

Practice

1 (40 pts.) Evaluate the following limits.

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x - (x+2)^3)$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x+2)^3$$

$$= \cos 0 - (0+2)^3$$

$$= 1 - 8 = -7$$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 100x^2 + x}{5x^5 + 2x^2 + 2}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 100x^3 + x^4}{5 + 2x^3 + 2x^5} \quad \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^r} = 0 \quad r > 0 \right)$$

$$= \frac{0+0+0}{5+0+0} = 0$$

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x-1}\right)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x-1} = \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} \Big|_{x=1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \Big|_{x=1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x-1}\right) = \arcsin\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x-1}\right) = \arcsin \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 - 1} - x)$

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

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 - 1} - x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1} + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1/x}{\sqrt{1 - 1/x^2} + 1} = \frac{0}{1+1} = 0$$

2 (20 pts.) Find asymptotes (horizontal and vertical) for the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{1+x} & x < -1 \\ \tan \frac{\pi x}{2} & -1 < x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{x^2} & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

horizontal, if exist,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x}\right) = 1 - \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - \frac{0}{1+0} = 1$$

∴ two horizontal asymptotes: $y=0$ and $y=1$
vertical.

(i) $1 - \frac{1}{1+x}$ defined for any $x < -1$

⇒ only possible vertical: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x}\right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left(1 + \frac{1}{t}\right) = \infty$

$$-t = x+1 < 0 \text{ for } x < -1$$

⇒ $x = -1$ vertical

(ii) $-1 \leq x \leq 2$ since $\tan \frac{\pi x}{2} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi x}{2}}{\cos \frac{\pi x}{2}}$

the only possible vertical: $\cos \frac{\pi x}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$

for $x=1$, $\cos \frac{\pi x}{2} = 0$ $\sin \frac{\pi x}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \tan \frac{\pi x}{2} = \infty$

⇒ $x=1$ vertical

(iii) $x > 2$ $\frac{1}{x^2}$ defined for any $x > 0$ no vertical

∴ $\begin{cases} y=0, 1 \text{ horizontal} \\ x = \pm 1 \text{ vertical} \end{cases}$

3 (20 pts.)

For the following functions $y = f(x)$, determine if it is invertible. If not, explain the reason, if yes, find the inverse function $y = f^{-1}(x)$.

a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$

In domain, the function is even: $f(-x) = f(x)$
 $(|x| > 1)$

\Rightarrow not invertible

e.g. $f(-2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-2)^2-1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = f(2)$

b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$

Yes. $y = f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$ Domain of $f = \{x | x > 1\} = (1, \infty)$

Range of $f = \{y | y > 0\} = (0, \infty)$

i) $y = f(x) \Leftrightarrow x = f^{-1}(y)$



$$y^2 = \frac{1}{x-1} \Rightarrow x-1 = \frac{1}{y^2} \Rightarrow x = 1 + \frac{1}{y^2}$$

ii) change $x = f^{-1}(y) = 1 + \frac{1}{y^2}$

iii) change $x, y \Rightarrow y = f^{-1}(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x^2}$

Domain of $f^{-1} = (0, \infty)$

4 (20 pts.) Determine (the equation of) the tangent line to the curve $y = x\sqrt{x}$, that parallel to the line $2y = 3x + 10$. At which point does this tangent line touch the curve? Write out the equation of the normal line through this point.

The line $2y = 3x + 10$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = \frac{3}{2}x + 5 \quad \text{its slope is } \frac{3}{2}$$

tangent line, parallel to this line, \Rightarrow slope $m = \frac{3}{2}$

$$y = f(x) = x\sqrt{x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x\sqrt{x}) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^{\frac{3}{2}}) = \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

\Rightarrow points st. tangent line parallel to that line

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

$$\Leftrightarrow x=1 \quad y = f(x) = 1$$

\hookrightarrow Point $P(x, f(x)) = (1, 1)$, slope $\frac{3}{2}$

\Rightarrow $y - 1 = \frac{3}{2}(x - 1)$ is the equation of tangent

normal line is the line through P and perpendicular with tangent line

$$\Rightarrow \text{slope} = -\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

\Rightarrow Equation: $y - 1 = -\frac{2}{3}(x - 1)$ normal line