

1. (24pts) The following problems are not related. Show all work.

(a)(12pts) Use the *Quotient Rule* to find $f'(x)$ if $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2}{2x + 1}$. Simplify your answer.

(b)(12pts) If $y = \sin(\cot(x))$ find dy/dx . Simplify your answer.

Solution:

(a)(12pts) By the Quotient Rule, we have

$$\left[\frac{x^2 - 2}{2x + 1} \right]' = \frac{2x \cdot (2x + 1) - (x^2 - 2) \cdot 2}{(2x + 1)^2} = \frac{4x^2 + 2x - 2x^2 + 4}{(2x + 1)^2} = \frac{2x^2 + 2x + 4}{(2x + 1)^2}.$$

(b)(12pts) By the Chain Rule, we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(\cot(x))] = \cos(\cot(x)) \cdot -\csc^2(x) = -\cos(\cot(x)) \csc^2(x).$$

2. (28pts) Start this problem on a **new** page. The following problems are not related.

(a)(12pts) Suppose y is a function of x , use *implicit differentiation* to find y' if $y \cos(x) = x^2 + y^2$.

(b)(12pts) Find the equation of the *tangent line* to $y = \sqrt{x}$ at the point $(1, 1)$. Simplify your answer.

(c)(4pts) Which of the choices below is equivalent to the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^4 + x - 2}{x - 1}$? **Choose only one answer.** *No justification necessary, copy down the entire answer. If you do not copy down the entire answer, points will be deducted.*

- (A) $4x^3 - 1$ (B) 5 (C) $\frac{0}{0}$ (D) 3 (E) None of these

Solution:

(a)(12pts) Differentiating both sides of the equation with respect to x yields

$$y \cos(x) = x^2 + y^2 \xrightarrow{d/dx} y' \cos(x) - y \sin(x) = 2x + 2yy' \Rightarrow y' \cos(x) - 2yy' = 2x + y \sin(x) \Rightarrow y' = \frac{2x + y \sin(x)}{\cos(x) - 2y}.$$

(b)(12pts) Note that $f(x) = \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} \Rightarrow f'(1) = \frac{1}{2}$ thus

$$y = f(1) + f'(1)(x - 1) \Rightarrow y = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) \Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2}.$$

(c)(4pts) Choice B. Note that if we let $f(x) = x^4 + x$ then, using the limit definition of the derivative, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^4 + x - 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = f'(1) = (4x^3 + 1) \Big|_{x=1} = 5 \Rightarrow \text{Choice (B)}$$

3. (20pts) Start this problem on a **new** page. The following problems are not related.

(a)(10pts) For what value(s) of $x \in \mathbb{R}$ does the function $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 1$ have a *horizontal tangent*?

(b)(10pts) The position function of a particle is given by $s(t) = t^3 - 4.5t^2 - 7t$ where $t \geq 0$ is in seconds and distance is in feet. (i)(5pts) Find the velocity of the particle as a function of t . (ii)(5pts) When is the acceleration equal to 0?

Solution:

(a)(10pts) We need to find all x in the domain such that $f'(x) = 0$, note that

$$f'(x) = [2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 1]' = 6x^2 + 6x - 12 = 6(x^2 + x - 2) = 6(x+2)(x-1)$$

thus $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, 1$ which is in the domain since $f(x)$ is a polynomial thus $f(x)$ has horizontal tangents at $x = -2, 1$.

(b)(i)(5pts) Here we have the velocity is $v(t) = s'(t) = [t^3 - 4.5t^2 - 7t]' = 3t^2 - 9t - 7$.

(b)(ii)(5pts) The acceleration is $a(t) = v'(t) = [3t^2 - 9t - 7]' = 6t - 9$ thus $a(t) = 0 \Rightarrow 6t - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{9}{6}$ sec.

4. (28pts) Start this problem on a **new** page. The following problems are not related.

(a)(12pts) If $y = \sec(x)$, find y'' . Show all work.

(b)(12pts) For what values of a and b will the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 3x, & \text{if } x < 2 \\ ax^2 + b, & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$ be differentiable at $x = 2$? Explain.

(c)(4pts) If $h(x) = \sqrt{4 + 3f(x)}$ where $f(1) = 7$ and $f'(1) = 4$, then $h'(1)$ is equal to which choice below? **Choose only one answer.** No justification necessary, copy down the entire answer. If you do not copy down the entire answer, points will be deducted.

- (A) 5 (B) $\frac{25}{2}$ (C) 10 (D) $\frac{6}{5}$ (E) None of these

Solution:

(a)(12pts) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= [\sec(x)]' = \sec(x) \tan(x) \\ \Rightarrow y'' &= [\sec(x) \tan(x)]' = \sec(x) \tan(x) \cdot \tan(x) + \sec(x) \cdot \sec^2(x) \Rightarrow y'' = \sec(x)[\tan^2(x) + \sec^2(x)]. \end{aligned}$$

(b)(12pts) Since differentiability implies continuity, we first need $f(x)$ to be continuous at $x = 2$, that is, we need

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2) \Rightarrow -2 = 4a + b \Rightarrow b = -(2 + 4a)$$

and we need the derivative to exist at $x = 2$. For differentiability at $x = 2$, we need

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} \Leftrightarrow 2x - 3 \Big|_{x=2} = 2ax \Big|_{x=2} \Rightarrow 1 = 4a \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow b = -(2 + 4a) = -3.$$

(c)(4pts) Choice D. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= \left[\sqrt{4 + 3f(x)} \right]' = \frac{1}{2}(4 + 3f(x))^{-1/2} \cdot 3f'(x) \\ \Rightarrow h'(1) &= \frac{1}{2}(4 + 3f(1))^{-1/2} \cdot 3f'(1) = \frac{1}{2}(4 + 3 \cdot 7)^{-1/2} \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = \frac{12}{2\sqrt{25}} = \frac{6}{5} \Rightarrow \text{Choice (D)} \end{aligned}$$