

Midterm 2. Calculus I - MATH31, Section D03. Practice test. Spring 2025.

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- The exam has FIVE questions. Point values are indicated in each problem, for a total of 100 points.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided. To get full credit you must show all your work.
- Please indicate your final answer clearly.
- No electronic devices besides a non-graphing calculator, or notes, are allowed.
- You will not be able to use the bathroom once the exam starts.

1. (32 points) Find the derivative of the following functions. You do not need to simplify the answer.

(a) $f(x) = \pi^4 + x^\pi$.

(e) $e^{\sqrt{x}} \cos(x)$.

(b) $f(x) = \frac{\sin(2x)}{1 + \cos(2x)}$.

(f) $f(x) = x^x$ (logarithmic differentiation).

(c) $f(x) = (x^2 + 10)e^{2x}$.

(g) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\arctan(2x + 5)}$

(d) $f(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})$.

(h) $f(x) = e^{2x} \sinh 2x$

Solution:

(a) $f(x) = \pi^4 + x^\pi$

The derivative of the constant π^4 is zero. For x^π , we apply the power rule:

$$f'(x) = \pi x^{\pi-1}$$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{\sin(2x)}{1 + \cos(2x)}$

We use the quotient rule for derivatives: $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{u(x)}{v(x)} \right) = \frac{v(x)u'(x) - u(x)v'(x)}{v(x)^2}$. Let $u(x) = \sin(2x)$ and $v(x) = 1 + \cos(2x)$, and compute their derivatives:

$$u'(x) = 2 \cos(2x), \quad v'(x) = -2 \sin(2x)$$

So,

$$f'(x) = \frac{(1 + \cos(2x)) \cdot 2 \cos(2x) - \sin(2x) \cdot (-2 \sin(2x))}{(1 + \cos(2x))^2}$$

(c) $f(x) = (x^2 + 10)e^{2x}$

We apply the product rule: $\frac{d}{dx} (u(x)v(x)) = u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x)$. Let $u(x) = x^2 + 10$ and $v(x) = e^{2x}$, so:

$$u'(x) = 2x, \quad v'(x) = 2e^{2x}$$

Therefore,

$$f'(x) = 2xe^{2x} + (x^2 + 10) \cdot 2e^{2x}$$

(d) $f(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})$

We apply the chain rule. Let $u(x) = x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$, then:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{x^2 - 1}) \right)$$

The derivative of $\sqrt{x^2 - 1}$ is $\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$. Thus:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \right)$$

(e) $f(x) = e^{\sqrt{x}} \cos(x)$

We use the product rule. Let $u(x) = e^{\sqrt{x}}$ and $v(x) = \cos(x)$, so:

$$u'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} e^{\sqrt{x}}, \quad v'(x) = -\sin(x)$$

Therefore:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} e^{\sqrt{x}} \cos(x) - e^{\sqrt{x}} \sin(x)$$

(f) $f(x) = x^x$ (Logarithmic differentiation)

To differentiate $f(x) = x^x$, we take the natural logarithm of both sides:

$$\ln(f(x)) = \ln(x^x) = x \ln(x)$$

Differentiate both sides with respect to x :

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} f'(x) = \ln(x) + 1$$

Therefore:

$$f'(x) = x^x (\ln(x) + 1)$$

(g) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\arctan(2x+5)}$

We apply the chain rule. Let $u(x) = \arctan(2x+5)$, so:

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{u(x)^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\arctan(2x+5))$$

The derivative of $\arctan(2x+5)$ is $\frac{2}{(2x+5)^2+1}$. Therefore:

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{(\arctan(2x+5))^2} \cdot \frac{2}{(2x+5)^2+1}$$

(h) $f(x) = e^{2x} \sinh(2x)$

We apply the product rule. Let $u(x) = e^{2x}$ and $v(x) = \sinh(2x)$, so:

$$u'(x) = 2e^{2x}, \quad v'(x) = 2 \cosh(2x)$$

Therefore:

$$f'(x) = 2e^{2x} \sinh(2x) + e^{2x} \cdot 2 \cosh(2x)$$

Simplifying:

$$f'(x) = 2e^{2x} (\sinh(2x) + \cosh(2x))$$

2. (15 points) Use implicit differentiation to find an equation of the tangent line to the ellipse defined by $3x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2 = 37$ at the point $(4, -1)$.

Solution:

Differentiate both sides of the equation implicitly:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d(3x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2)}{dx} &= \frac{d(37)}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{d(3x^2)}{dx} + 4\frac{d(xy)}{dx} + 5\frac{d(y^2)}{dx} = \frac{d(37)}{dx} \Rightarrow 6x + \frac{d(4x)}{dx} \cdot y + 4x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 10y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 6x + 4y + 4x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 10y \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Then evaluate at the point $x = 4, y = -1$ to get $6(4) + 4(-1) + 4(4) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 10(-1) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow 20 + 6 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

Solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ to get $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{10}{3}$.

Therefore the equation of the tangent line to that ellipse at the point $(4, -1)$ is $y + 1 = -\frac{10}{3}(x - 4)$.

