

Math 176 Final Practice Version A

1. Explain the following three concepts of calculus. Give a mathematically precise definition while also providing examples with geometric intuition.

- (i) Explain the concept of limit.

- (ii) Explain the concept of derivative.

- (iii) Explain the concept of integral.

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2. Suppose  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = x - 1$ . Evaluate the composition

$$(f \circ g)(2) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

3. Evaluate the following limits:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow e^2} \ln x = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{1}{x^2 - x} - \frac{1}{x - 1} \right) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

4. Under a set of controlled laboratory conditions, the size of the population  $P$  of a certain bacteria culture at time  $t$  in minutes is described by  $P(t) = 3t^3 + 2t + 1$ . The rate of population growth at  $t = 19$  minutes is

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}} \text{ bacteria per minute.}$$

5. Find the following derivatives:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + 3^x) = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \quad \frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{9 + x^2} = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 \ln(3 + x^6)) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

6. The rule for differentiating an inverse function is

(A)  $\frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}$

(B)  $\frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(x) = \frac{-1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}$

(C)  $\frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(x) = \frac{f'(x)}{f^2(x)}$

(D)  $\frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(x) = \frac{-f'(x)}{f^2(x)}$

(E) none of these.

7. Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of  $g(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 1$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$ .

$$\text{absolute maximum} = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \quad \text{absolute minimum} = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

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8. The demand function for a certain make of portable hair dryer is given by

$$p = \sqrt{255 - 5x}$$

where  $p$  is the unit price in dollars and  $x$  is the quantity demanded in hundred units/week. Compute the elasticity of demand  $E(p)$ , determine whether the demand is elastic, unitary or inelastic and find the consumer surplus in dollars/week when the price is set at  $p = 10$ .

$E(p) =$    $E(10) =$

The demand is

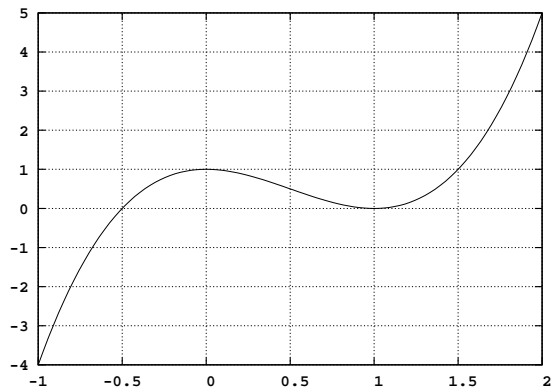
- (A) elastic
- (B) unitary
- (C) inelastic

Consumer surplus =

9. List all critical numbers for the function  $f(x) = xe^{-x}$ .

$x =$

10. Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  given by the following graph:



- (True/False) The function has a relative maximum at  $x = 0$ .
- (True/False) The function has an inflection point at  $x = 1$ .
- (True/False) The function is concave down on the interval  $[-1, 0.5]$ .

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- 11.** Use the limit definition of derivative

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

to explain why the derivative of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  is  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$ .

- 12.** Explain the product rule  $(fg)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$  using limits.

- 13.** Find the equation of the line tangent to  $x^2y^3 - y^2 + xy = 1$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ .

