

Some problem-solving hints:

1. Don't panic.
2. If you're stuck, at least try *something*.
3. If you can't do something, don't.
4. If things gets weird, there's probably a mistake.
5. If you can't solve a problem, solve an easier problem first.
6. When in doubt, write it out.
7. Remember:  $(a + b)^2 \neq a^2 + b^2$ .

Laws of limits:

Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  exist, and  $c$  is a constant. Then:

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [cf(x)] = c \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = (\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)) \cdot (\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x))$
5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)/g(x)] = (\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)) / (\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x))$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$
6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c$
7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x = a$

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**Problem 1.** (6 points) Simplify the following:

$$\begin{aligned} a) \frac{(4^3 \cdot 5^{-2})^2}{2^6 \cdot 7} &= \frac{4^6 \cdot 5^{-4}}{2^6 \cdot 7} = \frac{(2^2)^6 \cdot 5^{-4}}{2^6 \cdot 7} \\ &= \frac{2^{12} \cdot 5^{-4}}{2^6 \cdot 7} = \frac{2^6}{5^4 \cdot 7} = \frac{64}{625 \cdot 7} \boxed{\frac{64}{4385}} \end{aligned}$$

b)  $\sqrt{x^2}$

$$|x|$$

c)  $e^{2 \ln 5} = e^{\ln 5^2} = 5^2 = 25$

**Problem 2.** (4 points) What is the domain of  $\sqrt{|x|}$ ?

$$\mathbb{R}$$

**Problem 3.** (10 points) Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2}{x+3}$  using the Limit Laws (no short-cuts!). Use only one limit law in each step and tell me which law you are using.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2}{x+3} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+3)} = \frac{(\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x)(\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+3)}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{=} \frac{2 \cdot 2}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+3)} = \frac{4}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+3)} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{4}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3}$$

$$\stackrel{6}{=} \frac{4}{\cancel{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x+3}} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{4}{2+3} = \boxed{5}$$

**Problem 4.** (10 points) Suppose we have the following income tax system: for the first \$10,000 there is no tax. Any income past \$10,000 is taxed at 10%.

a) Write the amount of tax paid as a function  $f(x)$  of the income

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 10,000 \\ 0.1(x - 10,000), & x \geq 10,000 \end{cases}$$

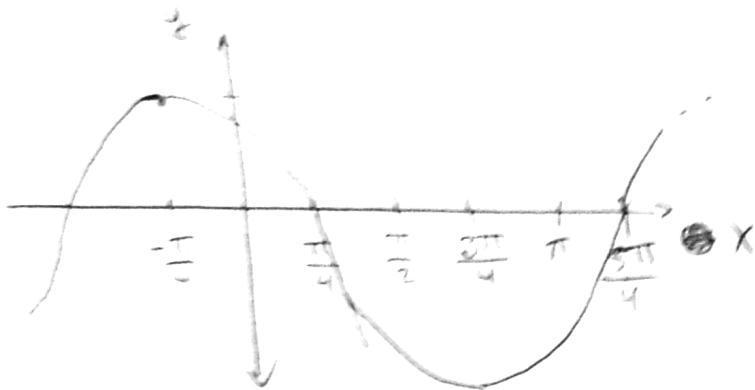
b) What is  $f'(x)$ ?

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 10,000 \\ .1 & x > 10,000 \end{cases}$$

c) What is the significance of  $f'(x)$  in this situation?

tax paid per dollar income, at  
the given income level.

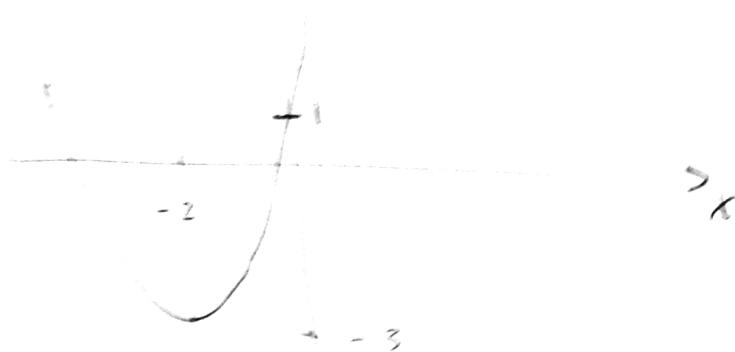
Problem 5. (5 points) Graph  $y = \cos(x + \pi/4)$



Problem 6. (5 points) Graph  $y = x^2 + 4x + 1$  by completing the square.

$$y = (x+2)^2 - 3$$

Graph



Problem 8. (15 points) Let  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4x - 2}{x - 2} = \frac{(x+1)(x-2)}{x-2}$

a) Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+1)(x-2)}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x+1 = 3$$

b) What does it mean for a function to be continuous at a point  $a$ ?

