

# MAT131 Fall 2007 Midterm 1 Review Sheet

The topics tested on Midterm 1 will be among the following.

- (i) Definition, basic properties and graphs of elementary functions: powers, exponentials, logarithms, and trigonometric.
- (ii) The definition, basic properties and graphs of **even** and **odd** functions.
- (iii) The definition and meaning of **increasing** and **decreasing** for functions and graphs.
- (iv) Reflection, translation and scaling of graphs and the corresponding transformation of the functions.
- (v) Definition, basic properties, and graphs of inverse functions. Computation of an inverse function.
- (vi) Definition, basic laws, and techniques for computing limits, one-sided limits, limits using the squeeze theorem, limits equal to infinity, and limits at infinity.
- (vii) Identifying all discontinuity points (both the location and type), the domain of a function, and all vertical and horizontal asymptotes. Application of these notions to curve-sketching.
- (viii) The statement of the Intermediate Value Theorem and its use in finding zeroes of functions.
- (ix) The definition of the derivative as the limit of a difference quotient, and methods for computing derivatives directly from the definition.
- (x) Using the derivative to compute the equations of tangent lines.

Following are some practice problems. More practice problems are in the textbook as well as on the practice midterm.

**Problem 1.** In each of the following cases, determine whether the limit exists as a finite number, and say its value if it is defined. If the limit does not exist as a finite number, determine whether the limit is positive or negative infinity. If the limit does not exist as a finite number or as positive/negative infinity, explain why.

(a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x), \text{ where } f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x}, & x > 0 \\ -\sqrt{-x}, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Solution to (a)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \boxed{0}.$$

(b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x + |x|}{x}.$$

**Solution to (b)**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2x}{x} &= 2, \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{0}{x} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since the one-sided limits exist but are not equal, the limit **does not exist**.

(c)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{x}$$

**Solution to (c)**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{x} = 1. \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{(-x)}{x} = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{x} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{x},$$

thus

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{x} \text{ does not exist.}$$

(d)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 8}{x^2 - 4}$$

**Solution to (d)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x^2-4)}{(x-2)(x+2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2-4}{x+2} = \frac{(2)^2-4}{2+2} = \frac{0}{4} = 0.$$

(e)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln(5^x)}{x}$$

**Solution to (e)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln(5^x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x \ln(5)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln(5)}{1} = \ln(5).$$

(f)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (3x + \sqrt{9x^2 + 6x})$$

**Solution to (f)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (3x + \sqrt{9x^2 + 6x}) = 3 \cdot 0 + \sqrt{9 \cdot 0^2 + 6 \cdot 0} = 0.$$

(g)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2}$$

**Solution to (g)**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x-2}{x-2} = 1. \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{-(x-2)}{x-2} = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2},$$

thus

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} \text{ does not exist.}$$

(i)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 4x + 3}{x^2 - 1}$$

**Solution to (i)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 4x + 3}{x^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x-1)(x-3)(x-1)(x+1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-3}{x+1} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1.$$

(j)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{x}$$

**Solution to (j)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos(0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\cos(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\cos(0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty.$$

Each one-sided limit is defined as  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ , but the two one-sided limits are not the same. Thus

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)}{x} \text{ does not exist,}$$

neither as a finite number nor as  $+\infty$  nor  $-\infty$ .

(k)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos(x)}{x}$$

**Solution to (k)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos(x)}{x} = \cos(0) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = +\infty.$$

(l)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(1/x)$$

**Solution to (l)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(1/x) \text{ does not exist}$$

since in every  $\delta$ -neighborhood of the origin the values oscillate between positive numbers (say  $+1$  when  $x$  equals  $2/(2N+1)\pi$  for  $N$  a sufficiently positive integer), and negative numbers (say  $-1$  when  $x$  equals  $2/(2N-1)\pi$  for  $N$  a sufficiently positive integer).

