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Suggested Solutions of WeBWork Coursework 7

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1. (1 point) Find the maximum area of a triangle formed in the first quadrant by the x -axis, y -axis and a tangent line to the graph of $f = (x + 6)^{-2}$.

Area = _____

Solution:

Let $P\left(t, \frac{1}{(t+6)^2}\right)$ be a point on the graph of the curve $y = \frac{1}{(x+6)^2}$ in the first quadrant. The tangent line to the curve at P is

$$L(x) = \frac{1}{(t+6)^2} - \frac{2(x-t)}{(t+6)^3},$$

which has x -intercept $a = \frac{3t+6}{2}$ and y -intercept $b = \frac{3t+6}{(t+6)^3}$. The area of the triangle in question is

$$A(t) = \frac{1}{2}ab = \frac{(3t+6)^2}{4(t+6)^3}.$$

Solve

$$A'(t) = \frac{(3t+6)(3 \cdot 6 - 3t)}{4(t+6)^4} = 0$$

for $0 \leq t$ to obtain $t = 6$. Because $A(0) = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 6}$, $A(6) = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 6}$ and $A(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, it follows that the maximum area is $A(6) \approx 0.08333333$.

2. (2 points) Find the point (x, y) of $x^2 + 14xy + 49y^2 = 100$ that is closest to the origin and lies in the first quadrant.

$x =$ _____

$y =$ _____

Solution: The distance of point (x, y) to the origin is $dist(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$. Then from the equation we can find that

$$x^2 + 14xy + 49y^2 = 100 = (x + 7y)^2.$$

Therefore, $x + 7y = 10$ in the first quadrant, and

$$dist(x, y)^2 = (10 - 7y)^2 + y^2 = 50y^2 - 140y + 100 = 50\left(y^2 - \frac{14}{5}y + \frac{49}{25}\right) + 2 = 50\left(y - \frac{7}{5}\right)^2 + 2$$

This means that the minimum of distance take value when $y = \frac{7}{5}$, and $x = \frac{1}{5}$.

3. (3 points) Use L'Hôpital's Rule (possibly more than once) to evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{12x^3 + 13x^2}{9x^3 - 11} \right) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

If the answer equals ∞ or $-\infty$, write INF or -INF in the blank.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{12x^3 + 13x^2}{9x^3 - 11} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(12x^3 + 13x^2)'}{(9x^3 - 11)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{36x^2 + 26x}{27x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(36x^2 + 26x)'}{(27x^2)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{36x + 13}{27x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(36x + 13)'}{(27x)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{36}{27} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

4. (4 points) Compute

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2 \sin x} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2 \sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(e^x - e^{-x})'}{(2 \sin x)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2 \cos x} = \frac{e^0 + e^0}{2 \cos 0} = 1$$

5. (5 points) Apply L'Hôpital's Rule to evaluate the following limit. It may be necessary to apply it more than once.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\tan x)^{\sin x} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Solution: We first consider the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin x \ln \tan x$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin x \ln \tan x &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln \tan x}{\frac{1}{\sin x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(\ln \tan x)'}{\left(\frac{1}{\sin x}\right)'} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{\tan x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}}{-\frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x}} = - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\tan x)^{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{\sin x \ln \tan x} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin x \ln \tan x} = e^0 = 1$$

6. (6 points) Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}}{11x^4}.$$

Limit = _____

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}}{11x^4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin(x) + x}{44x^3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cos(x) + 1}{12 \times 11x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{24 \times 11x} \\ &= \frac{1}{264} \end{aligned}$$

7. (7 points) Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1-x) + x + \frac{x^2}{2}}{14x^3}.$$

Limit = _____

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1-x) + x + \frac{x^2}{2}}{14x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1/(1-x) + 1 + x}{14 \times 3x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1/(1-x)^2 + 1}{14 \times 6x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2/(1-x)^3}{14 \times 6} = -\frac{1}{42} \end{aligned}$$

8. (8 points) Find the first three **nonzero** terms of the Taylor series for the function $f(x) = \sqrt{4x - x^2}$ about the point $a = 2$.

Solution: $f(2) = 2$

$$f'(x) = \frac{4-2x}{2\sqrt{4x-x^2}} = \frac{2-x}{\sqrt{4x-x^2}}$$

$$f'(2) = 0$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{4x-x^2}{(4x-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{(2-x)(4-2x)}{2(4x-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = -\frac{4}{(4x-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$f''(2) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = \frac{12(2-x)}{(4x-x^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

$$f^{(3)}(2) = 0$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = -\frac{12(4x^2-16x+20)}{(4x-x^2)^{\frac{7}{2}}}$$

$$f^{(4)}(5) = -\frac{3}{8}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{4x-x^2} &= 2 + \frac{1}{2!}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(x-2)^2 + \frac{1}{4!}\left(-\frac{3}{8}\right)(x-2)^4 + \dots \\ &= 5 - \frac{1}{4}(x-2)^2 - \frac{1}{64}(x-2)^4 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

9. (9 points) Compute $T_2(x)$ at $x = 1$ for $y = e^x$ and use a calculator to compute the error $|e^x - T_2(x)|$ at $x = 0.3$.

$$T_2(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$|e^x - T_2(x)| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Solution:

$$y^{(n)} = e^x, \quad n \in \mathbf{Z}$$

Therefore, $T_2(x) = e + e(x-1) + \frac{e}{2}(x-1)^2$, and $|e^x - T_2(x)| \approx 0.131605$.

10. (10 points) Write the Taylor series for $f(x) = \ln(\sec(x))$ at $x = 0$ as $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$. Find the first five coefficients.

Solution: $f(x) = -\ln(\cos(x))$, Then $f'(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} = \tan(x)$, $f^{(2)}(x) = (\tan(x))' = \sec^2(x)$,
 $f^{(3)}(x) = 2\sec(x)\tan(x)$, $f^{(4)}(x) = 2\sec^3(x) + 2\sec(x)\tan^2(x)$. Taking value at $x = 0$, we get the first five coefficients: $c_0 = 0$, $c_1 = 0$, $c_2 = \frac{1}{2}$, $c_3 = 0$, $c_4 = \frac{1}{12}$.

11. (11 points) Write the Taylor series for $f(x) = \sin(x)$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ as $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^n$

Solution: Since $f'(x) = \cos(x)$, $f^{(2)}(x) = -\sin(x)$, it's easy to find that

$$f^{(4n)} = \sin(x), f^{(4n+1)} = \cos(x), f^{(4n+2)} = -\sin(x), f^{(4n+3)} = -\cos(x)$$

Therefore the Taylor series take value at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is $1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n!} (x - \frac{\pi}{2})^{4n} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n+2)!} (x - \frac{\pi}{2})^{4n+2}$.

12. (12 points) Suppose that $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are given by the power series

$$f(x) = 3 + 6x + 2x^2 + 5x^3 + \dots$$

and

$$g(x) = 6 + 6x + 5x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots$$

Find the first few terms of the series for

$$h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + \dots$$

Solution: Denote the coefficients of series f and g by a_n and b_n . Then their product have coefficients $c_k = \sum_{i+j=k, i, j \geq 0} a_i b_j$. Therefore $c_0 = 18$, $c_1 = 18 + 36 = 54$, $c_2 = 15 + 12 + 36 = 63$, $c_3 = 12 + 30 + 30 + 12 = 84$.