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**No aids allowed.**

This examination paper consists of **7** pages and **6** questions. Please bring any discrepancy to the attention of an invigilator. The number in brackets at the start of each question is the number of points the question is worth.

Answer **5 of 6** questions.

**To obtain credit, you must give arguments to support your answers.**

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1. [10] Compute  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ .

(a)  $y = 5^{4x^2}$

(b)  $\frac{5}{x} + \frac{5}{y} = 3$

(c)  $y = \frac{\sin^2(x) \tan^6(x)}{(x^2+1)^2}$

(d)  $y = \sinh^{-1}(x)$

**Solution:**

(a)  $y' = \ln 5 \cdot 5^{4x^2} \cdot \ln 4 \cdot 4x^2 \cdot 2 \cdot x = 2 \cdot \ln 4 \cdot \ln 5 \cdot x \cdot 4x^2 \cdot 5^{4x^2}$

(b)  $-5x^{-2} - 5y^{-2}y' = 0 \Rightarrow y' = -\frac{y^2}{x^2} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \left( \frac{5}{3-\frac{5}{x}} \right)^2 = -\frac{25}{(3x-5)^2}$

(c)  $y'/y = (\ln y)' = (2 \ln \sin x + 6 \ln \tan x - 2 \ln(x^2 + 1))' = 2 \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} + 6 \frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x} - \frac{4x}{x^2+1}$

(d)  $y' = \frac{1}{\sinh'(y)} = \frac{1}{\cosh(\sinh^{-1}(x))} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\sinh^2(\sinh^{-1}(x))}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

2. [10] Compute the limits.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(5x)}{\sqrt{5x}}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (x^2 \cdot e^{2x})$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{x}{x-1} - \frac{1}{\ln x} \right)$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x$$

**Solution:**

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(5x)}{\sqrt{5x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{5}{2\sqrt{5x}}} = 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{5x}}{5x} = 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5x}} = 0$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (x^2 \cdot e^{2x}) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{e^{-2x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2}{4e^{-2x}} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{2x} = 0$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{x}{x-1} - \frac{1}{\ln x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x \ln x - (x-1)}{(x-1) \ln x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x + 1 - 1}{\ln x + 1 - \frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1 + \frac{1}{x})}{\frac{1}{x}}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-x^{-2}}{1 + \frac{1}{x} - x^{-2}}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{x})} = e$$

3. [10]

(a) Find the number  $c$  that satisfies the conclusion of the Mean Value Theorem:

$$f(x) = x^3 + x - 7, \quad [0, 2].$$

(b) Suppose that  $3 \leq f'(x) \leq 4$  for all values of  $x$ . Find numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$a \leq f(5) - f(3) \leq b.$$

**Solution:**

(a)  $3c^2 + 1 = f'(c) = \frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2 - 0} = \frac{8 + 2}{2} = 5$  gives  $c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

(b)  $f(5) - f(3) = (5 - 3) \cdot f'(c)$  for some  $c \in (3, 5)$  and hence  $2 \cdot 3 \leq f(5) - f(3) \leq 2 \cdot 4$ . So  $a = 6$  and  $b = 8$  works.

4. [10] A particle moves along the curve  $y = \sqrt{1 + x^3}$ . As it reaches the point  $(2, 3)$ , the  $y$ -coordinate is increasing at a rate of 12 cm/s. How fast is the  $x$ -coordinate of the point changing at that instant?

**Solution:** Differentiating  $y^2 = 1 + x^3$  with respect to time gives  $2y\dot{y} = 3x^2\dot{x}$  and hence  $\dot{x} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{y\dot{y}}{x^2} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{3 \cdot 12}{2^2} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} = 2 \cdot 3 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} = 6 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}$ .

5. [10] A piece of wire, 10 m long, is cut into 2 pieces. One piece is bent into a square and the other is bent into an equilateral triangle. How should the wire be cut so that the total area enclosed is a maximum?

**Solution:**

- Draw a diagram (omitted here).
- Introduce notation:  $l = 10$  – length of the wire,  $x$  – length of first piece,  $y$  – length of the second piece,  $a$  – width/height of the square,  $b$  – length of each side of the triangle,  $h$  – height of the triangle,  $A$  – area of the square,  $B$  – area of the triangle,  $C$  – total area.
- Write down relations:

$$l = x + y, \quad x = 4a, \quad A = a^2, \quad y = 3b, \quad b^2 = h^2 + \frac{1}{4}b^2, \quad B = \frac{1}{2}bh, \quad C = A + B.$$

- Eliminate variables:

$$C = A + B = a^2 + \frac{1}{2}bh = a^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} b^2 = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4 \cdot 9} y^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left( x^2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9} (l - x)^2 \right).$$

- Compute critical numbers:  $0 = \frac{dC}{dx} \Leftrightarrow 0 = x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9}(l - x) \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9 + \sqrt{3}} \cdot l$ .
- Determine the maximum (closed interval method):  $0 \leq x \leq l$

$$C \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9 + \sqrt{3}} \cdot l \right) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9 + \sqrt{3}} \cdot l^2 < C(0) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9} \cdot l^2 < C(l) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot l^2.$$

- Result: Use the entire wire for the square to get the maximal total area of 25 square meters.

6. [10] Discuss the properties of the function  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{x^2-1}$  and sketch its graph. Make sure that your discussion covers steps A-H from Section 4.5.

**Solution:**

- Domain:  $x \neq \pm 1$
- Intercepts:  $x = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = 0$ , so  $(0, 0)$  is the only intercept.
- Symmetry: even function, as only squares of  $x$  appear.
- Periodicity: none
- Assymptotes:  $x = \pm 1$ ,  $y = 2$ .
- Derivatives:  $f'(x) = -\frac{4x}{(x^2-1)^2}$ ,  $f''(x) = 4\frac{3x^2+1}{(x^2-1)^3}$ .
- Critical points:  $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ , so  $(0, 0)$  is the only critical point.
- Extrema:  $f''(0) = -4$ , so  $(0, 0)$  is a local maximum.
- Growth: increasing on  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 0)$ , increasing on  $(0, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$ .
- Concavity: concave down on  $(-1, 1)$ , concave up on  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$ .
- Inflection points: none
- Sketch graph (omitted here).

**End of examination**

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