(m)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^{-3} + 2x^{-1} - 1}{4x^{-3} + 1}$$

**Solution to (m)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^{-3} + 2x^{-1} - 1}{4x^{-3} + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3(3x^{-3} + 2x^{-1} - 1)}{x^3(4x^{-3} + 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 + 2x^2 - x^3}{4 + x^3} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

(n)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4^{1/x}}{2^{1/x}}$$

**Solution to (n)** The fraction is  $2^{2/x} \cdot 2^{-1/x} = 2^{1/x}$ . Also,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 2^{1/x} = +\infty,$$

whereas

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 2^{1/x} = 0.$$

Thus, the **limit does not exist**, neither as a finite number, nor as  $+\infty$  nor  $-\infty$ .

(o)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(x)$$

**Solution to (o)** This limit equals  **$-\infty$** .

(p)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(|x|).$$

**Solution to (p)** By the previous part, this limit equals  $+\infty$ .

(q)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 - 4}$$

**Solution to (q)** By factoring,  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 2)(x - 3)$  and  $x^2 - 4 = (x - 2)(x + 2)$ . Thus,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x - 3}{x + 2} = \frac{2 - 3}{2 + 2} = -1/4.$$

(r)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 9}{2x - 6}$$

**Solution to (r)** By factoring,  $x^2 - 6x + 9 = (x - 3)^2$  and  $2x - 6 = 2(x - 3)$ . Thus,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 9}{2x - 6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x - 3}{2} = \frac{3 - 3}{2} = 0.$$

(s)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(x^2)}$$

**Solution to (s)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(x^2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln(x)}{2 \ln(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{2} = 1/2.$$

(t)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x + 1}{x} + 1 + \frac{x - 1}{x} \right)$$

**Solution to (t)** Clearing denominators gives,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x + 1}{x} + 1 + \frac{x - 1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x + 1}{x} + \frac{x}{x} + \frac{x - 1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x + 1) + x + (x - 1)}{x}.$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x + 1}{x} + 1 + \frac{x - 1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{x} = 3.$$

(u)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x^2+1}{x^3}} \right)$$

**Solution to (u)** Multiplying numerator and denominator by the common factor of  $x^3$  gives,

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x^2+1}{x^3}} = \frac{x^3}{x^2 - (x^2 + 1)} = -x^3$$

for all  $x \neq 0$ . Therefore,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x^2+1}{x^3}} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x^3 = \boxed{0}.$$

(v)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \sqrt{1+x^{-2}} - x^{-1} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( \sqrt{1+x^{-2}} - x^{-1} \right)$$

**Solution to (v)** Using difference of squares,

$$(u - v)(u + v) = u^2 - v^2$$

with the substitutions  $u = \sqrt{1+x^{-2}}$ ,  $v = x^{-1}$  yields,

$$\left( \sqrt{1+x^{-2}} - x^{-1} \right) \left( \sqrt{1+x^{-2}} + x^{-1} \right) = (1+x^{-2}) - x^{-2} = 1.$$

Dividing gives,

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

Thus

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \sqrt{1+x^{-2}} - x^{-1} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}+1} = \boxed{0}.$$

On the other hand, clearly,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( \sqrt{x^2+1} - x \right) = \infty + \infty = \boxed{\infty}.$$

Since the two one-sided limits are 0 and  $\infty$ , the (two-sided) limit does not exist, neither as a finite real number nor as  $+\infty$  nor  $-\infty$ .

(w)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \sqrt{1 + x^{-2}} + x^{-1} \right)$$
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( \sqrt{1 + x^{-2}} + x^{-1} \right)$$

**Solution to (w)** By the same method as above, the first one-sided limit gives  $+\infty$ , and the second one-sided limit gives  $0$ . Thus, the (two-sided) limit does not exist, neither as a finite real number nor as  $+\infty$  nor  $-\infty$ .

(x)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^9 - 1}{x - 1}$$

**Solution to (x)** There are many ways to evaluate this. One method is to use the formula for a geometric sum,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^8) = 1.$$

Notice that the limit as  $x$  approaches 1 equals 9 (this is probably what was originally intended with this problem – the limit as  $x$  approaches 0 is less relevant than the limit as  $x$  approaches 1).

(y)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$$
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{|\sin(x)|}$$

**Solution to (y)** Of course,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sin(x)} = +\infty$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{\sin(x)} = -\infty.$$

Therefore  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1/\sin(x))$  is undefined both as a finite number and as  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .



