

Exercise Class in Mathematics

BAE

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Exercise 1.

Use the definition of the derivative to compute the derivative of the following functions at the given point x_0

$$a) y = x^4 - 5x^3 - 1 \text{ at } x_0 = 0, \quad b) y = \frac{x^3 - 3x + 1}{x} \text{ at } x_0 = -1,$$

$$c) y = \log(x + 2) \text{ at } x_0 = 1.$$

Exercise 2.

Compute the derivatives of the following functions

$$a) y = x^4 - 5x^3 - 1, \quad b) y = \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 1},$$

$$c) y = \frac{e^x}{e^x + 1}, \quad d) y = 3x^2 e^{-x}$$

Exercise 3.

For each of the following functions, compute the equation of the tangent line at the given point x_0 .

$$a) y = x^3 e^{2x-2} \text{ at } x_0 = 1, \quad b) y = \ln(x^5 + 3x + 4) \text{ at } x_0 = 0,$$

$$c) y = \sqrt{x^2 + 4} \text{ at } x_0 = 0.$$

Exercise 4.

For each of the following functions, say if they are continuous and differentiable, and if not, identify the nature of discontinuity and non-differentiability points

$$a) y = x\sqrt[3]{x^3 - x}, \quad b) y = |x^2 - 2x|,$$

$$c) y = \frac{|x^2 - x|}{x}.$$

Exercise 5.

For each of the following functions, compute the first order Taylor approximation $P(x)$ at the point x_0 . Evaluate also the error (absolute and in percentage) that is made by approximating the function $f(x_1)$ with $P(x_1)$.

$$a) y = \sqrt{x+1}, \text{ at } x_0 = 0, \text{ the error at } x_1 = 0.1 \quad b) y = \frac{x+1}{x} \text{ at } x_0 = -1, \text{ the error at } x_1 = -0.9$$

Exercise 6.

Determine the intervals in which the functions are increasing and decreasing

$$a) y = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x}, \quad b) y = x\sqrt{2x+1}$$

$$c) y = \log\left(\frac{x^2 + 4}{x^2 - 4}\right).$$

Exercise 7.

Determine the intervals in which the functions are concave and convex

$$a) y = (x-1)e^x, \quad b) y = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(x)-1}$$

$$c) y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}.$$

Exercise 8.

Compute the stationary points of the following functions and determine if these are local maxima, local minima or inflection points with horizontal tangents

$$a) y = \frac{x^2 - 3}{x - 5}, \quad b) y = xe^{-x^2}$$

$$c) y = \log(2x - x^2).$$

Exercise 9.

Use De L'Hopital rule to compute the following limits

$$a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cos(x) - \sin(x)}{x^3}, \quad b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \ln(1+x)}{x}$$

$$c) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} xe^x.$$

Exercise 10.

For each of the following functions determine, if possible

- (a) the domain
- (b) the sign
- (c) the asymptotes
- (d) the intervals in which functions are increasing and decreasing
- (e) the intervals where the functions are concave and convex
- (f) local maxima, local minima and inflection points

Finally use the information collected above to sketch the graph of the functions.

$$a) y = \frac{3x^2}{x^2 + 1},$$

$$b) y = x - \sqrt{x^2 - 2x}$$

$$c) y = \frac{\log(x)}{2 - \log(x)}.$$