
MIDTERM 2

Math 3A
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Read all of the following information before starting the exam:

- Check your exam to make sure all pages are present.
- Show all work, clearly and in order, if you want to get full credit. I reserve the right to take off points if I cannot see how you arrived at your answer (even if your final answer is correct).
- Whenever you invoke a theorem to justify a result, make sure to clearly identify all premises of the theorem, show that they are true, and specify which theorem you are using.
- Circle or otherwise indicate your final answers.
- Good luck!

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5	20	
Total	100	

1. (20 points) Find the specified derivatives of the following functions:

(a) $\frac{d}{dx} e^{\sin \sqrt{\tan x}}$

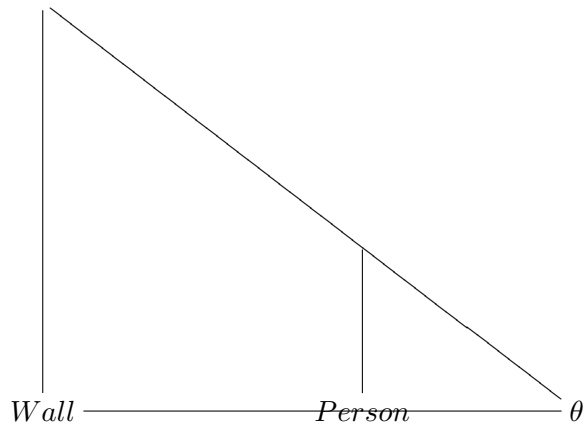
(b) $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{(t^2+t+7)e^t \sin t \cos t}{\sqrt{t+3}}$

(c) $\frac{d}{dx} f^{-1}(x)$ where $f(t) = \frac{\sin t}{1+t^2}$ (remember $f^{-1}(x)$ is the inverse of $f(t)$, so $f^{-1}(f(t)) = t$ and $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$)

(d) $\frac{d^2}{dr^2} [r^7 + 7r^6 + 5r]$

(e) $\frac{d^{100}}{dx^{100}} x e^x$

2. (20 points) A spotlight is 30 feet from a wall. A 6 foot tall person is between the spotlight and the wall, walking towards the wall at 10 feet per minute. The person casts a shadow on the wall, caused by the spotlight. (Note that this question has a total of 5 parts.)



(a) Write an equation giving the relationship between the angle θ and the distance between the person and the spotlight.

(b) Write an equation giving the relationship between the angle θ and the height of the person's shadow.

(c) When the person's shadow is 18 feet tall, how far is the person from the spotlight?

(d) Write an equation relating the rate of change of θ to the distance between the person and the spotlight and the rate the person is moving towards the wall.

(e) How quickly is the angle θ changing when the person's shadow is 18 feet tall, and in which direction? (For full credit, do NOT leave unevaluated trig expressions in the answer.)

3. (20 points) Let c be a constant. Approximate the value of $e^{0.1 \cdot c}$ using a linearization.

4. (20 points) (a) Consider the function $f(x) = x^{2/3}$, so $f(-1) = f(1) = 1$, but there is no point where $f'(x) = 0$. Why doesn't this contradict the Mean Value Theorem?

(b) Sketch an example of a function which is defined on the interval $[0, 1]$ and has both a local minimum and a local maximum in this interval, but has neither a global minimum nor a global maximum on this interval. (You don't need to be able to write down a formula for the function—you can make up any function as long as you can represent it in a sketch.)

5. (20 points) This problem concerns the function

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

The following information may be useful:

- $f'(x) = -\frac{x+3}{(x-1)^3}$
- $f''(x) = \frac{2x+10}{(x-1)^4}$

(a) Identify the points where f is 0 or undefined, and the intervals where f is positive or negative.

(b) Identify the critical points of f , and the intervals where f is increasing or decreasing.

(c) Identify the inflection points of f , and the intervals where f is concave up or concave down.

(d) Determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$

(e) Determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$

(f) Determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$

(g) Determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$

(h) Describe all asymptotes (horizontal, vertical, or oblique) of f

(i) Sketch a graph of f . Be sure to indicate all zeros, critical points, inflection points, and asymptotes of f .