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# Exam 1

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## Instructions:

- Write your name at the top of each page.
- Show all work and simplify your answers, except where the instructions tell you to leave your answer unsimplified.
- Be sure that your work is legible and organized.
- Name any theorem that you use and explain how it is used.
- Answers with no justification will receive no points unless the problem explicitly states otherwise.
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## Half / Double Angle Formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \sin(2\theta) &= 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) & \bullet \cos(2\theta) &= \begin{cases} \cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta) \\ 1 - 2 \sin^2(\theta) \\ 1 + 2 \cos^2(\theta) \end{cases} & \bullet \tan(2\theta) &= \frac{2 \tan(\theta)}{1 - \tan^2(\theta)} \\ \bullet \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(\theta))} & \bullet \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(\theta))} & \bullet \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) &= \begin{cases} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(\theta)}{1 + \cos(\theta)}} \\ \frac{\sin(\theta)}{1 + \cos(\theta)} \\ \frac{1 - \cos(\theta)}{\sin(\theta)} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

## Angle Sum / Difference Formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \sin(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) \pm \sin(\beta) \cos(\alpha) & \bullet \cos(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) \mp \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta) \\ \bullet \tan(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \frac{\tan(\alpha) \pm \tan(\beta)}{1 \mp \tan(\alpha) \tan(\beta)} \end{aligned}$$

1. (22 pts) Evaluate the following limits or show that they do not exist. You may **not** use L'Hospital's Rule.

- (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(3x)}{2x}$   
 (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{|x-5|}{x^2-4x-5}$   
 (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} \sin(x)$

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 3x}{2x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{2x \cos(3x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{2x \cos(3x)} \cdot \frac{3}{3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{2 \cos(3x)} \cdot \frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \\ &= \frac{3}{2 \cos(0)} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Rewrite the absolute value function as a piecewise function and factor the denominator:

$$\frac{|x-5|}{x^2-4x-5} = \begin{cases} \frac{-(x-5)}{x^2-4x-5} & x < 5 \\ \frac{x-5}{x^2-4x-5} & x > 5 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{-(x-5)}{(x-5)(x+1)} & x < 5 \\ \frac{x-5}{(x-5)(x+1)} & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

Take the left- and right-hand limits separately:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{|x-5|}{x^2-4x-5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{-(x-5)}{(x-5)(x+1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} -\frac{1}{(x+1)} = -\frac{1}{6} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{|x-5|}{x^2-4x-5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{(x-5)}{(x-5)(x+1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{1}{(x+1)} = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Since the left- and right-hand limits are not equal, the limit does not exist (DNE).

(c) Since  $-1 \leq \sin(x) \leq 1$ , we have the inequality

$$-\frac{1}{x^2+1} \leq \frac{1}{x^2+1} \sin(x) \leq \frac{1}{x^2+1}$$

Taking the limit as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$0 \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} \sin(x) \leq 0$$

Therefore  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} \sin(x) = 0$ .

2. (26 pts) Find  $f'(x)$  for the following functions. You do not need to simplify your final answers.

- (a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$ , using the definition of the derivative.
- (b)  $f(x) = \pi^2 + 1 + \frac{2}{x^5} + \cos(\pi x) + 2\sqrt[3]{x}$ , using any method.
- (c)  $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x^3 + 5)}{\cos(2x)}$ , using any method.

**Solution:**

- (a) Use the definition of the derivative, and then multiply by the conjugate:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h+4} - \sqrt{x+4}}{h} = \frac{0}{0} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h+4} - \sqrt{x+4}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+h+4} + \sqrt{x+4}}{\sqrt{x+h+4} + \sqrt{x+4}} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h+4 - (x+4)}{h(\sqrt{x+h+4} + \sqrt{x+4})} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{x+h+4} + \sqrt{x+4})} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h+4} + \sqrt{x+4}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+4}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \pi^2 + 1 + 2x^{-5} + \cos(\pi x) + 2x^{1/3} \\
 f'(x) &= -10x^{-6} - \pi \sin(\pi x) + \frac{2}{3}x^{-2/3}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (c)

$$f'(x) = \frac{\cos(2x) \cos(x^3 + 5)(3x^2) - \sin(x^3 + 5)(-\cos 2x)(2)}{2(2x)}$$

3. (22 pts) Consider the function  $f(x) = 2x^2 \cos(x) + 1$ .

