

(20) 1. Evaluate the indicated limits exactly. Give evidence to support your answers.

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x - 2}$ **Answer** $x^2 + x - 6 = (x + 3)(x - 2)$. The quotient is $x + 3$ which has limit 5 as $x \rightarrow 2$.

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x + 2}$ **Answer** Since $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2 + x}{2x}$, the quotient $\frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x + 2} = \frac{2 + x}{2x} \cdot \frac{1}{x + 2} = \frac{1}{2x}$, and $\frac{1}{2x}$ has limit $-\frac{1}{4}$ as $x \rightarrow -2$.

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \frac{\sin x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}$ **Answer** As $x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\sin x \rightarrow 1$. But $x - \frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow 0$ and $x - \frac{\pi}{2} < 0$. The quotient is therefore $\frac{1}{\text{small negative \#}}$ which is a large positive number, so the limit is $-\infty$.

d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|}{x}$ **Answer** If $x > 0$, then $|x| = x$ and $\frac{|x|}{x} = \frac{x}{x} = 1$. Therefore the limit is 1.

(14) 2. a) Suppose $f(x)$ is a function. Write the **definition** of $f'(x)$, the derivative of $f(x)$, as a limit.

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

b) Use your answer to a) and familiar properties of limits to find the derivative of $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 3}$.

Answer $f(x + \Delta x) - f(x) = \sqrt{x + \Delta x - 3} - \sqrt{x - 3}$. We can get an algebraically equivalent form by multiplying top and bottom by the conjugate expression (motivated by our desire to cancel Δx 's later):

$$\left(\sqrt{x + \Delta x - 3} - \sqrt{x - 3}\right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x + \Delta x - 3} + \sqrt{x - 3}}{\sqrt{x + \Delta x - 3} + \sqrt{x - 3}} = \frac{(x + \Delta x - 3) - (x - 3)}{\sqrt{x + \Delta x - 3} + \sqrt{x - 3}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\sqrt{x + \Delta x - 3} + \sqrt{x - 3}}$$

The difference quotient $\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$ then becomes $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x + \Delta x - 3} + \sqrt{x - 3}}$ because the Δx 's cancel,

and the limit can be found easily: $f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x + \Delta x - 3} + \sqrt{x - 3}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x - 3}}$.

c) Use your answer to b) to write an equation for the line tangent to $y = \sqrt{x - 3}$ when $x = 7$.

Answer The slope of the tangent line when $x = 7$ is $f'(7) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{7-3}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{4}$, and one point on the tangent line is $(7, f(7))$ which is $(7, \sqrt{7-3}) = (7, 2)$. An equation for the line is therefore $y - 2 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 7)$, which is a fine answer. It can be converted to slope-intercept form ($y = \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{4}$) but it doesn't have to be.

(14) 3. Suppose that the function G is described by $G(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ Ax^2 + B & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 2 \\ x - 3 & \text{if } 2 < x \leq 3 \end{cases}$.

a) Find A and B so that G is continuous for all numbers in its domain. Briefly explain your answer.

Answer The only discontinuities can occur at 1 and 2. The left- and right-hand limits of G at 1 must agree with G 's value at 1. $G(1) = 1$.

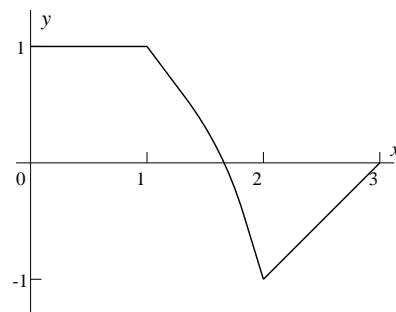
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} G(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 1 = 1$. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} G(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} Ax^2 + B = A + B$. Thus

$A + B = 1$. The left- and right-hand limits of G at 2 must agree with G 's value at 2. $G(2) = 2 - 3 = -1$. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} G(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} Ax^2 + B =$

$A \cdot 2^2 + B = 4A + B$. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} G(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x - 3 = 2 - 3 = -1$. Thus

$4A + B = -1$. We can find A and B by subtracting the first equation from the second to get $3A = -2$ so $A = -\frac{2}{3}$. Substitution in either equation then gives $B = \frac{5}{3}$.

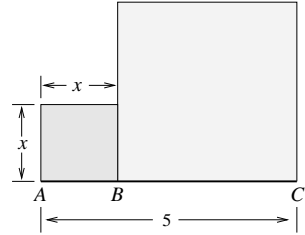
b) Graph $y = G(x)$ on the axes given for the values of A and B found in a).



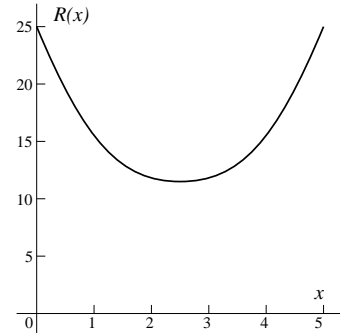
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- (16) 4. The line segment \overline{AC} is 5 units long and is divided into two parts by the point B . Suppose that x is the length of the segment \overline{AB} and that $R(x)$ is the sum of the areas of the two squares with sides \overline{AB} and \overline{BC} as shown.
- a) Write an algebraic formula for $R(x)$ as a function of x .

