

Exam 1 Review Answers (NOT solutions)
Math 1100-005

Review Problems

1. Find the limit (if it exists):

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - x - 12}{x + 3} = -7$

(b) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 9} \frac{9-t}{3-\sqrt{t}} = 6$

2. For the following equation, find the limits (if they exist):

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 2 \\ 8 - x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} h(x) = 0$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) = 0$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h(x) = 1$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} h(x) = 6$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} h(x) = 4$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x) = \text{d.n.e}$

3. Describe the **intervals** on which the function is continuous:

(a)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ x^2 - 2x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Continuous Intervals: $(-\infty, 2)$ and $(2, \infty)$

(b)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Continuous Intervals: $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$

4. Write the equation to find the slope of a tangent line.

$$m = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

5. Explain what a derivative means (include why we take derivatives).

A derivative is the slope/rate of change of a graph/function. We take derivatives to see the rate at which our function/graph is changing at a certain point. Derivatives are useful in many applications including velocity, acceleration, and marginals.

6. Find the derivative using the definition of a derivative (**simplify** as much as possible):

(a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Use $f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$ to find that $f'(x) = \frac{-1}{x^2}$

7. Find the derivative:

(a) $f(x) = (5x^2 - 2)^{25}$
 $f'(x) = 250x(5x^2 - 2)^{24}$

(b) $y = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{6x-x^2}}$
 $y' = \frac{2x(6x-x^2)^{1/2} - x^2(\frac{1}{2})(6x-x^2)^{-1/2}(6-2x)}{6x-x^2}$

(c) $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 2$
 $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4x$

(d) $y(x) = \sqrt{x^3 - 2x^2 - 1}$
 $y'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^3 - 2x^2 - 1)^{-1/2}(3x^2 - 4x)$

(e) $f(x) = (x^2 - 2x)^2(x + 3)^5$
 $f'(x) = 2(x^2 - 2x)(2x - 2)(x + 3)^5 + 5(x^2 - 2x)^2(x + 3)^4$

8. For $f(x) = x^{10} - 6x^3 + \frac{1}{x}$, find the indicated derivatives:

(a) $f'(x) = 10x^9 - 18x^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}$

(b) $f^{(4)}(x) = 5040x^6 + \frac{24}{x^5}$

9. Suppose that the height of a projectile fired vertically upward from a height of 64 feet with an initial velocity of 48 feet per second is given by $h(t) = -16t^2 + 48t + 64$

- (a) Find the height of the object at 3 seconds.

$$h(3) = 64ft$$

- (b) What is the average velocity of the projectile for the time interval from $t=0$ to $t=1.5$?

$$\text{Avg Velocity} = 24ft/s$$

- (c) At what time does the object reach its maximum height?

$$t = 1.5s$$

- (d) How fast is the object traveling when it hits the ground?

$$-80ft/s$$

- (e) What is the projectile's acceleration?

$$-32ft/s^2$$

10. Describe the difference between average, marginal, and instantaneous.
Average is the "average" between 2 points, ie. $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$. Both marginal and instantaneous use the same mathematical idea, the derivative. They are both finding the rate of change at some specific point/value rather than between 2 points/values. Marginals are associated with business applications, ie. Profit, Revenue and Cost, while instantaneous refers more to velocity and acceleration.
11. Write general equations for profit, cost and revenue.
Profit=Total Revenue - Total Cost
Revenue = price*quantity = $p(x)*x$
Cost = Fixed costs + Variable costs