

Review Questions for Midterm 1

Midterm 1 will be held in-class on Wednesday, 14 October.

1. Find the following limits (some of them may be $\pm\infty$).

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}}{(x-3)} & \text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 16} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 4}{x - 16} \\ \text{c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^4 + 6}}{5x^2 + \sin(x)} \quad \text{e) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{x^2 - 5x} - x \\ \text{f) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x-2}{(x-3)(x-4)} & \text{g) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x-2}{(x-3)(x-4)} \end{array}$$

2. (a) State the delta-epsilon definition of continuity.
(b) Use delta-epsilon definition of continuity to show that the function $f(x) = x^2$ is continuous.
(c) Use delta-epsilon definition of continuity to show that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

is not continuous at $x = 0$.

3. State the intermediate and maximum value theorems.

4. Show that $2^x = x^3$ for some positive value of x .

5. Consider the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 4 - x^2 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ x + a & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$. Find the value of a for which $f(x)$ is continuous for all x . Sketch f and f' . Is f' continuous?

6. Use the definition of the derivative as a limit to find the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{5}{x}$ and $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

7. Let $f(x) = |x - 2|$. Sketch $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$. At which points is f continuous? What about f' ?

8. Find the derivatives of the following functions. Simplify as appropriate.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(a) } y = (\sqrt{x} - 3x^3)x^{-5} + \cos(3) & \text{(b) } y = \sin(x^2 \cos(x)) \\ \text{(c) } y = \sqrt{5x^2 + 3} & \text{(d) } y = \left(\frac{2x-1}{3x+1}\right)^4 \quad \text{(e) } y = \frac{x-5}{(x-1)(x-4)}. \end{array}$$

9. Sketch the graph of functions (c), (d) and (e) from the preceding question. Indicate any max/min and asymptotes. DO NOT use a computer.

10. (a) State the mean value theorem.

(b) A function $f(x)$ satisfies $f(0) = 0$, $f(1) = 2$ and $f(2) = -1$. It is known that f is differentiable everywhere. Show that $f'(c) = 0$ for some number c . Give complete justification, specifying any relevant theorems.

(c) Prove that the function $f(x) = x^2 - \cos x$ satisfies $f'(x) = 0$ for precisely two numbers x .