



1. (5 points) Find the domain of the following function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+1}}$$

**Solution:** We need  $x \geq -1/2$  for  $\sqrt{2x+1}$  to exist. But  $x \neq -1/2$  if not we have a division by 0. So that we have:

$$D(f) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right) \quad (1)$$

2. (7 points) Let  $f(x)$  be defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & \text{for } x < 3 \\ 2ax & \text{for } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Find the values of  $a$  for which  $f$  is continuous.

**Solution:** The function is clearly continuous for every  $x \neq 3$ . At  $x = 3$  we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (x^2 - 1) = 8 \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (2ax) = 6a \quad (3)$$

so that we need  $6a = 8$  or

$$a = \frac{4}{3} \quad (4)$$

3. Compute the indicated limits.

(a) (7 points)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 + x - 12}{x - 3}$$

**Solution:** Since  $x^2 + x - 12 = (x - 3)(x + 4)$  we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 + x - 12}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 3)(x + 4)}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + 4 = 7 \quad (5)$$

(b) (10 points)

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

**Solution:** Since  $\cos^2(x) - 1 = -\sin^2(x)$  we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos^2(x) - 1}{x^2} = -\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2(x)}{x^2} = -\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x}\right)^2 = -1 \quad (6)$$

4. (10 points) Is there a root of the equation

$$2x^3 + x^2 + 2 = 0$$

in the interval  $[-2, -1]$ ?

**Solution:** Let  $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 + 2$ . We have

$$f(-2) = -10 \quad f(-1) = 1 \quad (7)$$

Since  $-10 < 0 < 1$  from the Intermediate Value Theorem we know that there is a  $c$  in  $[-2, -1]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .  $c$  is a root of the equation.

5. Compute the following derivatives.

(a) (7 points)

$$f(x) = \tan(x)$$

**Solution:**

$$f'(x) = \left( \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right)' = \frac{\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)} = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = \sec^2 x \quad (8)$$

(b) (10 points)

$$f(x) = (x^2 + 3)\sqrt{1 - x^3}$$

**Solution:**

$$f'(x) = 2x\sqrt{1 - x^3} + (x^2 + 3)\frac{-3x^2}{2\sqrt{1 - x^3}} \quad (9)$$

6. (10 points) Compute the derivative of the following function using the definition.

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

**Solution:**

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{2}{x+h+1} - \frac{2}{x+1} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \frac{-2h}{(x+1)(x+h+1)} = \quad (10)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{(x+1)(x+h+1)} = \frac{-2}{(x+1)^2} \quad (11)$$

7. (10 points) Use implicit differentiation to find the tangent line to  $\cos(x) \sin(y) = \frac{1}{4}$  at  $(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{6})$ .

**Solution:** we have:

$$-\sin(x) \sin(y) + \cos(x) \cos(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad (12)$$

so that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan(x) \tan(y) \quad (13)$$

so that the slope  $m$  of the tangent line at  $(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{6})$  is 1. The equation of the tangent is thus:

$$y = \frac{\pi}{6} + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = x - \frac{\pi}{6} \quad (14)$$

8. A bullet is shot straight up with an initial velocity of 160 ft/s. It reaches the height of

$$h(t) = 160t - 16t^2$$

feet after  $t$  second.

- (a) (7 points) What is the velocity of the bullet when its height is 400ft? Remember that the velocity is the rate of change of the position.

**Solution:**  $h(t) = 400$  implies that  $t = 5$ . The velocity is

$$v(t) = h'(t) = 160 - 32t. \quad (15)$$

At  $t = 5$  we have:

$$h'(5) = 0 \quad (16)$$

- (b) (7 points) What is the acceleration of the bullet at any time  $t$ ? Remember that the acceleration is the rate of change of the velocity.

**Solution:** The acceleration  $a(t) = v'(t) = -32$  for every  $t$ .

- (c) (10 points) How high does the bullet go?

**Solution:**

The trajectory is an inverted parabola so that the maximum is at  $t = \frac{160}{2 \cdot 16} = 5$ .  
The maximum height is 400ft.