Answer The length of \overline{BC} is the length of \overline{AC} minus the length of \overline{AB} , so the length of \overline{BC} is $5 - x$. A square with side x has area x^2 and a square with side $5 - x$ has area $(5 - x)^2$, so the total area, $R(x)$, is $x^2 + (5 - x)^2$.



b) Graph $R(x)$ on the axes shown. Note that the horizontal and vertical axes have different scales.



c) Use algebra to find all exact values of the length x for which $R(x) = 17$.

Answer We can expand $x^2 + (5 - x)^2$ to get $x^2 + 25 - 10x + x^2 = 2x^2 - 10x + 25$. The equation $R(x) = 17$ then becomes $2x^2 - 10x + 25 = 17$ or $2x^2 - 10x + 8 = 0$. This can be solved with the quadratic formula or by factoring: $2x^2 - 10x + 8 = (2x - 2)(x - 4)$. The roots of $(2x - 2)(x - 4) = 0$ are 1 and 4. Realize again that exams are *very* artificial situations. Only rarely could a “random” quadratic polynomial with integer coefficients be written as a product of linear terms with integer coefficients!

- (9) 5. Use all differentiation rules here. Please do *not* simplify the answers in this problem!

a) If $P(x) = 6x^5 - 3x^3 + 4$, what is $P'(x)$? **Answer** $6 \cdot 5x^4 - 3 \cdot 3x^2$.

b) If $Q(x) = \frac{x^3 + 1}{3x - 2}$, what is $Q'(x)$? **Answer** $\frac{3x^2(3x - 2) - 3(x^3 + 1)}{(3x - 2)^2}$.

c) If $R(x) = (5 + \cos x)^{100}$, what is $R'(x)$? **Answer** $100(5 + \cos x)^{99}(-\sin x)$.

- (8) 6. Suppose that T is a differentiable function and the following facts are known about T and its derivatives:

$$T(5) = 0 \text{ and } T'(5) = -3 \text{ and } T''(5) = 2.$$

Suppose that $S(x) = e^{T(x)}$ (this is a composition). Compute $S(5)$ and $S'(5)$ and $S''(5)$. Give the exact answer in each case.

Answer $S(5) = e^{T(5)} = e^0 = 1$. $S'(x) = e^{T(x)}T'(x)$ by the chain rule, so $S'(5) = e^{T(5)}T'(5) = e^0(-3) = -3$. Now use the chain rule *and* the product rule to get $S''(x) = e^{T(x)}T'(x)^2 + e^{T(x)}T''(x)$, so $S''(5) = e^{T(5)}T'(5)^2 + e^{T(5)}T''(5) = e^0(-3)^2 + e^0(2) = 11$.

- (19) 7. Below is a graph of the function F . The domain of F is all numbers not equal to 2.

a) For which x is $F(x) = 0$? **Answer** -2.4 and -0.5 and 1 and 3 and 4.1 : this is where the graph crosses the x -axis.

b) For which x is $F(x) > 0$? **Answer** $-2.4 < x < -0.5$ and $1 < x < 2$ and $2 < x < 3$ and $4.1 < x$: this is where the graph is above the x -axis, where y is positive.

c) What is $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} F(x)$? **Points where $F'(x) = 0$:**
Answer 2 . **horizontal tangent lines.**

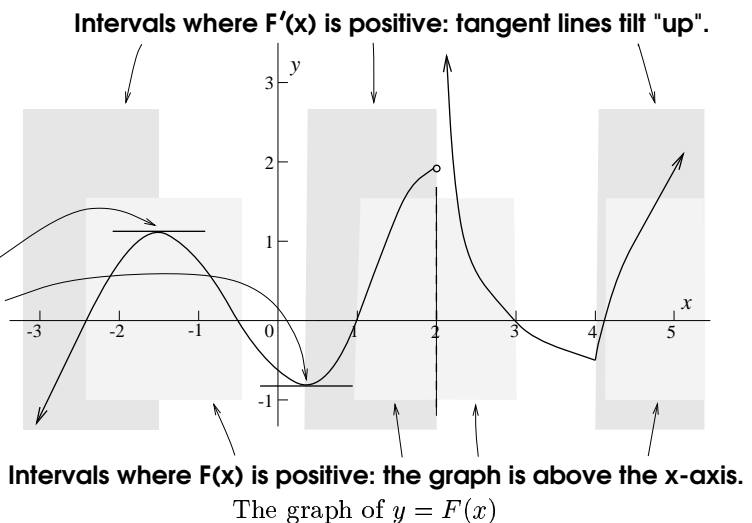
d) What is $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} F(x)$? **Answer** $+\infty$.

e) For which x (in its domain) is F not differentiable? **Answer** 4 : where there's a corner.

f) For which x is $F'(x) = 0$? **Answer** -1.6 and $.3$: where the tangent lines are horizontal.

g) What is $F(x)$ for those x 's for which $F'(x) = 0$? **Answer** $F(-1.6) = 1.1$ and $F(.3) = -.8$

h) For which x is $F'(x) > 0$? **Answer** $x < -1.6$ and $.3 < x < 2$ and $4 < x$: where tangent lines have positive slope.



Use this graph to answer the questions as accurately as possible.