

AP Calculus AB - 1st semester practice multiple choice

Key

Limits

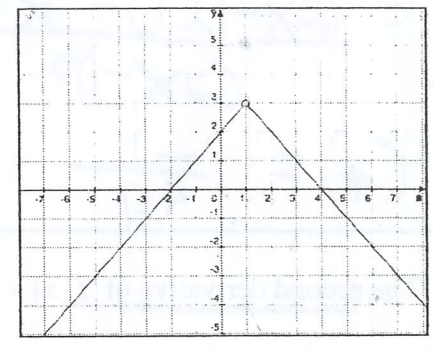
1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{-3x-6}{x^2+x-2}$ is

- plugin - you get 0 in denom.
- factor $\frac{-3(x+2)}{(x+2)(x-1)} = \frac{-3}{x-1}$

plugin $\frac{-3}{-3} = 1$

- A. -1 B. $-\frac{1}{3}$ C. $\frac{1}{3}$ **D. 1** E. Does not exist

2. The figure to the right shows the graph of $f(x)$. Which of the following statements are true?



- I. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$ exists **True** (limit can be a hole)
 II. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$ exists **True**
 III. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exists **True**

- A. I only B. II only C. I and II only **D. I, II and III** E. none are true

Limit exists but $f(x)$ is not continuous. You would also need $f(1) = 3$ in order to have continuity

3. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-6x+9}{x-3} & \text{if } x \neq 3 \\ \sqrt{3x} & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases}$

$\frac{(x-3)(x-3)}{x-3}$ hole at $x=3$ (3,0)

Which of the following statements I, II, and III are true?

- ✓ I. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ exists = 0 II. $f(3)$ exists = 3 III. f is continuous at $x=3$ ^{no}
 Since $I \neq II$

- A. only I B. only II **C. I and II** D. none of them E. all of them

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-4-x-x^2}{2x^2+3x-2}$ is

$-\frac{1}{2}$

- A. 0 B. 2 C. -2 **D. $-\frac{1}{2}$** E. ∞

5. If $f(x) = (1 - 4x^2)^4$, then $f'(x) =$ chain rule

- A. $32x(1 - 4x^2)^3$ B. $4(1 - 8x)^3$ C. $-32(1 - 8x)^3$ D. $4(1 - 4x^2)^3$ **E. $-32x(1 - 4x^2)^3$**

$$f'(x) = 4(1 - 4x^2)^3 (-8x) = -32x(1 - 4x^2)^3$$

6. The slope of the tangent line to $y = \frac{x}{2x-1}$ at $x = 4$ is quotient rule, plug in

- A. $\frac{1}{2}$ B. $\frac{-1}{14}$ C. $\frac{1}{14}$ D. $\frac{1}{49}$ **E. $\frac{-1}{49}$**

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

$$y'(4) = \frac{-1}{49}$$

7. The second derivative of $f(x) = \sin x \cos x$ is product rule $f'(x) = \sin x(-\sin x) + \cos x(\cos x) = -\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x$

- A. 0 **B. $-4 \sin x \cos x$** C. $(\cos x)^2 - (\sin x)^2$
 D. $2 \cos x - 2 \sin x$ E. $2 \sin x - 2 \cos x$ chain $f''(x) = -2 \sin x \cos x = -2 \cos x \sin x = -4 \cos x \sin x$

8. If $f(-2) = 4$ and $f'(-2) = -1$, find the derivative of $\frac{f(x)}{x^2}$ at $x = -2$. quotient $\frac{x^2 f'(x) - f(x)(2x)}{x^4}$

- point $(-2, 4)$ slope \Rightarrow plug in $\frac{4(-1) - 4(-4)}{16} = \frac{-4 + 16}{16} = \frac{12}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$
- A. $\frac{3}{4}$ B. 1 C. $\frac{1}{4}$ D. $-\frac{1}{4}$ E. $\frac{1}{2}$

9. Find the equation of the line tangent to $y = \sec x$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$. need point & slope $y(\pi/4) = \sec \pi/4 = \frac{1}{\cos \pi/4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}/2} = \sqrt{2}$
 $y' = \sec x \tan x$ $y'(\pi/4) = \sqrt{2}$

- A. $y - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$ **B. $y - \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$** C. $y = \sqrt{2}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$
 D. $y - \sqrt{2} = x - \frac{\pi}{4}$ E. $y - \sqrt{2} = -(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$ $y - \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}(x - \pi/4)$

10. For how many values of x are the tangent lines to $y = \sin x + \cos x$ and $y = \frac{x^3}{12} - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{4}$ parallel? same slope - set slopes =

calculator $y' = \cos x - \sin x$ $y' = \frac{x^2}{4} - x - \frac{1}{4}$ **E. 4** see how many intersections

