (\sinh x) dx = \tanh x dx$$

Hence, the integral reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \int u \, du &= \frac{u^2}{2} + C \\ &= \boxed{\frac{(\ln(\cosh x))^2}{2} + C} \end{aligned}$$

(b) (10 pts) $\int \frac{e^x}{\sqrt{1 - e^{2x}}} \, dx$

Solution:

We employ the substitution $u = e^x \Rightarrow du = e^x dx$

Hence, the integral reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - u^2}} \, du &= \sin^{-1} u + C \\ &= \boxed{\sin^{-1}(e^x) + C} \end{aligned}$$

6. Consider the following function

$$y = \frac{e^x}{e^x - 2}$$

(a) (12 pts) Find the Vertical and Horizontal asymptote(s) by using the limit definitions.

Solution:

We notice that the domain of the function excludes $e^x = 2 \Rightarrow x = \ln 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \ln 2^+} y &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \ln 2^+} \frac{e^x}{e^x - 2} \\ &= \frac{e^{\ln 2}}{0^+} \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \ln 2^-} y &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \ln 2^-} \frac{e^x}{e^x - 2} \\ &= \frac{e^{\ln 2}}{0^-} \\ &= -\infty \end{aligned}$$

Hence there is a vertical asymptote at $x = \ln 2$

For horizontal asymptotes, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{e^x - 2} \left(\frac{\infty}{\infty} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{e^x} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} y &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x}{e^x - 2} \\ &= \frac{0}{0 - 2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence there are horizontal asymptotes at $y = 0$ and $y = 1$

(b) (8 pts) Sketch the graph of the function, which should reflect the results of part(a) as well as any intercept(s).

Solution:

Clearly, there is no x intercept. The y intercept is given by

$$y(x=0) = \frac{e^0}{e^0 - 2} = -1$$

Below is a sketch of the function showing the asymptotes and the intercept.