3. (15 points) Find the linearization $L(x)$ of the function $g(x) = xf(x^2)$ at $x = 2$ given the following information $f(2) = -1, f'(2) = 4, f(4) = 5, f'(4) = -2$.

Solution: The linearization of a function $g(x)$ at $x = a$ is given by $L(x) = g(a) + g'(a)(x - a)$.

We need to compute $g(2)$ and $g'(2)$.

To evaluate $g(2)$, we substitute $x = 2$: $g(2) = (2)f(2^2) = 2 \cdot f(4) = 2 \cdot 5 = 10$.

Then we find $g'(x)$: $g'(x) = (x)'f(x^2) + x(f(x^2))' = (1)f(x^2) + x(f'(x^2) \cdot 2x) = f(x^2) + 2x^2 f'(x^2)$.

If we evaluate at $x = 2$ we get $g'(2) = f(4) + 2(2)^2 f'(2^2) = 5 + 8(-2) = -11$.

Therefore the linearization is $L(x) = 10 - 11(x - 2)$.

4. (20 points) The radius r of a cylinder with base and lid is *increasing* at a rate of 2 cm/s. At the same time its height h is *decreasing* at a rate of 5 cm/s. At what rate is the area increasing (or decreasing) when the radius is 5 cm and the height is 10 cm? [The area of a cylinder with base and lid, of radius r and height h is given by $A = 2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2$.]

Solution: We need to find the rate of change of the surface area, that is, $\frac{dA}{dt}$, when $r = 5$ cm and $h = 10$ cm.

We are given the following rates of change:

- The radius r is increasing at a rate of $\frac{dr}{dt} = 2$ cm/s,
- The height h is decreasing at a rate of $\frac{dh}{dt} = -5$ cm/s.

To find the rate of change of the surface area, we differentiate A with respect to time t :

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh)$$

Using the chain rule, using the fact that r and h are functions of t , we differentiate each term to get

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi \cdot 2r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} + 2\pi \left(r \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} + h \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} \right)$$

Now substitute the given values: $r = 5$ cm, $h = 10$ cm, $\frac{dr}{dt} = 2$ cm/s, and $\frac{dh}{dt} = -5$ cm/s to get

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 4\pi(5)(2) + 2\pi(5 \cdot (-5) + 10 \cdot 2)$$

Finally, simplify the expression and solve the equation to get

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 40\pi + 2\pi(-25 + 20) = 40\pi + 2\pi(-5) = 30\pi$$

Thus, the rate at which the surface area is changing when the radius is 5 cm and the height is 10 cm is 30π cm²/s. This means that the surface area is increasing at a rate of 30π cm²/s.

5. (8 points) Find the following limits:

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(4x)}{\sin(5x)}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sinh(4x)}{\cosh(5x)}$

Solution:

(a) We know that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(t)}{t} = 1$. Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(4x)}{4x} = 1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{5x} = 1$, and also $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x}{\sin(5x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{\sin(5x)}{5x}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$.

Let us write the limit we want using the limits we know. We have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(4x)}{\sin(5x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(4x)}{4x} \cdot \frac{5x}{\sin(5x)} \cdot \frac{4x}{5x} = \frac{4}{5},$$

which gives the answer.

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sinh(4x)}{\cosh(5x)}$. Recall the exact definitions of hyperbolic sine and cosine:

$$\sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}, \quad \cosh(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

Substitute these definitions into the expression:

$$\frac{\sinh(4x)}{\cosh(5x)} = \frac{\frac{e^{4x} - e^{-4x}}{2}}{\frac{e^{5x} + e^{-5x}}{2}}$$

Simplifying, we get:

$$\frac{\sinh(4x)}{\cosh(5x)} = \frac{e^{4x} - e^{-4x}}{e^{5x} + e^{-5x}}$$

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, $e^{4x} \rightarrow \infty$, $e^{5x} \rightarrow \infty$, $e^{-4x} \rightarrow 0$, $e^{-5x} \rightarrow 0$. Thus, let us divide numerator and denominator by the ‘strongest’ term in the denominator to get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sinh(4x)}{\cosh(5x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{4x} - e^{-4x}}{e^{5x} + e^{-5x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{e^{4x} - e^{-4x}}{e^{5x}}}{\frac{e^{5x} + e^{-5x}}{e^{5x}}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-x} - e^{-9x}}{1 + e^{-10x}} = \frac{0 - 0}{1 - 0} = 0.$$

6. (15 points) Suppose that f and g are differentiable functions such that $f(g(x)) = x$. We only know that $g(3) = 5$ and that $f'(5) = -12$. Find $g'(3)$.

Solution:

Differentiate both sides of the equation $f(g(x)) = x$, using the chain rule, to get $f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) = 1$.

Substitute $x = 3$, $g(3) = 5$, and $f'(5) = -12$ to get $f'(g(3)) \cdot g'(3) = 1$, or $f'(5) \cdot g'(3) = 1$, or $(-12) \cdot g'(3) = 1$

Therefore, $g'(3) = -\frac{1}{12}$