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SOLUTIONS

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EXAM III – MATH 135, SPRING 2008

READ EACH PROBLEM CAREFULLY! To get full credit, you must show all work!

The exam has 7 problems on 4 pages! Turn in all pages! NO GRAPHING CALCULATORS ALLOWED!

• Problem 1.

The half-life of Cesium-137 is 30 years. Suppose we have a 100-mg sample.

(a) Find the mass that remains after t years.

(b) How much of the sample remains after 100 years?

(c) After how long will only 1 mg remain?

(a) $m(t) = m_0 e^{kt}$. To find k , use $t_h = 30$ half-life. $\frac{1}{2}m_0 = m_0 e^{kt_h} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{kt_h} \Rightarrow \Rightarrow k = -\frac{\ln 2}{t_h} = -\frac{\ln 2}{30}$

$\Rightarrow m(t) = 100 e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{30} t}$

(b) $m(100) = 100 e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{30} 100} \approx 9.92 \text{ mg}$

(c) $1 = 100 e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{30} t} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{100} = e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{30} t} \Rightarrow -\ln 100 = -\frac{\ln 2}{30} t \Rightarrow t = \frac{30 \ln 100}{\ln 2} \approx 199.32$

• Problem 2.

Use l'Hôpital's Rule to compute the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^x} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{\frac{1}{x^2}} = 0$ by l'Hôpital since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-\frac{2}{x^3}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -\frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{x^3}{2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(-\frac{1}{2} x^2\right) = 0$.

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$

• Problem 3.

Find the local and absolute extreme values of the function on the interval specified.

$$f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^2}, \quad x \in [1, e]$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot x^2 - \ln x \cdot 2x}{x^4} = \frac{x - 2x \ln x}{x^4} = \frac{1 - 2 \ln x}{x^3}$$

Critical points: $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - 2 \ln x = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = 2 \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \ln x$

$$\Rightarrow x = e^{\frac{1}{2}}. \text{ At } x = e^{\frac{1}{2}}, f(e^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{\ln e^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(e^{\frac{1}{2}})^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{e} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2e}}$$

$$\text{At the end points } f(1) = \frac{\ln 1}{1^2} = \boxed{0} \text{ and } f(e) = \frac{\ln e}{e^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{e^2}} < \frac{1}{2e}$$

• Problem 4.

Find the maximum value of the function

$$f(x) = x - x^2$$

$$f(x) = x(1-x), \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

$$f'(x) = 1 - 2x \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0 \text{ at } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = -2 < 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ is a local max, } f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \left. \vphantom{f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{max is } \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}.$$

$$\text{At end points } x=0, x=1, f(0)=0=f(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Abs. max} &= \frac{1}{2e} \\ \text{Abs min} &= 0 \\ x &= e^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ is local max} \\ x &= e \text{ is local min.} \end{aligned}$$

• Problem 5.

Find all the inflection points (if any) for the function

$$f(x) = x(x+1)^3.$$

$$f'(x) = 1 \cdot (x+1)^3 + x \cdot 3(x+1)^2 = (x+1)^2(x+1+3x) = (x+1)^2(4x+1).$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= 2(x+1)(4x+1) + (x+1)^2(4) = 2(x+1)[(4x+1) + 2(x+1)] \\ &= 2(x+1)(6x+3) = 6(x+1)(2x+1) \end{aligned}$$

$f''(x) = 0$ when $x = -1$ and $x = -\frac{1}{2}$. At both points, f'' changes sign $\Rightarrow$ both are inflection points!

x	$-\infty$	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$+\infty$
f''	$+$	$+$	0	$-$
	$+$	$+$	0	$+$

• Problem 6.

Sketch the graph of the function

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

Determine: (1) the domain, (2) symmetries (if any), (3) the critical points, (4) intervals where the function increases or decreases, (5) concavity and inflection points, and (6) limits at infinity. Remember, a sign chart is always of great help!

(1) domain = all reals ($1+x^2 \neq 0$ for all x)

(2) symmetries: odd function $f(-x) = -f(x) \Rightarrow$ sym. about origin

(3) $f'(x) = \frac{1 \cdot (1+x^2) - x \cdot 2x}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{1+x^2-2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{1-x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \pm 1}$
are critical points

(4)

x	$-\infty$	-1	1	$+\infty$	
$\frac{1-x^2}{(1+x^2)^2}$	$-$	0	$+$	0	$-$

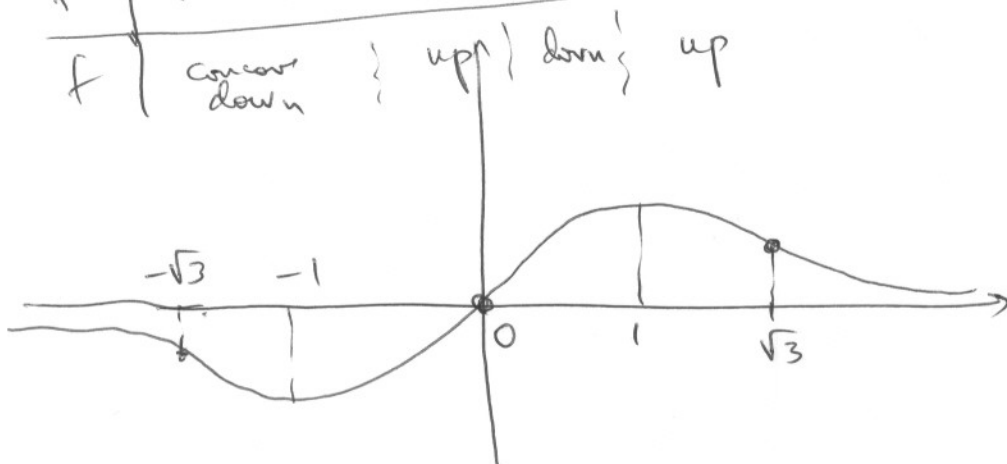
 $\Rightarrow$ f is increasing on $(-1, 1)$
 f is decreasing on $(1, \infty)$
and $(-\infty, -1)$

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

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

x	$-\infty$	$-\sqrt{3}$	0	$\sqrt{3}$	$+\infty$
$3-x^2$	$-$	0	$+$	0	$-$
f''	$-$	0	$+$	0	$-$
f	concave down		up	down	up

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



• Problem 7.

Consider the function

$$f(x) = (x^2 - 1)^2.$$

(a) Find the critical points for f . Find relative maxima and minima points.

(b) On which intervals(s) is f concave upwards? Are there any inflection points?

$$(a) \quad f'(x) = 2(x^2 - 1) \cdot 2x = 4x(x^2 - 1) -$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 0} \text{ and } \boxed{x = \pm 1} \text{ are all critical points for } f$$

Use the second derivative test:

$$f''(x) = ? \quad f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4x \Rightarrow f''(x) = 12x^2 - 4 = 4(3x^2 - 1)$$

$$f''(0) = -4 < 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ is a local max.}$$

$$f''(1) = 12 - 4 > 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ is local min.}$$

$$f''(-1) = 12 - 4 > 0 \Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ is local min.}$$

$$(b) \quad f''(x) = 4(3x^2 - 1) \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c|ccccccc} x & -\infty & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & & +\infty \\ \hline f'' & + & + & 0 & - & - & 0 & + & + & + \end{array}$$

$$f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is concave up on $(-\infty, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$ and on $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, +\infty)$

and concave down on $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$

$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ are both inflection points!