A. 0 B. 1 C. 2 D. 3

$$\cos x - \sin x = \frac{x^2}{4} - x - \frac{1}{4}$$

11. Let f, g and their derivatives be defined by the table below. If the derivatives of $f(g(x))$ and $g(f(x))$ are equal at $x=3$, what is the value of a ?

x	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	3	2	1	4
$g(x)$	2	1	4	3
$f'(x)$	4	3	4	2
$g'(x)$	a	1	2	3

$f'(g(x))g'(x) = g'(f(x))f'(x)$
 $f'(g(3))g'(3) = g'(f(3))f'(3)$
 $f'(2)g'(3) = g'(1)f'(3)$
 $2(2) = g'(1)(4)$
 $4 = a(4)$
 $a = 1$

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

E. Impossible

Implicit Differentiation

12. If $x^2 + xy - y = 7$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $(3, -1)$

$2x + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(1) - 1 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $2(3) + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + (-1)(1) - 1 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $2 \frac{dy}{dx} = -5$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{5}{2}$

A. -3

B. 1

C. $-\frac{5}{2}$

D. -1

E. $\frac{1}{2}$

13. At which points is the tangent line to the curve $8x^2 + 2y^2 = 6xy + 14$ vertical?

I. $(-2, -3)$ ✓

II. $(3, 8)$ ✗

III. $(4, 6)$ ✓

A. I only

B. II only

C. III only

D. I and II only

E. I and III only

Slope undefined
 $16x + 4y \frac{dy}{dx} = 6x \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y$
 $(4y - 6x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 6y - 16x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6y - 16x}{4y - 6x}$
 $4y - 6x = 0$

Continuity and Differentiability

14. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 5x + 8, & x \geq 3 \\ x - 1, & x < 3 \end{cases}$, describe the behavior of the graph of $f(x)$ at $x=3$

✓ I. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ exists

✓ II. $f(x)$ is continuous at $x=3$

✓ III. $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x=3$

a) I only

b) II only

c) I and II only

d) I, II and III

e) none are true

continuous at 3
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} = 2$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} = 2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} = 2$

$f(3) = 2$



differentiable at 3

$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 5 & = 1 \\ 1 & = 1 \end{cases}$

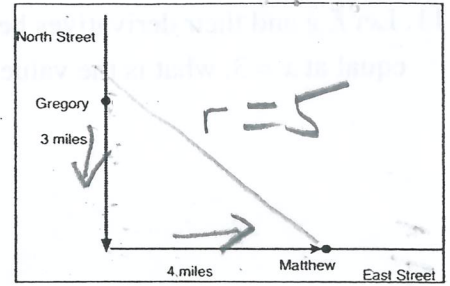
$-10 \frac{81}{16} + 30$
 $-81 + 18(9) + 30$
 $-81 + 162 + 30$
 111

Related Rates

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 2r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

15. Matthew is visiting Gregory at his home on North Street. Shortly after Matthew leaves, Gregory realizes that Matthew left his wallet and begins to chase him. When Gregory is 3 miles from the 90° intersection along North Street traveling at 45 mph towards the intersection, Matthew is 4 miles along East street traveling away from the intersection at 30 mph. At that time, how fast is the distance between the two men changing?



formula → deriv → plug in

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = -3$$

- A. getting closer at 3 mph
- B. getting further away at 51 mph
- C. getting closer at 51 mph
- D. Getting closer at 15 mph
- E. getting closer at 18 mph

Handwritten notes for problem 15:

$$y = 3, \quad x = 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -45, \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = 30$$

16. A cylinder has both its height and radius changing. Its height is increasing at the rate of 3 meters/min. When the height of the cylinder is 8 meters and its radius is 2 meters, the volume is not changing. How fast is the radius decreasing in meters/min? (The volume of a cylinder is given by $V = \pi r^2 h$)

Handwritten notes for problem 16:

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = 3$$

$$h = 8$$

$$r = 2$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 0$$

- A. 3
- B. $\frac{3}{8}$
- C. 6
- D. 3π
- E. 6π

Handwritten solution for problem 16:

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \pi r^2 \frac{dh}{dt} + h \cdot 2\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$0 = \pi (2)^2 (3) + 8 \cdot 2\pi (2) \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$0 = 12\pi + 32\pi \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$-12\pi = 32\pi \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = -\frac{12}{32} = -\frac{3}{8}$$

Function Analysis

17. Given that $f(x) = x^3$ find all values of x in the interval $(-1, 1)$ that satisfy the **mean value theorem**.

A. 0

B. $\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$

C. $\pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$

D. 1

E. ± -1

Handwritten solution for problem 17:

