- 1. (30 points) The following problems are not related.
  - (a) (10 points) Find the derivative of  $g(x) = \sin\left(\frac{x^2 + x}{3x 1}\right)$ . Do not simplify your answer.
  - (b) (14 points) Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{4 x}$ .
    - i. State the limit definition of the derivative for a function f(x).
    - ii. Find f'(x) by using the definition of the derivative. You must use the limit definition to receive any credit.

(c) (6 points) If 
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h}$$
, find  $f'(\pi/3)$ .

# Solution:

(a)

$$g'(x) = \cos\left(\frac{x^2 + x}{3x + 1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{(3x - 1)(2x + 1) - (x^2 + x)(3)}{(3x - 1)^2}\right)$$

(b) i. The derivative of a function f(x) is defined to be

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

so long as the limit exists.

ii. Using the limit definition:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{4 - (x+h)} - \sqrt{4 - x}}{h}$$
  
= 
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{4 - (x+h)} - \sqrt{4 - x}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4 - (x+h)} + \sqrt{4 - x}}{\sqrt{4 - (x+h)} + \sqrt{4 - x}}$$
  
= 
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{4 - (x+h) - 4 - x}{h(\sqrt{4 - (x+h)} + \sqrt{4 - x})}$$
  
= 
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-h}{h(\sqrt{4 - (x+h)} + \sqrt{4 - x})}$$
  
= 
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4 - (x+h)} + \sqrt{4 - x}}$$
  
= 
$$-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{4 - x}}.$$

- (c) The right-hand side is the limit definition of the derivative for  $\sin(x)$ , so  $f(x) = \sin(x)$ . We know that  $f'(x) = \cos(x)$ , so  $f'(\pi/3) = \cos(\pi/3) = 1/2$ .
- 2. (20 points) The following problems are not related.
  - (a) (8 points) The side length h of a square is measured as 3 cm, with a maximum error of 0.1 cm. Use differentials to estimate:

- i. the maximum error for the area of the square;
- ii. the relative error for the area of the square.
- (b) (12 points) You are flying a kite which has a constant height of 4 meters above the ground. The wind is carrying the kite horizontally away from you, and you have to let out string at a rate of 2 meters/minute. What is the horizontal speed of the kite when you have let out 5 meters of string?



# Solution:

(a) i. The area of a square is given by  $A(h) = h^2$ , so we have that

$$dA = 2hdh = (2)(3)(0.1) = 0.6.$$

Hence, the maximum error for the area of the square is  $0.6 \text{ cm}^2$  in this situation.

ii. For a side length measurement of 3 cm, the area is  $9 \text{ cm}^2$ , so the relative error for the area is

$$\frac{dA}{A} = \frac{0.6}{9} = \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{15} \approx 6.\overline{66}\%.$$

(b) Letting z be the hypotenuse (the distance from you to the kite), and x the horizontal distance, we know that

$$z^2 = x^2 + 4^2 \implies 2z \frac{dz}{dt} = 2x \frac{dx}{dt} \implies \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{z}{x} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt}.$$

In order to get a value for  $\frac{dx}{dt}$ , we first need to get the value of x when z = 5:

$$5^2 = x^2 + 4^2 \implies 25 = x^2 + 16 \implies 9 = x^2 \implies x = 3.$$

Hence, when z = 5, we have that

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{z}{x} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{5}{3} \cdot (2) = \frac{10}{3}$$
 meters/min.

- 3. (16 points) Consider the function  $s(x) = -x^3 + 3x + 2$ .
  - (a) Find the critical numbers of s(x).
  - (b) Use the first derivative test to determine the points where s(x) has a local maximum or local minimum. *Give* your answer as ordered pairs (x, y).
  - (c) Find the absolute maximum and minimum values for the function s(x) on the interval [0, 2].

### Solution:

(a) To find the critical numbers, first take the derivative

$$s'(x) = -3x^2 + 3.$$

Since the domain of s'(x) is  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , the only critical numbers are solutions to the equation

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

and hence

$$0 = -3x^2 + 3 \implies 3x^2 = 3 \implies x^2 = 1 \implies x = \pm 1$$

So  $x = \pm 1$  are the only critical numbers. The function values at the critical numbers are s(-1) = 0, s(1) = 4

(b) In order to determine whether each critical number  $x = \pm 1$  is a local maximum, minimum, or neither, we apply the first derivative test to the intervals  $(-\infty, -1)$ , (-1, 1), and  $(1, \infty)$  by plugging the values x = -2, 0, and 2 into s'(x).

Since s'(-2) = -9, s'(0) = 3, and s'(2) = -9, we know that s(x) is decreasing on the intervals  $(-\infty, -1)$  and  $(1, \infty)$ , and increasing on the interval (-1, 1). The first derivative test says that (-1, 0) is a local minimum, and (1, 4) is a local maximum.

- (c) We compare the values s(0) = 2 and s(2) = 0 at the endpoints with the value at the only critical number in the interval, which is s(1) = 4. Hence, 4 is the absolute maximum, and 0 is the absolute minimum on the interval.
- 4. (18 points) Suppose that y is defined implicitly as a function of x from the equation

$$\cos(\pi y) = \frac{1}{2}x + y\cos(\pi x).$$

- (a) Find the derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .
- (b) Give an equation for the tangent line to this curve at the point where y = 0.

### Solution:

(a) Implicitly differentiating gives

$$-\pi \frac{dy}{dx}\sin(\pi y) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{dy}{dx}\cos(\pi x) - \pi y\sin(\pi x).$$

Separating the terms with  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  from those without it yields

$$-\pi \frac{dy}{dx}\sin(\pi y) - \frac{dy}{dx}\cos(\pi x) = \frac{1}{2} - \pi y\sin(\pi x),$$

then factoring out  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and solving for it gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1/2 - \pi y \sin(\pi x)}{\pi \sin(\pi y) + \cos(\pi x)}$$

(b) Plugging y = 0 into the equation gives

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

which implies that x = 2. Hence, we have to find the tangent line at the point (2, 0). Plugging these values into the formula for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , we find that

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x,y)=(2,0)} = -\frac{1/2 - 0}{0+1} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Then an equation for the tangent line to the curve at (2,0) is given by

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

- 5. (16 points) Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  on the interval [2, 4].
  - (a) (8 points) State the Mean Value Theorem and verify that f(x) satisfies the hypotheses on the given interval.
  - (b) (8 points) Find all numbers c that satisfy the conclusion of the Mean Value Theorem for f(x) on the interval [2, 4].

#### Solution:

(a) If f(x) is continuous on [a, b] and differentiable on (a, b), then there is a c in the interval (a, b) such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

The only value where f(x) is discontinuous is x = 0, so f(x) is continuous on [2, 4]. The function f(x) is differentiable on [2, 4], since  $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ , which is undefined only at x = 0.

(b) The average rate of change of f(x) on the interval [2, 4] is given by

$$\frac{1/4 - 1/2}{4 - 2} = -\frac{1}{8}$$

Since f(x) satisfies the hypotheses of the Mean Value Theorem, there is at least one c such that

$$f'(c) = -\frac{1}{c^2} = -\frac{1}{8} \implies c^2 = 8 \implies c = \pm 2\sqrt{2},$$

but the only value in the interval [2, 4] is  $c = 2\sqrt{2}$ .