On the other hand, both

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{|\sin(x)|} = +\infty$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{|\sin(x)|} = +\infty.$$

Therefore  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1/|\sin(x)|)$  equals  $\infty$ .

(z)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(x^2) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\ln(x)]^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Solution to (z)** Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2)$  equals  $0^+$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(x^2) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(y) = -\infty.$$

On the other hand, since

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} z^2 = \infty,$$

also

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\ln(x)]^2 = \infty.$$

**Problem 2** For the following function, state the domain, whether the function is even, odd or neither, and the location and type of any and all discontinuities.

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

**Solution to Problem 2** The domain is the union of  $[-1/2, 0)$  and  $(0, 1/2]$ . The function is odd. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4x^2}}{2x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1^2 - (1 - 4x^2)}{2x(1 + \sqrt{1 - 4x^2})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2}{2x(1 + \sqrt{1 - 4x^2})} = \\ & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4x^2}} = \frac{2 \cdot 0}{1 + \sqrt{1}} = \frac{0}{2} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f(x)$  has a removable discontinuity at  $x = 0$ .

**Problem 3** For each of the following functions, state the domain of the function, and the location and type of any and all discontinuities.

(a)

$$y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2} - x}$$

**Solution to (a)** The function is defined except when  $\sqrt{x^2} - x = 0$ , i.e., when  $x$  is nonnegative. So the domain of the function is precisely the interval  $(-\infty, 0)$ . On this domain, the fraction equals

$$\frac{x}{-x - x} = -1/2.$$

Thus, the function is a constant function on  $(-\infty, 0)$ , hence it is continuous at every point of  $(-\infty, 0)$ .

(b)

$$y = \frac{x + 2}{x^3 + x^2 - 2x}$$

**Solution to (b)** Factoring gives  $x^3 + x^2 - 2x = x(x^2 + x - 2) = x(x - 1)(x + 2)$ . Thus the denominator is 0 for  $x = -2$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ . So  $f(x)$  is undefined when  $x = -2$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ . The discontinuities  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$  are each infinite discontinuities. But since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x + 2}{x(x - 1)(x + 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{1}{x(x - 1)} = \frac{1}{(-2)(-3)} = \frac{1}{6},$$

$x = -2$  is a removable discontinuity.

**Problem 4** Find the equations of all tangent lines to the graph of  $y = x^2$  which contain the point  $(3, 5)$ . Please note this point is *not* on the graph. You may compute the derivative by any (correct) method you know.

**Note.** If this review problem is discussed in lecture, we will draw a picture. For a nice Java applet illustrating this problem, scan down to the “Archimedes triangle” section of [this webpage](#) on the parabola.

**Solution to 4.** The derivative of  $y = x^2$  at  $x = a$  is

$$y'(a) = 2a.$$

Thus the equation of the tangent line to  $y = x^2$  at  $(a, a^2)$  is

$$y - a^2 = 2a(x - a), \quad y = 2ax - a^2.$$

Substituting in  $(x, y) = (3, 5)$ , the point  $(3, 5)$  lies on the tangent line at  $(a, a^2)$  if and only if

$$5 = 2a(3) - a^2.$$

Rewriting gives

$$a^2 - 6a + 5 = 0.$$

This factors as  $(a - 5)(a - 1) = 0$ . Thus  $a = 1$  or  $a = 5$ . The equations of the corresponding tangent lines are

$$y = 2x - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 10x - 25.$$

**Problem 5** In each of the following cases, use the definition of the derivative as a limit of a difference quotient to compute the derivative of  $y = f(x)$  at the point  $x = a$ . Then find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $y = f(x)$  at the point  $(a, f(a))$ .

