

Math 10A MIDTERM #2  
is in **Peter 108 at 8-9pm**  
next Wed, Nov 14

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Midterm covers Sections 2.5-2.8, 3.1-3.4

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# Midterm 2 Topics

## 2.5 Limits involving infinity

(a) vertical asymptotes, horizontal asymptotes

Example: Find v and h asymptotes of  $f(x) = \frac{4x^2 - x + 3}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$

## 2.6-2.7 Derivatives using limits

(a) slope of tangent, derivative at  $x=a$ , derivative function

Example: Find derivative of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  using limits.

## 2.8 What do derivatives tell us?

(a) increasing, decreasing, local min & max, concave up, concave down, inflection point.

## 3.1-3.4 Derivatives using rules

(a) constant, power, exponential, trig function rules

(b) sum, difference, product, quotient rules (c) chain rule

Example: Find derivative of  $f(x) = 3x^2e^x + \cos^6 x$  using rules.

## 2.5-2.8, 3.1-3.4 Answers: Topic examples

Example 2.5. Vertical asymptotes are  $x=1$  and  $x=2$ . Horizontal asymptotes are  $y=4$ .

Example 2.6-2.7. From limits,  $f'(x) = -x^{-2}$

Example 3.1-3.4.  $f'(x) = 3x^2e^x + 6xe^x - 6(\cos^5x)(\sin x)$

## 2.5 Review: Limits involving infinity

Suppose 
$$f(x) = \frac{b_n x^n + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + b_2 x^2 + b_1 x + b_0}{c_m x^m + c_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + c_2 x^2 + c_1 x + c_0}$$

Then vertical asymptotes are at  $x=d$  for every  $d$  that makes the denominator equal zero.

And horizontal asymptotes exist only if  $n \leq m$  where  $n$  is numerator degree and  $m$  is denominator degree

Case 1:  $n > m$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \pm \infty$

Case 2:  $n < m$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$  and  $y = 0$  is horizontal asymptote

Case 3:  $n = m$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \frac{b_n}{c_m}$  and  $y = \frac{b_n}{c_m}$  is horizon. asymptote

## 2.5 Practice Questions: Limits involving infinity

1. Calculate the following limits or state that they do not exist (DNE). Also state if the limit approaches  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{3}{x-2}$     b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{3}{x-2}$     c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3}{x-2}$

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^4-x}}{2x^2+7}$     e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4}{x^2-x+1}$

2. Find all vertical and horizontal asymptotes of the following functions

a.  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{x^2-2x-8}$

b.  $g(x) = \frac{4}{(x-1)(x+2)(x-3)}$

## 2.5 Answers: Limits involving infinity

1a. DNE, limit =  $+\infty$

1b. DNE, limit =  $-\infty$

1c. limit = 0

1d. limit =  $\frac{1}{2}$

1e. DNE, limit =  $+\infty$

2a. Vertical asymptotes  $x=4$ ,  $x=-2$ . Horizontal  $y=2$

2b. Vertical asymptotes  $x=1$ ,  $x=-2$ ,  $x=3$ . Horizontal  $y=0$ .

## 2.6-2.7 Review: Derivatives using limits

The tangent slope of  $f(x)$  at  $x=a$ . **Below is a number.**

$$m = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

The derivative of  $f(x)$  at  $x=a$ . **Below is a number.**

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

The derivative of  $f(x)$  for all  $x$ . **Below is a function.**

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

NOTE: The tangent slope of  $f(x)$  at  $x=a$  equals the derivative of  $f(x)$  at  $x=a$ . Therefore all the formulas above are equivalent.

## 2.6-2.7 Practice Questions: Derivatives using limits

1. Calculate the derivative of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  using a limit definition.
2. Calculate the derivative of  $g(x) = x^2$  using a limit definition
3. Find the equation of the tangent line to the function  $f(x) = e^x$  at  $x=0$ . Use derivative rules instead of limits.
4. Find the equation of the tangent line to the function  $g(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 1$  at  $x=1$ . Use derivative rules instead of limits.



## 2.6-2.7 Answers: Derivatives using limits

1. From limits,  $f'(x) = (1/2)x^{-1/2}$

2. From limits,  $f'(x) = 2x$

3.  $y=x+1$

4.  $y= -5x+3$

## 2.8 Review: What do derivatives tell us?

A function is **increasing** when  $f'(x) > 0$ .

A function is **decreasing** when  $f'(x) < 0$ .

A function has a **local maximum** at  $x=b$  if  $f'(b)=0$

and  $f'(a) > 0$  and  $f'(c) < 0$  for  $a < b < c$  with  $a$  and  $c$  close to  $b$ .

A function has a **local minimum** at  $x=b$  if  $f'(b)=0$

and  $f'(a) < 0$  and  $f'(c) > 0$  for  $a < b < c$  with  $a$  and  $c$  close to  $b$ .

A function is **concave up** when  $f''(x) > 0$ .

A function is **concave down** when  $f''(x) < 0$ .

