Problems Chapter 4 Differentiation

1. Use the definition to find the derivative of the following functions:

a.
$$x^4$$

b. $\frac{1}{x^2}$
c. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

- **d**. $\cos x$
- 2. Use the rules for derivatives to find the derivative of the following functions:

a.
$$\frac{x}{1+x^2}$$

b. $\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 1}$
c. $\tan(x^2) |x| < \pi/2$
d. $\cos^{-1}(x)$

3. Which of the following functions is differentiable at x = 0? Which of the following functions is differentiable for $x \neq 0$? Where the derivative exists, is it continuous?

a.
$$x|x|$$

b. $|x+1|+|x-1|$
c. $x\cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$
d. $x^2\cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$
e. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \in 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin 0 \end{cases}$

- 4. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \ge 0 \\ \alpha x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$
 - **a**. for which values of α is *f* continuous at x = 0?
 - **b**. for which values of α is *f* differentiable at x = 0?

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- **c**. When *f* is differentiable at x = 0, does f''(0) exist?
- 5. Find all the points where $f(x) = \sqrt{1 \cos x}$ is not differentiable. Explain why the derivative fails to exist.
- 6. Let H(x) = 1 for x > 0 and H(x) = 0 for $x \le 0$.
 - **a**. For what values of $p \in R$ is the function $F(x) = x^p H(x)$ continuous at x = 0?
 - **b**. For what values of $p \in R$ is the function $F(x) = x^p H(x)$ differentiable at x = 0?
 - **c**. Compute F'(x) for each *p* and at each *x* where the derivative exists.

7. Find a function f(x) such that

$$f'(-1) = f'(0) = f'(+1) = 0$$

$$f''(-1) > 0 \qquad f''(0) < 0 \qquad f''(+1) > 0$$

- **8**. Give an example of a function f(x) that is continuous on [-1, 1] such that:
 - **a**. *f* has a maximum at some $c \in (-1, 1)$ but $f'(c) \neq 0$
 - **b**. f'(c) = 0 at some $c \in (-1, 1)$ but c is neither the max nor the min for f on [-1, 1].
 - **c**. f' is zero at both the max and the min for f on [-1, 1]
- **9**. Suppose *f* is continuous and differentiable on [-1,1] and that f'(x) is continuous on [-1,1] as well. Show that *f* is Lipschitz continuous.
- **10**. A function F(x) is said to be periodic with period *L* if F(x+L) = F(x) for all *x*. Suppose *F* is periodic and continuous on *R*. Then show that *F* is bounded and uniformly continuous on *R*.
- **11**. Using 580 feet of fence wire, build a rectangular pen of maximum area by making use of the fixed walls of length 200 feet and 400 feet, respectively as shown.below. Note that there are 3 different configurations that make use of the fixed walls. In each of these configurations, the area is equal to x_jy_j but in each case, x_j and y_j satisfy a different condition (e.g. in the second case the condition is, $x_2 + y_2 = 580$).
 - **a**. In each of the three configurations:express *y* in terms of *x*; what are the max and min values for *x* and *y* in each configuration? express the area in terms of *x*
 - **b**. determine the maximum area that can be achieved and explain how the Max-min theorem must be used in finding the maximum area in this problem.
 - **c**. plot the graph of A(x) versus x and show where the max occurs.



- **12**. Find all real values of *a* for which the function $f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + 3x + 15$ is strictly increasing on (0,1).
- **13**. Give an example of a function f(x) which is differentiable with a differentiable derivative f'(x) but whose second derivative f''(x) is discontinuous.
- 14. Suppose *f* is differentiable at every *x*. Prove $g(x) = f(x)^2$ is differentiable at every *x*.
- **15**. Suppose *f* is differentiable at every *x*. Prove g(x) = f(x-1)f(x+1) is differentiable at every *x*.
- **16**. Find all the critical points for $f(x) = x^x$
- **17**. Suppose $f \in C[a,b] \cap D(a,b)$ and $|f'(x)| \le 2$ on [a,b]. Prove that *f* is uniformly continuous on [a,b]. Give an example of a function that is uniformly continuous on [a,b] but its derivative is not bounded on [a,b].
- **18.** Suppose $f \in C[a,b] \cap D(a,b)$ and f has an absolute max at an interior point $c \in (a,b)$. Does this imply f'(c) = 0? If f'(c) = 0 at an interior point $c \in (a,b)$, does this imply that f(x) has a max or a min at x = c?
- **19.** If $x(t) = a \cos t$ and $y(t) = b \sin t$, find the extreme values for $\frac{dy}{dx}$, and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and locate the points on the path where they occur.
- **20**. Consider the function, $f(x) = 1 (x 1)^{2/3}$ on [0,2]. Does Rolle's theorem apply in this case? Explain.
- **21**. Show that between any two zeroes of $e^x \sin x = 1$, there is at least one real zero of $e^x \cos x = -1$.
- **22**. Show that if 0 < a < b, then $(1 a/b) < \ln(b/a) < b/a 1$.
- **23.** Prove that $\frac{\sin x}{x}$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi/2)$. Then prove that $0 \le \sin x \le 2x/\pi$ for $0 \le x \le \pi/2$.
- **24**. If $\alpha\beta > 0$ then show that $x^3 + \alpha x^2 + \beta = 0$ has one real root.
- **25.** If f'(x) > c > 0 for all $x \ge 0$, show that $\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \infty$
- **26.** If $f \in C^2(R)$ and f(x) = 0 has 3 real roots, show that there is some $z \in R$ where f''(z) = 0
- **27**. Suppose $f \in C[a,b] \cap D(a,b)$ Let *S* denote the set of slopes of all possible secant lines for y = f(x) for $x \in (a,b)$ and let *D* denote the set of all possible values for f'(x) for $x \in (a,b)$. Show that $S \subset D$ but *D* need not equal *S*.

