

*“Forget perfect on the first try. In the face of frustration, your best tool is a few deep breaths, and remembering that you can do anything once you’ve practiced two hundred times.”*

Name and section: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Consider the solid obtained by rotating the region  $R$  bounded by  $y = x^3$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $x = 1$  about  $x = 2$ .

- (a) Sketch the region  $R$  and the solid.

**Solution:** You’re on your own! Check with a graphing calculator.

- (b) Compute the volume of the solid using washers.

**Solution:** To use washers we’ll have to slice  $R$  horizontally, so the slices are indexed by  $y$ . The inner radius of the washer at  $y$  is always 1 and the outer radius is  $2 - \sqrt[3]{y}$ , so we get

$$V = \int_0^1 \pi \left( (2 - \sqrt[3]{y})^2 - 1^2 \right) dy \quad (1)$$

$$= \pi \int_0^1 \left( y^{2/3} - 2y^{1/3} + 3 \right) dy \quad (2)$$

$$= \pi \left( \frac{3}{5} y^{5/3} - 4 \frac{3}{4} y^{4/3} + 3y \right) \Big|_0^1 \quad (3)$$

$$= \pi \left( \frac{3}{5} - 3 + 3 \right) \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{5}. \quad (5)$$

- (c) Compute the volume of the solid using shells.

**Solution:** To use shells we’ll have to slice  $R$  vertically, so the slices are indexed by  $x$ . The radius of the shell at  $x$  is always  $2 - x$  and the height is  $x^3$ , so we get

$$V = \int_0^1 2\pi(2-x)x^3 dx \quad (6)$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 (2x^3 - x^4) dx \quad (7)$$

$$= 2\pi \left( \frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^1 \quad (8)$$

$$= 2\pi \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{5} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{5}. \quad (10)$$

2. Consider the function  $f(x) = x^3 - x$ .

(a) Find the intervals of increase and decrease of  $f$ .

**Solution:**  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 1$ , so the critical points are  $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ . The derivative is positive (so  $f$  is increasing) when  $x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  or  $x < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  and negative (so  $f$  is decreasing) when  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

(b) Find the local maxima and minima of  $f$ .

**Solution:** From the above calculations, it follows by the first derivative test that  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  is a local minimum and  $x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  is a local maximum.

(c) Find the intervals of concavity and the inflection points.

**Solution:**  $f''(x) = 6x$ , so the only inflection point is  $x = 0$ . The second derivative is positive (so  $f$  is concave up) when  $x > 0$  and negative (so  $f$  is concave down) when  $x < 0$ .

(d) Sketch a graph of  $f$ .

**Solution:** Graphing calculator!

3. A ladder 10 ft long rests against a vertical wall. If the bottom of the ladder slides away from the wall at a rate of 1 ft/s, how fast is the top of the ladder sliding down the wall when the bottom of the ladder is 6 ft from the wall?

**Solution:** The ladder, together with the wall and the floor, forms the hypotenuse of a right triangle. Let  $x(t)$ ,  $y(t)$ ,  $z(t)$  denote the lengths of the sides of this triangle at a time  $t$  (with  $x$  the side parallel to the  $x$ -axis,  $y$  the side parallel to the  $y$ -axis, and  $z$  the hypotenuse / ladder). By the Pythagorean theorem, we know that

$$x^2 + y^2 = z^2. \quad (11)$$

Differentiating (since this is a related rates problem!) we get

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 2z \frac{dz}{dt}. \quad (12)$$

Now we use the information given in the problem. First, we're given that  $z = 10$ , and in particular  $z$  is constant, so  $\frac{dz}{dt} = 0$ . Second, we're given that  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$  all the time. Finally, at a particular time  $t_0$  we're told that  $x(t_0) = 6$  and asked to find  $\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0}$ . Altogether, this gives

$$6^2 + y(t_0)^2 = 10^2 \quad (13)$$

$$2 \cdot 6 \cdot 1 + 2y(t_0) \frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} = 0. \quad (14)$$

Hence  $y(t_0) = 8$  and

$$\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} = -\frac{2 \cdot 6}{2 \cdot 8} = -\frac{3}{4}. \quad (15)$$

4. (a) State the precise definition of the derivative  $f'(a)$ .

**Solution:**  $f'(a)$  is the value of the limit

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \quad (16)$$

or equivalently it is the value of the limit

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}. \quad (17)$$

The two limits are related by the substitution  $x = a + h$ .

- (b) Directly from the definition of a derivative, show that if  $f(x) = x^2$  then  $f'(2) = 4$ .

**Solution:** We will show more generally that  $f'(a) = 2a$ . To see this using the first definition, use difference of squares:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x - a} \quad (18)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x-a)(x+a)}{x-a} \quad (19)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x+a) \quad (20)$$

$$= 2a. \quad (21)$$

To see this using the second definition, just expand and cancel as appropriate:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(a+h)^2 - a^2}{h} \quad (22)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^2 + 2ah + h^2 - a^2}{h} \quad (23)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2ah + h^2}{h} \quad (24)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2a + h) \quad (25)$$

$$= 2a. \quad (26)$$