(a)  $y = \sqrt{x + 1}$  at  $x = 3$

**Solution to (a)** The difference quotient is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{h}(y(3+h) - y(3)) &= \frac{1}{h}(\sqrt{(3+h)+1} - \sqrt{3+1}) = \frac{1}{h}(\sqrt{4+h} - \sqrt{4}) = \\ &= \frac{1}{h} \frac{(4+h) - (4)}{\sqrt{4+h} + \sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+h} + \sqrt{4}} \end{aligned}$$

for  $h \neq 0$ . Therefore

$$y'(3) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h}(y(3+h) - y(3)) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+h} + \sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

So the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - \sqrt{4} = (1/4)(x - 3), \quad y = (1/4)x + (5/4).$$

(b)  $y = x + \frac{1}{x}$  at  $x = -1$

**Solution to (b)** The difference quotient is

$$\frac{1}{h}(y(-1+h) - y(-1)) = \frac{1}{h}((-1+h) + \frac{1}{-1+h} - (-2)) = \frac{1}{h}(1+h + \frac{1}{-1+h}).$$

Clearing denominators gives,

$$\frac{1}{h}(1+h + \frac{1}{-1+h}) = \frac{1}{h} \frac{h^2 - 1}{-1+h} + \frac{1}{-1+h} = \frac{1}{h} \frac{(h^2 - 1) + 1}{-1+h} = \frac{1}{h} \frac{h^2}{-1+h} = \frac{h}{-1+h}.$$

Therefore,

$$y'(-1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{-1+h} = \mathbf{0}.$$

So the equation of the tangent line is

$$\mathbf{y = -2.}$$

(c)  $y = x^3 + x^2$  at  $x = -2$

**Solution to (c)** The difference quotient is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{h}(y(2+h) - y(2)) &= \frac{1}{h}((2+h)^3 + (2+h)^2 - 12) = \frac{1}{h}((8+12h+6h^2+h^3) + (4+4h+h^2) - 12) = \\ &= \frac{1}{h}(16h + 7h^2 + h^3) = 16 + 7h + h^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y'(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (16 + 7h + h^2) = \mathbf{16}.$$

So the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - 12 = 16(x - 2), \quad \mathbf{y = 16x - 20}.$$

(d)  $y = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$  at  $x = 0$

**Solution to (d)** The difference quotient is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{h}(y(h) - y(0)) &= \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{h+1}{h-1} - (-1) \right) = \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{h+1}{h-1} + \frac{h-1}{h-1} \right) = \frac{1}{h} \frac{(h+1) + (h-1)}{h-1} = \\ &= \frac{1}{h} \frac{2h}{h-1} = \frac{2}{h-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{h-1} = -2.$$

So the equation of the tangent line is

$$y + 1 = -2x, \quad y = -2x - 1.$$

**Problem 6** Use the definition of the derivative as a limit of a difference quotient to compute the derivative of  $y = x^2 + \ln(1) \sin(x)$  at the point  $x = 7$ .

**Solution to Problem 6** Since  $\ln(1)$  equals 0, this is the same as  $y = x^2$ . The difference quotient is

$$\frac{y(7+h) - y(7)}{h} = \frac{(7+h)^2 - 7^2}{h} = \frac{(49 + 14h + h^2) - 49}{h} = \frac{14h + h^2}{h} = 14+h$$

for  $h \neq 0$ . Thus

$$y'(7) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(7+h) - y(7)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (14+h) = 14.$$

**Problem 7** Use the definition of the derivative as a limit of a difference quotient to compute the derivative at  $x = 0$  for the following function

$$y = \begin{cases} x^2, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ -x^2, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

**Note.** The derivative is defined at this point.

**Solution to Problem 7** For  $h > 0$ , the difference quotient is

$$\frac{y(h) - y(0)}{h} = \frac{h^2 - 0}{h} = h.$$

And for  $h < 0$ , the difference quotient is

$$\frac{y(h) - y(0)}{h} = \frac{-h^2 - 0}{h} = -h.$$

Thus

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{y(h) - y(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0,$$

and

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{y(h) - y(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (-h) = 0.$$

Since

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{y(h) - y(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{y(h) - y(0)}{h} = 0,$$

also

$$y'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(h) - y(0)}{h} = \mathbf{0}.$$

**Problem 8** Determine whether or not the following function is continuous at  $x = 0$ .

$$y = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(1/x), & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Also determine whether or not the derivative of  $y = f(x)$  is defined at  $x = 0$ . If it is defined, compute it. If it is not defined, explain why not.