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

$$3x^2 = \frac{1 - (-1)}{1 - (-1)}$$

$$3x^2 = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Handwritten notes for problem 17:

$$3x^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

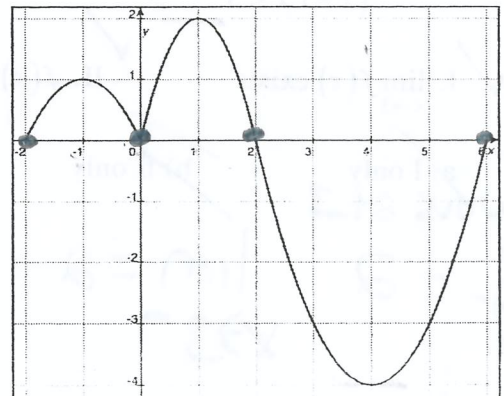
$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

check that answers are in interval

18. The graph of f' the derivative of f is shown to the right for $-2 \leq x < 6$. At what values of x does f have a horizontal tangent line?

- A. $x = 0$ only
- B. $x = -1, x = 1, x = 4$
- C. $x = 2$ only
- D. $x = -2, x = 2, x = 6$
- E. $x = -2, x = 0, x = 2, x = 6$

slope = 0



19. Given $f(x) = 2 - \frac{x^3}{6} - x^2$. On what interval(s) is the graph of f **concave upwards**?

- A. $(-\infty, -2)$
- B. $(-\infty, 2)$
- C. $(-2, \infty)$
- D. $(2, \infty)$
- E. $(-2, 2)$

Handwritten solution for problem 19:

$$f(x) = \frac{-3x^3}{6} - 2x^2$$

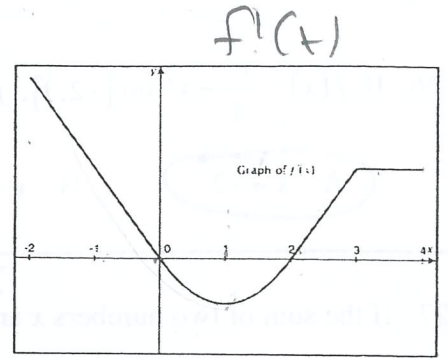
Handwritten solution for problem 19:

$$f''(x) = -x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = -2$$



20. The graph of $f'(x)$, the derivative of f , is shown to the right. Which of the following statements is not true?



- T A. f is increasing on $2 < x \leq 4$. f' pos
- F (B) f has a local minimum at $x = 1$. f' changes $-$ to $+$
- T C. f has a local maximum at $x = 0$. f' changes $+$ to $-$
- T D. f has an inflection point at $x = 1$. f'' changes signs $\rightarrow f'$ changes inc/dec or dec/inc
- T E. f is concave down on $-2 \leq x < 1$. f'' neg $\rightarrow f'$ dec

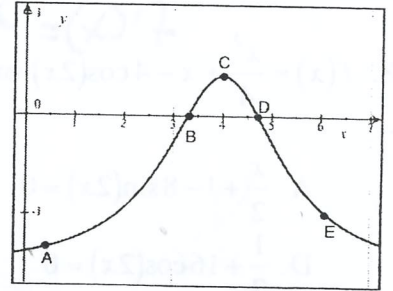
21. The graph of $y = f(x)$ is to the right. At what point are both

$\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$?

$f(x)$ inc $f(x)$ CCU

choices?

(A)



22. If $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^n}$, where $n > 0$ and $x > 0$, describe the concavity of the graph of $f(x)$.

- (A) Always concave up
- B. Always concave down
- C. Concave down if $n < 1$, concave up if $n \geq 1$
- D. Concave up if $n < 1$, concave down if $n \geq 1$
- E. Concave up if $n < 2$, concave down if $n \geq 2$

$\frac{1}{x^1} = \frac{1}{x}$ $\frac{1}{x^{0.5}}$

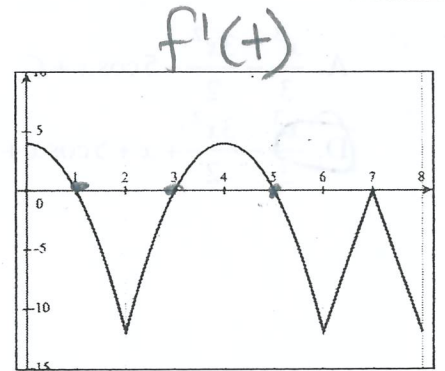
$\frac{1}{x^2}$ $\frac{1}{x^3}$

Straight-Line Motion

23. A locomotive is moving along a straight track. Its velocity v of the locomotive at time t , $0 \leq t \leq 8$ is given by the function whose graph is to the right. At what value of t does the locomotive change direction?

