Quiz 5-T
2017-11-16

For each computation of limits in this test, if the limit does not exist, indicate whether it diverges to $-\infty$ or $+\infty$. 
1. Each part of this question is worth 1 mark.

(a) (1pt) Find the $x$-coordinates of the local minimum points of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 5$ defined on the whole real line.

Solution. We have $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3 = 3(x - 1)(x + 1)$. Hence the critical points are 1 and $-1$. We also have no singular point. Using the second derivative test, we get: $f''(x) = 6x$, $f''(1) = 6 > 0$ and $f''(-1) = -6 < 0$. Hence $x = 1$ is the local minimum of $f(x)$.

(b) (1pt) Let $T_3(x)$ be the third degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 0$ of $g(x) = \frac{x}{1+x}$. Evaluate $T_3'(0)$.

Solution. We have $T_3'(0) = g'(0)$ so we just need to compute $g'(0)$. By direct calculations, we get

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{(1 + x)^2}$$

Hence $T_3'(0) = g'(0) = 1$. 

2. You have to show all your work in order to get credit.

(a) (2pt) Find the $x$-coordinates of the global maximum points of $h(x) = x^5 - 5x + 5$ on $[0, 2]$.

Solution. By the Extreme Value Theorem, the candidates for the global maxima are:
+ end points: 0 and 2
+ critical points: $h'(c) = 5c^4 - 5 = 0$. Hence $c^4 = 1$ so $c = 1$ and $-1$. But $-1$ is not in the interval $[0, 2]$. So 1 is the only critical point in this case.
+ singular points: NONE

So we have three candidates for the global maximum: 0, 1 and 2. Also, $h(0) = 5; h(1) = 1$ and $h(2) = 32 - 10 + 5 = 27$. Hence the coordinate of the global maximum is $(2, 27)$.

(b) (2pt) Let $T_n(x)$ be the $n$th degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 0$ for the function $f(x) = \sin(x)$. Determine whether $T_{99}(0.1)$ gives an underestimate or overestimate of $\sin(0.1)$. Justify your answer.

Solution. $T_n(0.1)$ gives an underestimate of $\sin(0.1)$ when $R_n(0.1) = \sin(0.1) - T_n(0.1) > 0$. Similarly, $T_n(0.1)$ gives an overestimate of $\sin(0.1)$ when $R_n(0.1) = \sin(0.1) - T_n(0.1) < 0$.

By the Lagrange Remainder Theorem, we obtain $R_{99}(0.1) = \frac{f^{(100)}(c)}{100!} (0.1)^{100}$ for some $c$ between 0 and 0.1.

We have that (note the patterns):

$f^{(0)}(c) = f^{(4)}(c) = f^{(8)}(c) = ... = f^{(4j)}(c) = \sin(c)$

$f^{(1)}(c) = f^{(5)}(c) = f^{(9)}(c) = ... = f^{(4j+1)}(c) = \cos(c)$

$f^{(2)}(c) = f^{(6)}(c) = f^{(10)}(c) = ... = f^{(4j+2)}(c) = -\sin(c)$

$k^{(3)}(c) = k^{(7)}(c) = f^{(11)}(c) = ... = f^{(4j+3)}(c) = -\cos(c)$

for $j = 0, 1, 2, ...$

Thus $f^{(100)}(c) = f^{(4*25)}(c) = \sin c > 0$ since $c$ is between 0 and 0.1 (which means $c$ is in the first quadrant). Hence $R_{99}(0.1) > 0$ which means that $T_{99}(0.1)$ gives an underestimate of $\sin(0.1)$.
3. You have to show all your work in order to get credit.

Let \( \ell(x) = x^4 + 6x^2 + 4x + 2 \).

(a) (2pt) Prove that \( \ell(x) \) has at least one critical point.

(b) (2pt) Prove that \( \ell(x) \) has at most one critical point.

Solution. \( \ell(x) = x^4 + 6x^2 + 4x + 2 \) has exactly one critical point means that \( f(x) = \ell'(x) = 4x^3 + 12x + 4 = 0 \) has exactly one root.

Step 1: AT LEAST ONE root using IVT.

We have that the function \( f(x) \) is continuous and differentiable everywhere. Also, \( f(0) = 4 \) and \( f(-1) = -12 \). So by the IVT, \( f(x) = 0 \) has at least one root \( c \) in \([-1, 0]\).

Step 2: AT MOST ONE root using MVT.

Suppose that there is another root \( d \) (that is \( f(d) = 0 \)). Then by MVT (or Rolle’s Theorem), there is some \( z \) between \( c \) and \( d \) such that
\[ f'(z) = \frac{f(d) - f(c)}{d - c} = 0. \]
Compute \( f'(x) = 12x^2 + 12 \). Hence \( 12z^2 + 12 = 0 \), that is \( z^2 = -1 \) which is impossible. So there is no other real root of \( f(x) \).
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1. Each part of this question is worth 1 mark.

