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**Midterm 1 - 02/27/03**  
**Calculus I - V63.0121**  
Masmoudi–Schneiderman–Wendl

*Instructions: This midterm should be taken in 70 minutes without text or notes.*

1. (15pts.) Compute each derivative:

a)  $f(x) = e^{\sin x}$  ANSWER:  $f'(x) = e^{\sin x}(\sin x)' = e^{\sin x}(\cos x)$

b)  $g(x) = e^x \cos(x)$  ANSWER:  $g'(x) = e^x \cos(x) + e^x(-\sin(x))$

c)  $h(x) = 8x^5 - 3x^4 + x^3 + 2$  ANSWER:  $h'(x) = 40x^4 - 12x^3 + 3x^2$

2. (10 pts.) By writing down an equation or sketching a graph, give an example of a differentiable function whose derivative is *never* equal to zero. ANSWER: E.g.  $f(x) = x$ ,  $f'(x) = 1 \neq 0$ .

Then give an example of a differentiable function whose derivative is *always* equal to zero. ANSWER: E.g.  $f(x) = 1$ ,  $f'(x) = 0$ .

3. (10pts.) Is the following function continuous? Justify your answer.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-4}{x+2} & \text{if } x \neq -2 \\ -4 & \text{if } x = -2 \end{cases}$$

ANSWER: Yes, for  $x \neq -2$   $f$  is a rational function whose denominator is never 0 and for  $x = -2$  we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2-4}{x+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{x+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (x-2) = -4 = f(-2)$ .

4. (10pts.) Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of the function  $F(x) = 1 - e^x$  at the point  $(1, 1 - e)$ . ANSWER: Eq of tangent line at  $(a, F(a))$  is  $y - F(a) = F'(a)(x - a)$ . For  $(a, F(a)) = (1, 1 - e)$  we have  $y - (1 - e) = -e(x - 1)$  since  $F'(x) = -e^x$  so  $F'(1) = -e^1 = -e$ .

5. (10pts.) At which points are the tangent lines to the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 2x + 99$  horizontal? ANSWER: Horizontal tangents occur where  $y' = 0$ .  $y' = x^2 - x - 2 = (x - 2)(x + 1)$  so  $y' = 0$  when  $x = 2$  and  $x = -1$  (that is, at the points  $(2, 1/3 \cdot 2^3 - 1/2 \cdot 2^2 - 2 \cdot 2 + 99)$  and  $(-1, 1/3 \cdot (-1)^3 - 1/2 \cdot (-1)^2 - 2 \cdot (-1) + 99)$ ).

6. (5pts.) Compute the limit  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{3\theta}$ . ANSWER:  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{3\theta} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{3} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2\theta} = \frac{2}{3} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2\theta} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1 = \frac{2}{3}$ .

7. (20pts.) Differentiate each function:

a)  $f(x) = (3x)(\sin x)(e^x)$  ANSWER:  $f'(x) = (3x)'(\sin x \cdot e^x) + (3x)(\sin x \cdot e^x)' = (3)(\sin x \cdot e^x) + (3x)(\cos x \cdot e^x + \sin x \cdot e^x) = 3(\sin x)e^x + 3x(\cos x)e^x + 3x(\sin x)e^x$ .

b)  $g(x) = \cos(\sin(e^x))$  ANSWER:  $g'(x) = -\sin(\sin(e^x)) \cdot (\sin(e^x))' = -\sin(\sin(e^x)) \cdot \cos(e^x)(e^x)$ .

8. (20pts.) Consider the following function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

a) Compute the derivative of  $f$  when  $x \neq 0$ . ANSWER: For  $x \neq 0$ ,  $f'(x) = 2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + x^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ .

b) Does  $f'(0)$  exist? If so, calculate it. ANSWER:  $f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$  by Squeeze Theorem since  $-x \leq x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq x$  and both  $-x$  and  $x$  go to 0 as  $x$  goes to 0.

c) Is  $f'$  continuous everywhere? Explain your answer. ANSWER:  $f'(x)$  is NOT continuous at  $x = 0$  because the limit as  $x$  goes to 0 of  $f'(x) = 2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  does not exist. ( $2x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  goes to 0 but  $-\cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  oscillates between  $\pm 1$ .)