When f' changes signs

- A. 4 only
- B. 2 and 4 only
- C. 2, 4 and 6 only
- (D) 1, 3, and 5 only
- E. 1, 3, 5 and 7 only



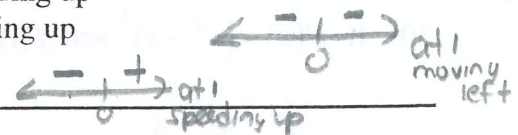
24. A particle moves along a horizontal line with position $x(t) = \frac{10}{t}$. Describe its motion at $t = 1$.

$x(t) = 10t^{-1}$

$v(t) = -10t^{-2} = -\frac{10}{t^2}$

- A. Moving right and slowing down
- B. Moving right and speeding up
- C. Moving left and slowing down
- (D) Moving left and speeding up
- E. Stopped

$a(t) = 20t^{-3} = \frac{20}{t^3}$



25. A ball is thrown straight up from the top of a hill 30 feet high with initial velocity of 72 ft/sec. How high above level ground will the ball get? (objects subjected to gravity adhere to $s(t) = -16t^2 + v_0t + s_0$ where s is the height of the object in feet, v_0 is the initial velocity and s_0 is the initial height).

- A. 72 sec
- B. 81 feet
- C. 88 feet
- (D) 111 ft
- E. 144 ft

$s(t) = -16t^2 + 72t + 30$

$v(t) = -32t + 72 = 0$

$t = \frac{72}{32} = \frac{9}{4}$ reaches max

$s(9/4) = -16(9/4)^2 + 72(9/4) + 30 = 111$

Optimization

26. If $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} - x^2$ on $[-2, 3]$, $f(x)$ has an absolute minimum at

$$f'(x) = x^2 - 2x = 0$$

$$x(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = 0, 2$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(2) = -\frac{8}{3}$$

$$f(-2) = -\frac{20}{3}$$

$$f(3) = 0$$

A. $x = -2$

B. $x = 0$

C. $x = 2$

D. $x = 3$

E. $x = 0$ and $x = 2$

27. If the sum of two numbers x and y is 12, what is the maximum product of x^3y ?

$$x + y = 12 \quad y = 12 - x$$

$$x^3(12-x)$$

$$12x^3 - x^4$$

$$36x^2 - 4x^3 = 0$$

A. 9

B. 27

C. 729

D. 2187

E. 19683

$$x = 9 \quad y = 3$$

$$4x^2(9-x) = 0 \quad x \neq 0, 9$$

28. $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{4} + x - 4\cos(2x)$ on $[0, 2\pi]$ has a possible maximum slope at the x -value that solves the equation

$$f'(x) = \frac{x}{2} + 1 + 4\sin(2x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} + 1 + 8\sin(2x) = 0$$

A. $\frac{x}{2} + 1 - 8\sin(2x) = 0$

B. $\frac{x}{2} + 1 + 8\sin(2x) = 0$

C. $\frac{x}{2} + 1 + 4\sin(2x) = 0$

D. $\frac{1}{2} + 16\cos(2x) = 0$

E. $\frac{1}{2} + 4\cos(2x) = 0$

Indefinite Integration

$$\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} + x + 5\cos x + C$$

29. $\int (x^2 - 3x + 1 - 5\sin x) dx$

A. $\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} - 5\cos x + C$

B. $\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} + 5\cos x + C$

C. $\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} + x - 5\cos x + C$

D. $\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} + x + 5\cos x + C$

E. $2x - 3 - 5\cos x + C$

30. If $f'(x) = (x^4 - x)^2$ and $f(1) = 1$, find $f(x)$

$$f'(x) = x^8 - 2x^5 + x^2$$

$$f(x) = \int f'(x) = \frac{x^9}{9} - \frac{x^6}{3} + \frac{x^3}{3} + C$$

A. $\frac{x^9}{9} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{5}{9}$

B. $\frac{x^9}{9} - \frac{x^6}{6} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{13}{18}$

C. $\frac{x^9}{9} - \frac{x^6}{3} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{8}{9}$

D. $\frac{x^9}{9} - \frac{x^6}{3} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1}{9}$

E. $\frac{x^9}{9} - \frac{x^6}{3} + \frac{x^3}{3} + 1$

$$\frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + C = 1$$

$$C = 8/9$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^9}{9} - \frac{x^6}{3} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{8}{9}$$