

MATH 1A MIDTERM 2 (001)
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INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED

**YOU MAY USE YOUR OWN BLANK
PAPER FOR ROUGH WORK**

**SO AS NOT TO DISTURB OTHER
STUDENTS, EVERYONE MUST STAY
UNTIL THE EXAM IS COMPLETE**

**REMEMBER THIS EXAM IS GRADED BY
A HUMAN BEING. WRITE YOUR
SOLUTIONS NEATLY AND
COHERENTLY, OR THEY RISK NOT
RECEIVING FULL CREDIT**

**THIS EXAM WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY
SCANNED. MAKE SURE YOU WRITE ALL
SOLUTIONS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.
YOU MAY WRITE SOLUTIONS ON THE
BLANK PAGE AT THE BACK BUT BE
SURE TO CLEARLY LABEL THEM**

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This exam consists of 5 questions. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. Calculate the following:

(a) (10 points)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{2^x} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{2^x} \right) &= \frac{\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 - 1) \cdot 2^x - (x^2 - 1) \frac{d}{dx} (2^x)}{(2^x)^2} \\ &= \frac{2x \cdot 2^x - (x^2 - 1) \ln(2) \cdot 2^x}{(2^x)^2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) (15 points)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (2x)^x$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (2x)^x \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln(2x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(2x)}{1/x} \\ &\stackrel{\text{L'Hospital}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{2}{2x}}{\frac{-1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (2x)^x = e^0 = 1$$

2. (25 points) Between November 13th 2019 and November 13th 2022, a radioactive material will lose 40% of its mass. Over what length of time will the material lose 80% of its mass? You do not need to simplify your answer.

Solution:

$$M(t) = Ce^{kt} = \text{mass at time } t$$

$t=0$ 11/13/19
in years

$$M(3) = 0.6M(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow Ce^{3k} = 0.6C$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{3k} = 0.6$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln(0.6)}{3}$$

$$M(t) = 0.2M(0) \Rightarrow Ce^{\frac{\ln(0.6)}{3}t} = 0.2C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ln(0.6)}{3}t = \ln(0.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{3\ln(0.2)}{\ln(0.6)}$$

3. (25 points) Let f be a function which is differentiable on \mathbb{R} . Assume that

$$|f'(x)| < 2 \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}$$

If $f(1) = 2$, what are the possible values of $f(3)$?

Solution:

$$\text{M. V. T. } \Rightarrow \frac{f(3) - f(1)}{3 - 1} = f'(c) \text{ for some } c \text{ in } (1, 3)$$

$$|f'(c)| < 2 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{f(3) - f(1)}{3 - 1} \right| < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 < \frac{f(3) - 2}{2} < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 < f(3) < 6$$

Conclusion : $f(3)$ can take any value in $(-2, 6)$

4. (25 points) Sketch the following curve. Be sure to indicate asymptotes, local maxima and minima and concavity. Show your working on this page and draw the graph on the next page.

$$y = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 3}{x + 1} = f(x)$$

Solution:

Domain : $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$

Odd/Even : Neither

Vertical Asymptotes :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^{+}} x^2 + 3x + 3 = 1 > 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^{+}} x + 1 = 0^{+}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^{-}} x + 1 = 0^{-}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^{+}} f(x) = \infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^{-}} f(x) = -\infty \end{array} \right\}$$

Behavior at $\pm \infty$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 3}{x^2 + x} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \quad // \quad \infty$$

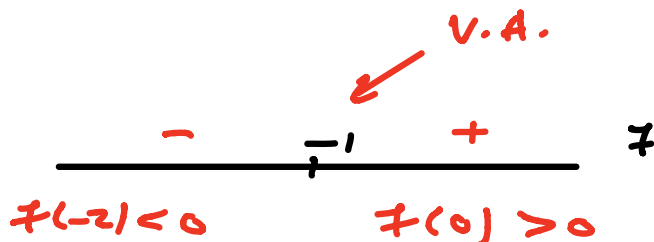
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} f(x) - x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{\cancel{x^2} + 3x + 3 - \cancel{x^2} - x}{x + 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{2x + 3}{x + 1} = 2 = b$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 3}{x + 1}$$

A/ None ($x^2 + 3x + 3 \neq 0$)

B/ $x = -1$



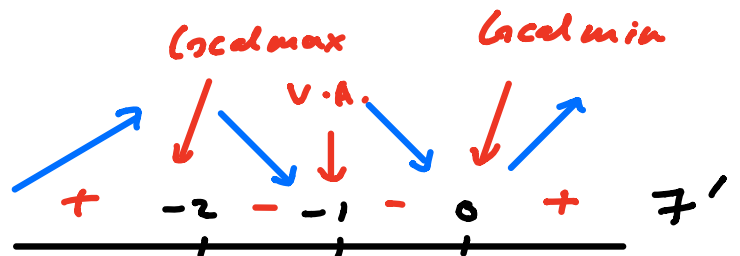
Solution (continued) :