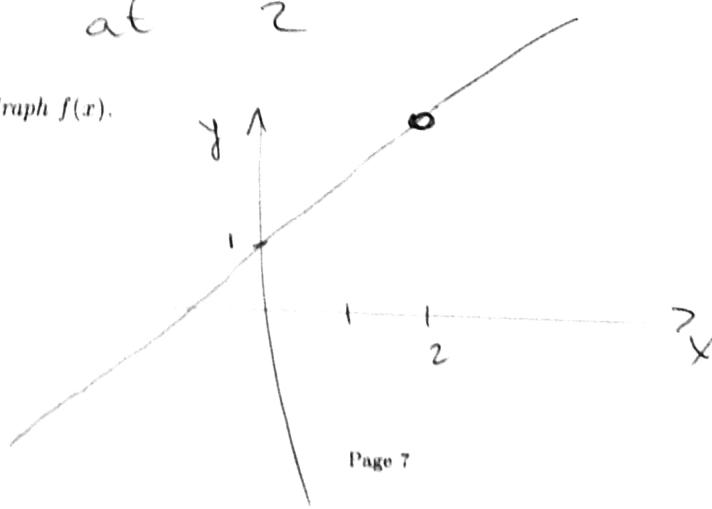
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

c) At what points is  $f$  continuous?

$$(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$$

because it is a rational function  
with denominator non-zero except  
at 2

d) Graph  $f(x)$ .



**Problem 7.** (15 points) Let  $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)^2}{x^2}$ .

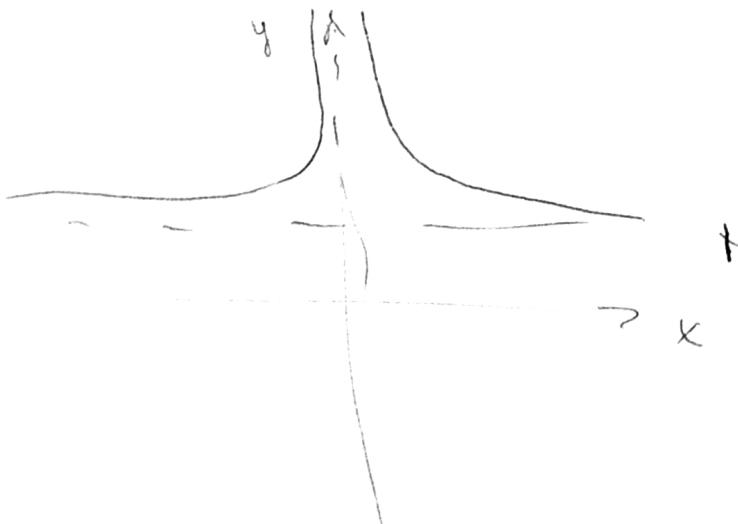
a) Compute all vertical or horizontal asymptotes for  $f$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underline{x=0} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x^2} = \cancel{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cancel{(2x+1)}} \\
 & \text{vertical} \quad = \cancel{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^2} \cancel{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0}} \\
 & = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x-1}{x} \right)^2 = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 - \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 = (\pm\infty)^2 = \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underline{x \rightarrow \infty} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x^2} = \cancel{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 \cancel{-(2x+1)}} \\
 & \text{horizontal} = \cancel{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^2} \cancel{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}} \\
 & = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 = 1^2 = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{horizontal} \quad \underline{x \rightarrow -\infty} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^2 = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x-1}{x}\right)^2 = 1^2 = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

b) Graph  $f(x)$  using the previous answer.



**Problem 9.** (15 points) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(1/x) + x & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$

a) Is  $f(x)$  continuous at 0? Prove that you are correct.

Yes, by squeeze theorem:

$$-x^2 - |x| \leq f(x) \leq x^2 + |x|$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \text{ is } 0$

so by squeeze theorem,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$ , which is also  $f(0)$ .

Everywhere else,  $f$  is a composition of polynomials, rational, and trig functions, so we know it's continuous there.

b) Does  $f'(0)$  exist? If it does not exist, explain why not. If it does exist, what is its value?

Yes:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 \sin(1/h) + h - f(0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin(1/h) + 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

again, by squeeze theorem,

since

$$-(|h|) + 1 \leq h \sin(1/h) + 1 \leq (|h|) + 1$$

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**Problem 10.** (10 points) Use the limit definition of derivative to compute  $\frac{d}{dt}(5t - 9t^2)$ . Do NOT use any shortcuts.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5(t+h) - 9(t+h)^2 - 5t + 9t^2}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5t + 5h - 9t^2 - 18th - 9h^2 - 5t + 9t^2}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5h - 9h^2 - 18h}{h} = 5 - 18 = \boxed{-13}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 11.** (10 points) Does there exist a number whose sine is equal to its square root? Your explanation should be very precise and clear (use full sentences).

Yes.  $\sin \alpha = \sqrt{\alpha}$

Let  $f(\alpha) = \sin \alpha - \sqrt{\alpha}$ , continuous everywhere.

~~For~~  $f(0) = 0$

Oh,  $\sin(0) = \sqrt{0}$ .

Ok,  $\alpha = 0$  works so don't have to use IVT.