- **28**. Show that the conclusions of the mean value theorem may fail if we drop the condition that f is differentiable at **every** point of (a, b). What if we allow f to be discontinuous at a or b?
- **29**. Show that if $f \in C[a,b]$ and *f* has first and second derivatives at each point of (a,b), then there exists a $c \in (a,b)$ such that $f(b) = f(a) + f'(a)(b-a) + \frac{1}{2!}f''(c)(b-a)^2$.
- **30.** If $f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{f(x) f(y)}{x-y}$ for $x \neq y$, what can you say about f(x)?
- **31**. Use what you know about geometric series and Taylor series to obtain the result, $\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - x^5 + \xi^6 \text{ for } 0 < \xi < x.$
- **32**. Use the result of the previous problem to obtain, $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^6}{6} + \frac{\xi^7}{7} \text{ for } 0 < \xi < x.$
- **33**. Use the result of problem 31 to obtain $\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + 5x^4 - 6x^5 + 7\xi^6 \text{ for } 0 < \xi < x.$
- **34**. We say $f(x) = O(x^p)$ as $x \to 0$, if $f(x)x^{-p}$ tends to a finite limit as $x \to 0$. In this case we say f(x) vanishes to order p at x = 0. Find the order for $f(x) = \sin^2 2x$ and $g(x) = 1 \cos 3x$.
- **35**. Find $O(x^p)$ for $f(x) = x^3 \sin^3 x$ and $g(x) = x \ln(1+x) 1 + \cos x$.
- **36**. Find real numbers A and α such that

a.
$$\operatorname{Lim}_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{Ax^{\alpha}} = 1$$

b.
$$\operatorname{Lim}_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{Ax^{\alpha}} = 1$$

- **37**. Can we use L'Hopital's rule be used to determine the limit of the sequence, $a_n = n^3 e^{-n^2}$.
- **38**. Can L'Hopital's rule be used to find $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^2 \sin(1/x)}{\sin x}$
- **39**. Suppose *f* is such that for some C > 0, $|f(x) f(y)| \le C|x y|^2$. Prove that *f* is a constant function.
- **40**. Attack or defend the statement "if *f* is differentiable at all *x* and f'(a) = 0 at some point x = a, then *f* is not injective.

- **41**. Show $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 8$ has an inverse and find the derivative of f^{-1} .
- **42**. Suppose $f,g \in D(R)$ and f(0) = g(0). Show that if $f' \leq g'$ on R then $f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all $x \geq 0$.
- **43**. Suppose $f \in D(R)$ and f(0) = 0. Show that if $1 \le f'(x) \le 2$ on R then $x \le f(x) \le 2x$ for all $x \ge 0$.
- **44**. Suppose $f \in D(R)$ and $|f'(x)| < 1 \quad \forall x \text{ For } s_0 \in R \text{ define } s_n = f(s_{n-1}) \text{ for } n = 1, 2, ...$ Show that $\{s_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.
- **45**. Evaluate the following limit: $\lim_{x \to 0} \left[\frac{1}{\sin x} \frac{1}{x} \right]$ **46**. Evaluate the following limit: $\lim_{x \to 0} [\cos x] \frac{1}{x^2}$
- **47**. Evaluate the following limit: $\lim_{x \to 0} \left[\frac{e^{2x} \cos x}{\sin x} \right]$
- **48**. Evaluate the following limit: $\lim_{x \to \infty} [x + e^x] \frac{1}{x}$
- **49**. Evaluate the following limit: $\lim_{x \to \infty} \left[1 + \frac{1}{x} \right]^{2x}$

50. Show that if
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \le 0 \end{cases}$$
 then $f^{(n)}(0) = 0$ for $n = 1, 2, ...$