

Math 151
Exam 1 Answers

1. (a) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{3t-6}{t^2-4t+4} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{3}{t-2}$ (Dividing by a common factor of $t-2$.)

As $t \rightarrow 2^-$, the numerator approaches 3 and the denominator is approaching 0. \Rightarrow The limit is infinite. Since the numerator is positive and the denominator is negative (since $t < 2$),

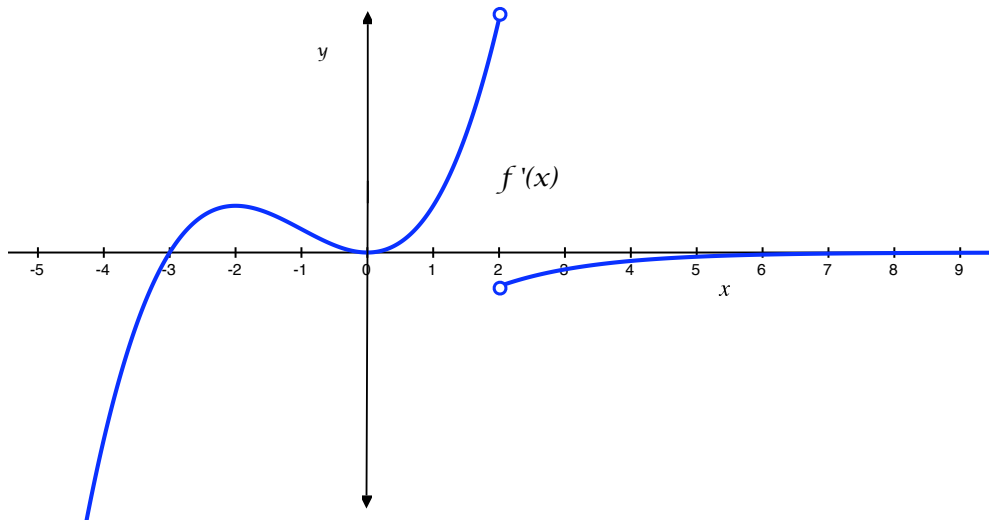
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{3t-6}{t^2-4t+4} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{3}{t-2} = \boxed{-\infty}.$$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-3x^5-x^3+1}{9x^5+2x^2-x} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}}$ since the degree of the numerator and denominator are equal for this limit at infinity. (Ratio of coefficients)

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \arcsin\left(\frac{x-3}{2x-6}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{6}}$ (Dividing by a common factor of $x-3$.)

(d) $\lim_{r \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{e^r}{2r+2} = \boxed{-\frac{e^{-3}}{4}}$ (Evaluating this limit at $r = -3$.)

2. Note that $f'(x) = 0$ when $x = -3$ and $x = 0$



3. Need:

1) Slope: The slope of the line is $m = 6$ since it is parallel to $y = 6x + 1$.

2) Point: To find the point of tangency, we need to find the point at which $y = 16x^4 - 2x + 3$ has slope 6. $\Rightarrow 64x^3 - 2 = 6 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$

So, the point is $(\frac{1}{2}, 3)$. (To find the y -value, evaluate $16x^4 - 2x + 3$ at $x = \frac{1}{2}$.)

Equation: $\boxed{y - 3 = 6(x - \frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{or} \quad y = 6x}$

4. Using the product rule:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \boxed{2t^{-1/2}e^t + 4\sqrt{t}e^t + \pi}$$

5. (a) Note that $-\frac{1}{2}x^4 + 4x$ is continuous for all values $x > -1$.

Note that $\frac{3}{x^2} - 2$ is continuous for all values $x < -1$. (The only value for which it may have a problem is at $x = 0$, which is not in this piece's domain.)

So, the only value for which this function could be discontinuous is at $x = -1$.

$$\text{Since } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} -\frac{1}{2}x^4 + 4x = -\frac{1}{2}(-1)^4 + 4(-1) = -4.5$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{3}{x^2} - 2 = \frac{3}{(-1)^2} - 2 = 1, \text{ there is a } \boxed{\text{jump discontinuity at } x = -1.}$$

(b) Since there are no infinite discontinuities (see part a), there are no vertical asymptotes.

To find horizontal asymptotes:

$$\text{Since } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{2}x^4 + 4x = -\infty,$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3}{x^2} - 2 = -2, \text{ there is only one horizontal asymptote,}$$

$$\text{which is } \boxed{y = -2.}$$

(c) No, since $h(x)$ is not continuous at $x = -1$ (see part a), it is not differentiable at $x = -1$.

(d) Taking the derivative of each function on its domain:

$$h'(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{6}{x^3} & \text{if } x < -1 \\ -2x^3 + 4 & \text{if } x > -1 \end{cases}$$

Note that the derivative is undefined at $x = -1$.

$$\begin{aligned} 6. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3(x+h)^2 + \frac{1}{x+h} - (3x^2 - \frac{1}{x})}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2 + 6xh + 3h^2 - 3x^2}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 6x + 3h + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{-h}{x(x+h)} \quad (\text{Common denominator and simplifying}) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 6x + 3h + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{x(x+h)} \\ &= 6x - \frac{1}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$