(a) (1pt) Find the $x$-coordinates of the local maximum points of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 1$ defined on the whole real line.

Solution. We have $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12 = 3(x^2 - 4) = 3(x - 2)(x + 2)$. Hence the critical points are 2 and $-2$. We also have no singular point. Using the second derivative test, we get: $f''(x) = 6x$, $f''(2) = 12 > 0$ and $f''(-2) = -12 < 0$. Hence $x = -2$ is the $x$-coordinate of the local maximum of $f(x)$.

(b) (1pt) Let $T_3(x)$ be the third degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 1$ of $g(x) = x^2e^x$. Evaluate $T_3'(1)$.

Solution. We have $T_3'(1) = g'(1)$ so we just need to compute $g'(1)$. By direct calculations, we get

$$g'(x) = 2xe^x + x^2e^x$$

Hence $T_3'(1) = g'(1) = 3e$. 

2. You have to show all your work in order to get credit.

(a) (2pt) Find the $x$-coordinates of the global minimum points of $h(x) = 3x^4 - 8x^3 + 6x^2 + 1$ on $[-1, 1]$.

**Solution.** By the Extreme Value Theorem, the candidates for the global minima are:

+ end points: -1 and 1
+ critical points: $h'(c) = 12c^3 - 24c^2 + 12 = 12(c - 1)^2 = 0$. Hence $c = 0$ and $c = 1$ (already an endpoint).
+ singular points: NONE

We have three candidates for the global maximum: -1, 0 and 1. Compute, $h(-1) = 18$, $h(0) = 1$ and $h(1) = 2$. The $x$-coordinate of the global minimum is $x = 0$.

(b) (2pt) Let $T_n(x)$ be the $n$th degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 0$ for the function $f(x) = \sin(x)$. Determine whether $T_{101}(0.1)$ gives an underestimate or overestimate of $\sin(0.1)$. Justify your answer.

**Solution.** $T_n(0.1)$ gives an **underestimate** of $\sin(0.1)$ when

$$R_n(0.1) = \sin(0.1) - T_n(0.1) > 0$$

Similarly, $T_n(0.1)$ gives an **overestimate** of $\sin(0.1)$ when

$$R_n(0.1) = \sin(0.1) - T_n(0.1) < 0$$

By the Lagrange Remainder Theorem, we obtain

$$R_{101}(0.1) = \frac{f^{(102)}(c)}{102!}(0.1)^{102}$$

for some $c$ between 0 and 0.1. Compute:

$$f^{(0)}(c) = f^{(4)}(c) = f^{(8)}(c) = ... = f^{(4j)}(c) = \sin(c)$$

$$f^{(1)}(c) = f^{(5)}(c) = f^{(9)}(c) = ... = f^{(4j+1)}(c) = \cos(c)$$

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$$f^{(3)}(c) = f^{(7)}(c) = f^{(11)}(c) = ... = f^{(4j+3)}(c) = -\cos(c)$$

for $j = 0, 1, 2, ...$

Thus $f^{(102)}(c) = f^{(4 \cdot 25 + 2)}(c) = -\sin c < 0$ since $c$ is between 0 and 0.1 (which means $c$ is in the first quadrant). Hence $R_{101}(0.1) < 0$ which means that $T_{101}(0.1)$ gives an overestimate of $\sin(0.1)$. 

3. You have to show all your work in order to get credit.
Let \( \ell(x) = x^6 + 4x^2 + x + 2 \).

(a) (2pt) Prove that \( \ell(x) \) has at least one critical point.

(b) (2pt) Prove that \( \ell(x) \) has at most one critical point.

Solution. \( \ell(x) = x^6 + 4x^2 + x + 2 \) has exactly one critical point means that \( f(x) = \ell'(x) = 6x^5 + 8x + 1 = 0 \) has exactly one root.

Step 1: AT LEAST ONE root using IVT.
We have that the function \( f(x) \) is continuous and differentiable everywhere. Also, \( f(0) = 1 \) and \( f(-1) = -13 \). So by the IVT, \( f(x) = 0 \) has at least one root \( c \) in \([-1, 0]\).

Step 2: AT MOST ONE root using MVT.
Suppose that there is another root \( d \) (that is \( f(d) = 0 \)). Then by MVT (or Rolle’s Theorem), there is some \( z \) between \( c \) and \( d \) such that \( f'(z) = \frac{f(d) - f(c)}{d - c} = 0 \). Compute \( f'(x) = 30x^4 + 8 \). Since \( x^4 \geq 0 \), \( f'(x) > 0 \) for all \( x \). There is no other real root of \( f(x) \).