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

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

A/ $x^2 + 2x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0, -2$

B/ $x = -1$

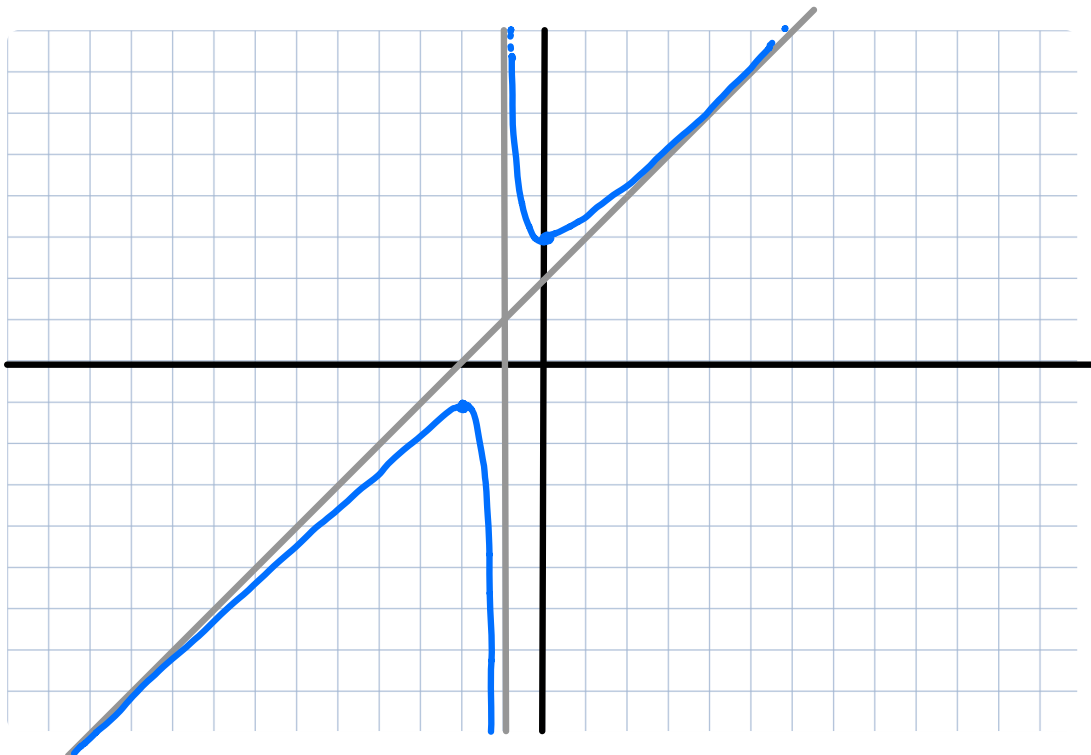
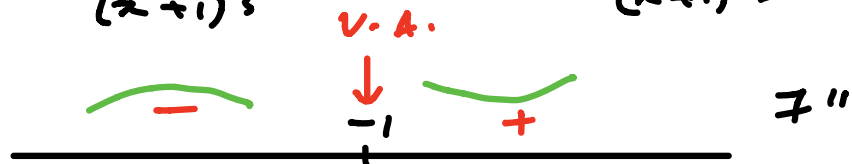


$$f''(x) = \frac{(2x+2)(x+1)^2 - (x^2+2x) \cdot 2(x+1)}{(x+1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{(2x+2)(x+1) - 2(x^2+2x)}{(x+1)^3} = \frac{2}{(x+1)^3}$$

A/ None

B/ $x = -1$



$$f(0) = 3$$

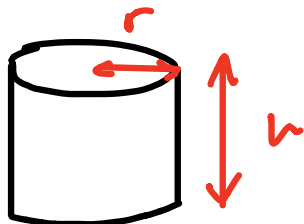
$$f(-2) = -1$$

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5. (25 points) A company plans to package its product in a cylinder that is open at one end. The cylinder must have volume 27π cm³. If materials cost 2 dollars per square centimeter, what is the minimum possible cost of producing a single cylinder? You do not need to simplify your answer.

Solution:

Objective : Minimize cost



$$\text{Objective : } 2(\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h)$$

$$\text{Constraint : Volume} = 27\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi r^2 h = 27\pi$$

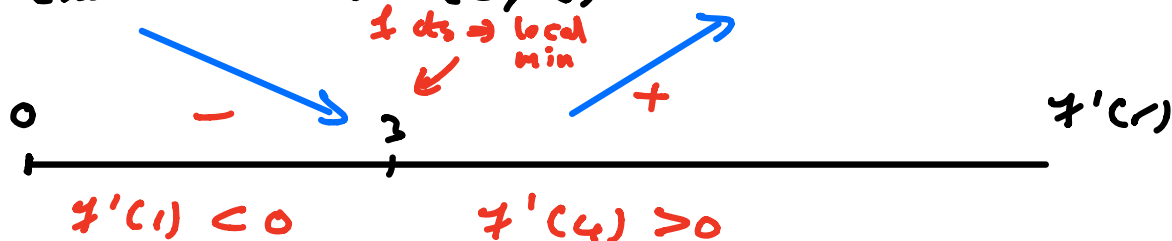
$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{27}{r^2} \Rightarrow 2(\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h) = 2\left(\pi r^2 + \frac{54\pi}{r}\right) = f(r)$$

Domain : $r \neq 0, r \geq 0 = (0, \infty)$

$$f'(r) = 2\left(2\pi r - \frac{54\pi}{r^2}\right)$$

A/ $f'(r) = 0 \Rightarrow r^3 = 27 \Rightarrow r = 3$

B/ f' continuous on $(0, \infty)$



$\Rightarrow f(3)$ absolute min on $(0, \infty)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Min cost} = \$ 2\left(\pi \cdot 3^2 + \frac{54\pi}{3}\right) = \$ 54\pi$$