- (a) Is  $f$  even, odd, or neither? Justify your answer.
- (b) Show that  $f(x)$  has at least one root on the interval  $[0, \pi]$ .
- (c) Find the equation of the tangent line to  $f$  at  $x = \pi/2$ . You may leave your answer in point-slope form if you wish.

**Solution:**

- (a)  $f(-x) = 2(-x)^2 \cos(-x) + 1 = 2x^2 \cos(x) + 1 = f(x)$ . Therefore  $f$  is even.

- (b) First note that  $f$  is continuous on the interval  $(0, \pi)$ . Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(0) &= 1 > 0 \\
 f(\pi) &= -2\pi^2 + 1 < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $f(0) > 0 > f(\pi)$ . By the Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT), there exists a value  $c$  in the interval  $(0, \pi)$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .

(c) First we find the derivative:

$$f'(x) = 4x \cos(x) - 2x^2 \sin(x).$$

The slope of the tangent line is given by

$$f'(\pi/2) = 0 - 2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 (1) = -\frac{\pi^2}{2}.$$

The  $y$ -value at the point of tangency is given by  $f(\pi/2) = 1$ . Thus the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - 1 = -\frac{\pi^2}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

4. (14 pts) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x-3)^2 & x < 5 \\ ax + b & x = 5 \\ \frac{4a \sin(x-5)}{(x-5)} & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are unknown constants. Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $f$  is continuous for all  $x$ . Use the definition of continuity to justify your answer.

**Solution:** First we evaluate the right- and left-hand limits as  $x \rightarrow 5$  and set them equal to each other.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} (x-3)^2 = (5-3)^2 = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{4a \sin(x-5)}{(x-5)} = 4a$$

Thus  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = 4a = 4$  so  $a = 1$ . We next evaluate  $f(5) = 5a + b$  and set it equal to the limit as  $x \rightarrow 5$ :

$$5a + b = 4$$

That is,  $5 + b = 4$ , so  $b = -1$ .

The final result is  $a = 1, b = -1$ .

5. (16 pts) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + x - 3}{x^2 + x - 2}.$$

Find all asymptotes and removable discontinuities of  $f$ . Be sure to justify your answers using limits.

**Solution:** Factor the numerator and denominator:

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

The denominator is equal to zero when  $x = -2$  or  $x = 1$ . We test these points with limits.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(2x+3)(x-1)}{(x+2)(x-1)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(2x+3)}{(x+2)} = \frac{5}{3} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{(2x+3)(x-1)}{(x+2)(x-1)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{(2x+3)}{(x+2)} = \frac{5}{3} \end{aligned}$$

There is therefore a removable discontinuity at  $x = 1$ . Testing  $x = -2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{(2x+3)(x-1)}{(x+2)(x-1)} &= \frac{3}{-3(-2^+ + 2)} = -\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{(2x+3)(x-1)}{(x+2)(x-1)} &= \frac{3}{-3(-2^- + 2)} = \infty\end{aligned}$$

There is therefore a vertical asymptote at  $x = -2$ . (You need only find one of the above limits to show this). Next we take  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$  to find any horizontal asymptotes:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 + x - 3}{x^2 + x - 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 + x - 3}{x^2 + x - 2} \cdot \frac{1/x^2}{1/x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + 1/x - 3/x^2}{1 + 1/x - 2/x^2} \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^2 + x - 3}{x^2 + x - 2} = 2$  by the same process. There is therefore a horizontal asymptote at  $y = 2$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .

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## **Scratch work**

Be sure to label your problems.