

Math 124 C Fall 2022 Solutions to Midterm I

1. (a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{9+x} - 3}{4 - \sqrt{16+2x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{9+x}-3}{\sqrt{x}}}{\frac{4-\sqrt{16+2x}}{\sqrt{x}}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{9+x}{x}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}}}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}} - \sqrt{\frac{16+2x}{x}}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{9}{x} + 1} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}}}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}} - \sqrt{\frac{16}{x} + 2}} = \frac{\sqrt{1} - 0}{0 - \sqrt{0+2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2(3+h)+1} - \sqrt{7}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2h+7} - \sqrt{7}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2h+7} + \sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{2h+7} + \sqrt{7}} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2h + 7 - 7}{h(\sqrt{2h+7} + \sqrt{7})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2h}{h(\sqrt{2h+7} + \sqrt{7})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{(\sqrt{2h+7} + \sqrt{7})} = \frac{2}{(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{7})} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \sin x}{\frac{\pi}{6} - x} = \left. \frac{d}{dx} \sin x \right|_{x=\frac{\pi}{6}} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

2. (a) $f'(x) = \frac{3e^x}{5} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{6}{x^3} + ex^{e-1} + 13.$

(b) $g'(x) = \frac{48x^5(5 + 4\sqrt[3]{x}) - (8x^6 + 7)\left(\frac{4}{3}x^{-2/3}\right)}{(5 + 4\sqrt[3]{x})^2}$ $g'(1) = \frac{48(5+4) - (8+7)\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)}{(5+4)^2} = \frac{412}{81}$

(c) The parabola and the tangent line share the point (1, 1) and the slope 5:

$$1 = A \cdot 1^2 + B$$

and

$$y'(1) = 2A \cdot 1 = 5$$

So $A = 5/2$ and $B = 1 - 5/2 = -3/2.$

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

(a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = -\infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0 \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$$

and

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2 + x - 6 - x(2x + 1)}{(x^2 + x - 6)^2} \qquad f'(0) = -\frac{1}{6}$$

(b) The graph of the function $y = f(x)$ is given by picture **D**, matching the vertical asymptote $x = 2$, the horizontal asymptote $y = 0$ and the negative derivative at $x = 0$.

4. We write the slope of the tangent at the point $(a, a^2 - 6a + 11)$ in two ways:

$$2a - 6 = \frac{a^2 - 6a + 11 - 7}{a - 0}$$

giving us the quadratic equation

$$a^2 - 4 = 0.$$

Since $a > 0$ in the picture, we have $a = 2$. So the slope is $2a - 6 = -2$, the y -coordinate is $a^2 - 6a + 11 = 3$, the tangent line is

$$y - 3 = -2(x - 2),$$

which has x -intercept $x = 7/2$, giving the area of the triangle to be $49/4 = 12.25$.