**Solution to Problem 8** The function is squeezed between  $+x^2$  and  $-x^2$  since  $\sin(1/x)$  is trapped between  $+1$  and  $-1$ . Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x^2) = 0,$$

by the Squeeze Theorem,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin(1/x) = 0.$$

Since  $y(0) = 0$  also,  $y$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ .

Moreover,  $(y(h) - y(0))/h = h \sin(1/h)$  for  $h \neq 0$ . Since this is squeezed between  $|h|$  and  $-|h|$ , and since

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |h| = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (-|h|) = 0,$$

also the derivative

$$y'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin(1/h) = \mathbf{0}$$

by the Squeeze Theorem.

**Problem 9** In each of the following cases, use the definition of the derivative as a limit of a difference quotient to compute the *derivative function*.

(a)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}, \text{ for } x \neq 3, f'(x) = ?$$

**Solution to (a)** By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{1}{(x+h)+3} - \frac{1}{x+3} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \frac{(x+3) - (x+h+3)}{(x+h+3)(x+3)} = \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \frac{-h}{(x+h+3)(x+3)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(x+h+3)(x+3)} = \boxed{-1/(x+3)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$g(x) = 2x^2 - 4, \quad g'(x) = ?$$

**Solution to (b)** By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2(x+h)^2 - 4) - (2x^2 - 4)}{h} = \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - 4) - 2x^2 + 4}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4xh + 2h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (4x + 2h) = \boxed{4x}. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$f(x) = \sqrt{2x-7}, \quad f'(x) = ?$$

**Solution to (c)** By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} (\sqrt{2x+2h-7} - \sqrt{2x-7}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \frac{(2x+2h-7) - (2x-7)}{\sqrt{2x+2h-7} + \sqrt{2x-7}} = \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2x+2h-7} + \sqrt{2x-7}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{2x-7}} = \boxed{1/\sqrt{2x-7}}. \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$i(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x-1}, \quad i'(x) = ?$$

**Solution to (d)** By definition,

$$i'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{1}{x+h+1} - \frac{1}{x+h-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1} \right) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{x+1}{(x+1)(x+h+1)} - \frac{x-1}{(x+h-1)(x-1)} - \frac{x+h+1}{(x+1)(x+h+1)} + \frac{x+h-1}{(x-1)(x+h-1)} \right) = \\
& \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{(x+1) - (x+h+1)}{(x+1)(x+h+1)} - \frac{(x-1) - (x+h-1)}{(x-1)(x+h-1)} \right) = \\
& \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{-h}{(x+1)(x+h+1)} - \frac{-h}{(x-1)(x+h-1)} \right) = \\
& \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{(x-1)(x+h-1)} - \frac{1}{(x+1)(x+h+1)} \right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{(x-1)^2} - \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 10** Sketch the graph of a function  $f(x)$  satisfying all of the following properties.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 1$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 0$
3.  $f(1) = 1$
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 2$
5.  $f(-2) = 4$
6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = -\infty$
7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = \infty$
8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -1$

**Problem 11** In each of the following cases, say whether the statement is true or false for an everywhere continuous function  $f(x)$  satisfying the stated hypothesis. If the statement is false, sketch a graph demonstrating it is false.

1. If  $y = f(x)$  is increasing, then  $y = -f(x)$  is increasing. **FALSE**
2. If  $y = f(x)$  is increasing, then  $y = -f(x)$  is decreasing. **TRUE**
3. If  $y = f(x)$  is increasing, then  $y = f(-x)$  is increasing. **FALSE**
4. If  $y = f(x)$  is increasing, then  $y = f(-x)$  is decreasing. **TRUE**
5. If  $y = f(x)$  is even, it cannot be everywhere decreasing. **TRUE**



6. If  $y = f(x)$  is odd, it cannot be everywhere decreasing. **FALSE**
7. An inverse function  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  defined on an interval  $[a, b]$  cannot be both increasing on  $(a, c)$  and decreasing on  $(c, b)$ . **TRUE**
8. If there exists a function  $y = g(x)$  defined on the set of all real numbers whose restriction to the range of  $f(x)$  is an inverse of  $f(x)$ , then the domain of the inverse of  $f(x)$  is the set of all real numbers and  $g(x)$  satisfies the Horizontal Line Test on the domain of all real numbers. **FALSE**