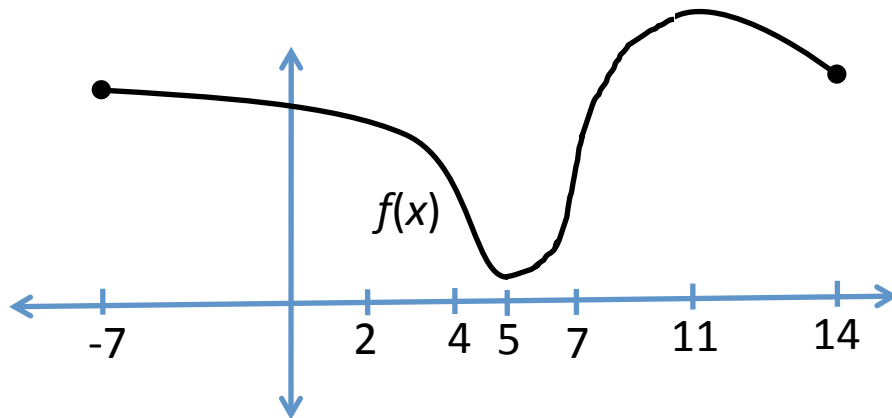
A function has an **inflection point** at  $x=b$  if  $f''(a) < 0$  and  $f''(c) > 0$  for

$a < b < c$  with  $a$  and  $c$  close to  $b$ . Or if  $f''(a) > 0$  and  $f''(c) < 0$ .

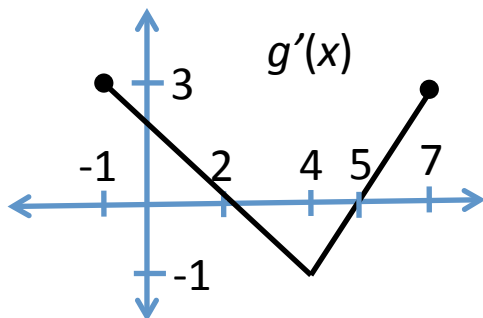
## 2.8 Practice Questions: What do derivatives tell us?

1. Draw a function  $h(x)$  that has a local min at  $x=1$ , local max at  $x=5$ , and inflection point at  $x=4$ .

2. For  $f(x)$  below, identify what intervals it is increasing, decreasing, concave up, and concave down. Next identify all local min, local max, and inflection points.



3. Regarding  $g(x)$ , identify what intervals it is increasing, decreasing, concave up, and concave down. Next identify all local min, local max, and inflection points. The derivative of  $g(x)$  is drawn below.



## 2.8 Answers: What do derivatives tell us?

$f(x)$  is increasing on  $(5,11)$

$f(x)$  is decreasing on  $(-7,5)$  and  $(11,14)$

$f(x)$  is concave up on  $(4,7)$

$f(x)$  is concave down on  $(-7,4)$  and  $(7,14)$

$f(x)$  has local min at  $x=5$

$f(x)$  has local max at  $x=11$

$f(x)$  has inflection points at  $x=4$  and  $x=7$

$g(x)$  is increasing on  $(-1,2)$  and  $(5,7)$

$g(x)$  is decreasing on  $(2,5)$

$g(x)$  is concave up on  $(4,7)$

$g(x)$  is concave down on  $(-1,4)$

$g(x)$  has local min at  $x=5$

$g(x)$  has local max at  $x=2$

$g(x)$  has inflection point at  $x=4$

### 3.1-3.4 Review: Derivatives using rules

constant function rule  $\frac{d}{dx} c = 0$

power function rule  $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$

exponential function rule  $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$

trig function rules  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = \cos(x)$     $\frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) = -\sin(x)$

constant multiplier rule  $\frac{d}{dx} [cf(x)] = c \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$

sum rule  $\frac{d}{dx} [f(x) + g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} f(x) + \frac{d}{dx} g(x)$

difference rule  $\frac{d}{dx} [f(x) - g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} f(x) - \frac{d}{dx} g(x)$

product rule  $\frac{d}{dx} [(fg)(x)] = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$

quotient rule  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{f}{g}(x) \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$

chain rule  $\frac{d}{dx} [(f \circ g)(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

### 3.1-3.4 Practice Questions: Derivatives using rules

1. Let  $u(x)=fg(x)$ ,  $v(x)=(f/g)(x)$ , and  $w(x)=(f \circ g)(x)$ . Calculate the following six values.

$$u(1) \quad u'(2)$$

$$v(2) \quad v'(0)$$

$$w(1) \quad w'(0)$$

x	f(x)	f'(x)	g(x)	g'(x)
0	5	8	2	9
1	-3	-7	1	3
2	4	-2	4	6

2. Calculate the derivatives of the following six functions

$$F(x) = \sqrt{\sin(3x)}$$

$$G(x) = \frac{e^x}{x+1}$$

$$H(x) = e^{(x^3+x)}$$

$$U(x) = x^2 \cos(e^x)$$

$$V(x) = (x^3 - 1)^7$$

$$W(x) = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{f}{g}(x) \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} \quad \frac{d}{dx} [(fg)(x)] = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(f \circ g)(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

### 3.1-3.4 Answers: Derivatives using rules

1.  $u(1) = -3$ ,  $u'(2) = 16$ ,  
 $v(2) = 1$ ,  $v'(2) = -2$ ,  
 $w(1) = -3$ ,  $w'(0) = -18$

2.  $F'(x) = \frac{3 \cos(3x)}{2\sqrt{\sin(3x)}} \quad G'(x) = \frac{xe^x}{(x+1)^2}$

$$H'(x) = (3x^2 + 1)e^{(x^3+x)}$$

$$U'(x) = -x^2 e^x \sin(e^x) + 2x \cos(e^x)$$

$$V'(x) = 21x^2(x^3 - 1)^6$$

$$W'(x) = -2 \sin^2 x + 2 \cos^2 x$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{f}{g}(x) \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} \quad \frac{d}{dx} [(fg)(x)] = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(f \circ g)(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$