Exam on Mathematics 1

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Duration: 1h 30min

Instructions

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- Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
- Show all your work. Partial credit will be awarded where appropriate.
- Calculators are not allowed, write clearly and legibly. Unreadable answers will not be graded.

Solutions

Exercise 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the derivative of $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 1)$?

Solution: Using the chain rule:

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

Answer: $\frac{2x}{x^2+1}$

Solution:

- $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is discontinuous at x = 0.
- $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ is defined only for $x \ge 0$.
- $f(x) = \tan(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- $f(x) = e^x$ is continuous everywhere.

Answer: $f(x) = e^x$

3. What is the inverse function of f(x) = 3x - 5?

Solution: Solve y = 3x - 5 for x:

$$y = 3x - 5 \implies x = \frac{y + 5}{3}.$$

Thus, $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+5}{3}$. **Answer**: $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+5}{3}$.

4. What is the derivative of $f(x) = \arcsin(x)$?

Solution: The derivative of $\arcsin(x)$ is:

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

Answer: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

5. What is the limit $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$?

Solution: This is a standard limit:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1.$$

Answer: $\boxed{1}$.

Exercise 2: Derivative and Continuity Problems

1. Find the derivative of $f(x) = x^3 \cdot e^{2x}$.

Solution: Use the product rule:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) \cdot e^{2x} + x^3 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(e^{2x}) = 3x^2 e^{2x} + x^3 \cdot 2e^{2x}.$$

Simplify:

$$f'(x) = e^{2x}(3x^2 + 2x^3).$$

Answer: $f'(x) = e^{2x}(3x^2 + 2x^3)$.

2. Determine if the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2-4}{x-2}$ is continuous at x=2. If not, classify the discontinuity. **Solution**: Simplify f(x):

$$f(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{x-2} = x+2$$
 (for $x \neq 2$).

At x = 2, f(x) is undefined. However, the limit exists:

$$\lim_{x \to 2} f(x) = 4.$$

Thus, f(x) has a **removable discontinuity** at x = 2. **Answer**: Removable discontinuity at x = 2

3. Compute the derivative of $f(x) = \arctan(x^2)$.

Solution: Use the chain rule:

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

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

4. Evaluate $\lim_{x \to \pi/2} \frac{\cos(x)}{x - \pi/2}$.

Solution: Substitute $h = x - \pi/2$. As $x \to \pi/2$, $h \to 0$:

$$\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}+h\right)}{h}=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{-\sin(h)}{h}=-1.$$

Answer: -1

Exercise 3: Advanced Derivative and Limit Problems

1. Derive the function $f(x) = \ln(\sin(x)) + \cos^2(x)$.

Solution: Differentiate term by term:

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

Simplify:

$$f'(x) = \cot(x) - \sin(2x).$$

Answer: $f'(x) = \cot(x) - \sin(2x)$.

2. Find the derivative of $f(x) = \arcsin(\frac{x}{2}) + \sqrt{4 - x^2}$.

Solution: Differentiate term by term:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{-x}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}.$$

Simplify:

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

Answer: $f'(x) = \frac{1-x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}.$

3. Evaluate $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\tan(3x)}{\sin(5x)}$.

Solution: Use the small-angle approximations $\tan(3x) \approx 3x$ and $\sin(5x) \approx 5x$:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\tan(3x)}{\sin(5x)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{3x}{5x} = \frac{3}{5}.$$

Answer: $\boxed{\frac{3}{5}}$

4. Consider the function

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2x & \text{if } x < 0\\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that h(x) is continuous at x = 0.

Solution: Check the left-hand limit $(x \to 0^-)$:

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} h(x) = 0^{2} + 2(0) = 0.$$

Check the right-hand limit $(x \to 0^+)$:

$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} h(x) = \sqrt{0} = 0.$$

Since both limits equal h(0) = 0, h(x) is continuous at x = 0. Answer: Continuous at x = 0.

(b) Find the derivative h'(x) for x < 0 and x > 0.

Solution: For x < 0:

$$h'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 2x) = 2x + 2.$$

For x > 0:

$$h'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}.$$

Answer:

$$h'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 2 & \text{if } x < 0\\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

(c) Determine if h'(0) exists and find its value.

Solution: Check the left-hand derivative $(x \to 0^-)$:

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{h(x) - h(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{x^{2} + 2x}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} (x + 2) = 2.$$

Check the right-hand derivative $(x \to 0^+)$:

$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{h(x) - h(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = +\infty.$$

Since the left-hand and right-hand derivatives are not equal, h'(0) does not exist. Answer: h'(0) does not exist

Final Notes

The student demonstrated an excellent understanding of the material, providing clear and correct solutions to all problems. Their work is thorough, well-organized, and free of errors.

Score: 20/20