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There are 115 points available on this test. Each question is marked with its value. To get full credit for a problem, you must **show your work**. Correct answers with incorrect supporting work will receive substantially reduced credit.

1. (20 points) A car A is traveling west at 40 miles per hour while car B is traveling north at 50 miles per hour. At exactly noon, car A is 3 miles east of an intersection P and car B is 4 miles south of P . At what speed are the cars moving toward each other?

Solution: Orient the problem so that P is the origin. Then car A 's position at noon is $(3, 0)$ and car B 's position is $(0, -4)$. Since A is moving west, it follows that $\frac{dA}{dt} = -40$ mile per hour and $\frac{dB}{dt} = 50$ mile per hour. The distance between the cars is given by $D(t) = (A^2 + B^2)^{1/2}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dD}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2}(A^2 + B^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (2A \frac{dA}{dt} + 2B \frac{dB}{dt}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(3^2 + (-4)^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (2 \cdot 3(-40) + 2 \cdot (-4) \cdot 50) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{5}(-240 - 400) \\ &= -640/10 = -64 \end{aligned}$$

miles per hour.

2. (20 points) A particle is moving along the curve $y^2 = x^3 - 2xy + 3x^2 + 1$.

- (a) Show that the point $(2, 3)$ belongs to the curve.

Solution: Note that $3^2 = 2^3 - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 2^2 + 1 = 9$.

- (b) Find the slope of the line tangent to the curve at $(2, 3)$.

Solution: Differentiate both sides with respect to x to get $2yy' = 3x^2 - 2y - 2xy' + 6x$ and solving this for y' yields $y' = \frac{3x^2 - 2y + 6x}{2y + 2x}$ which we evaluate at $(2, 3)$ to get $y' = \frac{3 \cdot 2^2 - 2 \cdot 3 + 6 \cdot 2}{2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 2} = 9/5$.

- (c) If $\frac{dx}{dt} = 5$ at the point $(2, 3)$, what is $\frac{dy}{dt}$ at $(2, 3)$?

Solution: Differentiate both sides with respect to t to get $2yy' = 3x^2x' - 2x'y - 2xy' + 6xx'$. Replace $x' = \frac{dx}{dt}$ with 5 and replace x and y with their values to get $2 \cdot 3 \cdot y' = 3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot y' + 6 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$. Thus $6y' + 4y' = 60 - 30 + 60 = 90$ from which it follows that $\frac{dy}{dt} = 90/10 = 9$.

3. (20 points) Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{2 + \sin x}$ defined over the interval $[0, 2\pi]$.

(a) Find $f'(x)$.

Solution: By the quotient rule,

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

(b) Find the critical points of f .

Solution: The only zero of $f'(x)$ occurs when $\sin x = -1/2$ which is true when $x = \pi + \pi/6 = 7\pi/6$ and $x = 2\pi - \pi/6 = 11\pi/6$

(c) Identify each critical point as a location where a max, a min, or neither occurs.

Solution: Use the test interval technique with f' on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$, noting that $f'(\pi) < 0$, $f'(3\pi/2) > 0$, and $f'(2\pi^-) < 0$. Thus f has a relative minimum at $x = 7\pi/6 \approx 3.665$ and a relative maximum at $x = 11\pi/6 \approx 5.759$.

(d) Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of f .

Solution: Comparing the value of f at the endpoints and the two critical points, we find $f(0) = 1/2$, $f(2\pi) = 1/2$, $f(7\pi/6) = -1/\sqrt{3}$, and $f(11\pi/6) = 1/\sqrt{3} \approx 0.5773$, so the min occurs at $x = 7\pi/6$ and the max occurs at $x = 11\pi/6$.

4. (15 points) The mean value theorem (MVT) states that if f is differentiable over $[a, b]$, then there is a number c in (a, b) such that $f'(c)$ is the slope of the line joining $(a, f(a))$ and $(b, f(b))$.

(a) Does the MVT apply to the function $f(x) = x \ln x$ on the interval $[1, e]$.

Solution: Yes, MVT applies because f is differentiable on $(1, e)$ and continuous at both 1 and e .

(b) If not tell why. If so, find the number c .

Solution: Note that $\frac{f(e)-f(1)}{e-1} = \frac{e \ln e - 1 \ln 1}{e-1} = \frac{e}{e-1}$. So we need to find a number c in the interval satisfying $f'(c) = \frac{e}{e-1}$. Since $f'(x) = \ln x + 1$, we need to find c such that $\ln c + 1 = \frac{e}{e-1}$. This gives $\ln c = \frac{e}{e-1} - 1 = \frac{1}{e-1}$. We can interpret $\ln c$ to get $c = e^{\frac{1}{e-1}} \approx 1.7895$.

5. (20 points) Suppose f is a differentiable function and suppose f'' is given by

$$f''(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 4)(x + 5)}{(x + 2)(x + 1)}.$$

Find the intervals over which f is concave up. No credit for calculator solutions.

Solution: First, reduce f'' by removing the common factors to get $f''(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x+5)}{x+1}$. Of course, we have slightly enlarged the domain of f'' in doing this. There are three branch points, $x = 2$, $x = -5$ and $x = -1$ to consider. Use the test interval technique to solve the inequality $f''(x) > 0$. I used the test points $-6, -2, 0$, and 3 and found that $f''(-6) < 0$, $f''(-2) > 0$, $f''(0) < 0$, and $f''(3) > 0$. Thus f is concave upwards on the two intervals $(-5, -1)$ and $(2, \infty)$.

6. (20 points) Evaluate each of the following limits:

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1}$

Solution: One way to evaluate this limit is by factoring. Another is to apply L'Hospital's Rule and differentiate both numerator and denominator. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{2x}{1} = -2$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x + \tan x}{\sin x}$

Solution: Apply L'Hospital's Rule and differentiate both numerator and denominator to get $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x + \tan x}{\sin x} =$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + \sec^2 x}{\cos x} = 2$$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 e^{-x^2}$

Solution: Apply L'Hospital's Rule repeatedly to get

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 e^{-x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 / e^{x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3x^2 / 2xe^{x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 6x / (2e^{x^2} + 4x^2 e^{x^2}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 6 / (4xe^{x^2} + 8xe^{x^2} + 8x^3 e^{x^2}) = 0\end{aligned}$$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - 2x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$

Solution: Take \ln of the expression to get a fraction. Note that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln((1 - 2x)^{\frac{1}{x}}) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln(1 - 2x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1 - 2x)}{x}.$$

Next apply L'hospital's rule to get $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1-2x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2/(1-2x)}{1} = -2$. Therefore, the original limit must be e^{-2} .