

## Quiz 7: §3.8-4.2

Your name:

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**Problem 1** (7 points, 1 point per entry). In this problem,  $f$  is a function that is continuous on the interval  $[2, 8]$ , and whose critical numbers occur only at integers.

Using this information, fill out the blank (white) cells in the below table. Ignore the grayed out cells.

$x$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$f(x)$	-5		0	5		1	7
$f'(x)$		DNE	3		0		
critical pt.? (yes/no)		yes	no	yes	yes	yes	
local min/max or neither		neither	neither	local max	neither	local min	

**Solution:** Recall that a critical point is where the derivative is either 0 or does not exist, and local maxima/minima must occur at critical points.

The rightmost two cells are tricky. I was hoping people would draw some pictures and convince themselves that  $f$  had to have a local minimum at  $x = 7$ . Here's a precise argument: we know that  $f$  is continuous on  $[5, 8]$  so the Extreme Value Theorem says that  $f$  attains an absolute minimum on  $[5, 8]$ . But  $f(7)$  is smaller than both  $f(5)$  and  $f(8)$  so that means the absolute minimum is NOT at an endpoint. So there's a local minimum, and such a thing must occur at a critical point. Moreover, the problem stipulates that all critical numbers of  $f$  are integers. Since the table says  $f$  does *not* have a local minimum at  $x = 6$ , it must be at  $x = 7$ .  $\square$

**Problem 2** (4 points). Explain why there CANNOT be a function  $f$  with all of the following properties:

- $f$  is differentiable on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,
- $f(1) = 2$ ,
- $f(5) = 22$ ,
- $f'(x) < 4$  for all  $x$ .

**Solution:** Suppose that such a function  $f$  existed. Then by the Mean Value Theorem applied to the interval  $[1, 5]$  ( $f$  is differentiable everywhere so also continuous everywhere) we conclude that there exists some  $c$  in  $(1, 5)$  for which

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(5) - f(1)}{5 - 1} = \frac{20}{4} = 5.$$

But that contradicts the requirement that  $f'(x) < 4$  for all  $x$ . Hence such a function  $f$  cannot exist.  $\square$

**Problem 3** ( $2 + 2 = 4$  points). Alice takes a water bottle from her room (21 degrees Celsius) and puts it in her fridge (5 degrees Celsius) at 7:00 A.M. At 7:10 A.M., the temperature of the water has dropped to 17 degrees Celsius.

- (a) Express the temperature of the water bottle as a function of time  $t \geq 0$  (with  $t$  measured in minutes after 7:00 A.M.).  
 (b) At what time is the water 14 degrees Celsius?

*Setup.* This “setup” part in violet is stuff I honestly wasn’t expecting people to do on the quiz, but seeing as to how a lot of people tried to start from here, I figured I’d start from here too.

Newton’s law of cooling says that our water temperature  $T$  obeys a differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_s)$$

where  $T_s$  is the temperature of the surroundings—in this case the fridge, which is at 5 degrees. Let  $y = T - T_s$ , so that

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(T - T_s) = \frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_s) = ky.$$

We know that the only solutions to this differential equation have the form  $Ae^{kt}$ . This means that

$$T = y + T_s = Ae^{kt} + T_s$$

for some constants  $A, k$  to be determined. The above derivation should be familiar to you from lecture, and **I wasn’t expecting you to reproduce them on the quiz.** □

*Solution:*

- (a) Basically, I was hoping that people would recognize the temperature would be given by an equation of the form

$$T(t) = Ae^{kt} + T_s.$$

Here  $T_s = 5$ . We know that  $T(0) = 21$ , i.e.

$$T(0) = Ae^0 + 5 = A + 5 = 21$$

so  $A = 16$ . Then plugging in  $t = 10$  lets us solve for the last unknown constant, which is  $k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 17 &= 16e^{10k} + 5 \\ \frac{3}{4} &= e^{10k} \\ \frac{1}{10} \ln \frac{3}{4} &= k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$T(t) = 16e^{\frac{t}{10} \ln \frac{3}{4}} + 5 = 16 \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^{t/10} + 5.$$

(I don’t care if you wrote it as the first thing as opposed to the second.)

- (b) Solve  $T(t) = 14$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 16 \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^{t/10} + 5 &= 14 \\ \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^{t/10} &= \frac{9}{16} \\ \frac{t}{10} &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

so  $t = 20$ , meaning that the water will be 14 degrees Celsius at 7:20 A.M. If you left your answer as 20 (or any expression that is equal to 20) that’s fine too. □