

**Limits and Derivatives**  
**Mu Alpha Theta State Convention 2004**  
**SOLUTIONS**

1. D
2. B
3. E
4. B
5. C
6. B
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. C
11. D
12. A
13. B
14. C
15. C
16. C
17. B
18. C
19. A
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21. B
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23. E
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25. A
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27. A
28. A
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1. (D)  $x(t)=8t^4 - 2t^2 + 9$   
 $v(t) = 32t^3 - 4t$   
 $a(t) = 96t^2 - 4$   
 $a'(t) = 192t \quad @ t = 1 \quad a'(1) = 192$

2. (B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cot(7x)\sin(4x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(4x)}{\sin(7x)} \cdot \cos(7x)$   
 $= \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(4x)}{4x} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{7x}{\sin(7x)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(7x) \right) \frac{4}{7} = \frac{4}{7}$

3. (E)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a+bx^3}{c-dx^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{a}{x^3} + b}{\frac{c}{x^3} - d} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-b}{d} = \frac{-b}{d}$

4. (B) If  $f(x)$  is even, then  $f'(x)$  is odd. Therefore,  $f'(-x) = -f'(x)$

5. (C) The probability of not getting the #1 ball is  $\frac{n-1}{n}$ , which happens for  $n$  independent events, which we must take the limit to infinity.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n-1}{n} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{-n} = e^{-1} \approx 0.368$$

6. (B)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^4 - 3x^3 + 2x^2 \quad f'(x) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 4x$   
 $f''(x) = 3x^2 - 18x + 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{69}}{3}$

By checking  $f''(x)$  at each of these points, we find that signs change, so they are both inflection points.

7. (D)  $\frac{d}{dx} \int_1^{x^3} t^2 \sin t dt = (dt)(x^3)^2 \sin(x^3) = (3x^2)x^6 \sin(x^3) = 3x^8 \sin(x^3)$

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$$3x^2y^2 + 5y^3x = 6$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3x^2y^2 + 5y^3x)}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(3x^2y^2 + 5y^3x)}$$

$$= \frac{-6x^2y - 15y^2x}{6xy^2 + 5y^3}$$

@ (2,2)  $= \frac{-21}{11}$

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3 + 1}} \quad y' = \frac{-3x^2}{2\sqrt{(x^3 + 1)^3}} \quad y'' = \frac{15x^4 - 12x}{4\sqrt{(x^3 + 1)^5}}$$

$$y''(2) = \frac{15 \cdot 16 - 12 \cdot 2}{4\sqrt{(8+1)^5}} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(\pi) - f(0)}{\pi - 0} = \frac{\sin(\pi) - \sin(0)}{\pi - 0} = 0$$

$$f'(c) = \cos(c) = 0 \quad \therefore c = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

11. (D) Total Perimeter = 12 ft.

$$4x + 2\pi r = 12 = P \quad \Rightarrow r = \frac{6 - 2x}{\pi}$$

$$A = x^2 + \pi r^2 = x^2 + \pi \left( \frac{6 - 2x}{\pi} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} ((\pi + 4)x^2 - 24x + 36)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dx} = \frac{2}{\pi} ((\pi + 4)x - 12) = 0 \quad \therefore x = \frac{12}{\pi + 4} \approx 1.68 \text{ ft}$$

$$r \approx 0.84 \text{ ft}$$

Square needs  $4x = 6.72 \text{ ft}$       Circle needs  $2\pi r = 5.28 \text{ ft}$

$$f(g(-2)) = -2 \quad f'(-1) = 10(-1)^4 + 3(-1)^2 + 1 = 14$$

$$12. (A) \quad -2 = 2x^5 + x^3 + 1 \quad g'(-2) = \frac{1}{f'(g(-2))} = \frac{1}{14}$$

$$x = -1 = g(-2)$$

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13. (B)  $\frac{d}{dx}[\arctan x] = \frac{x'}{x^2 + 1}$        $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\arctan \frac{3}{5}x\right] = \frac{15}{9x^2 + 25}$

14. (C) I. Differentiable everywhere  
 II. Not differentiable at  $x = 0$ ; it's a vertical line at that point  
 III. Differentiable everywhere except  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  since isn't smooth at that point  
 IV. Not differentiable at  $x = 0$  because it is not continuous at that point

Not differentiable at  $x = 0$  for II and IV

15. (C)  $\lim_{m \rightarrow 3} \frac{m^4 - 18m^3 + 116m^2 - 318m + 315}{m^2 - 6m + 9} = \lim_{m \rightarrow 3} (m-7)(m-5) = 8$

16. (C)  $\ln\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^{\frac{1}{x-1}}\right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{1}{x-1} \cdot \ln(x) \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln(x)}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x} = 1$   
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^{\frac{1}{x-1}} = e^1 = e$

17. (B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2 + 2}}{3x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{4x^2 + 2}}{x}}{\frac{3x + 1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{4x^2}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^2}}}{\frac{3x}{x} + \frac{1}{x}}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4 + 0}}{3 + 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$f(x) = x^3 - x + 5 \quad f'(x) = 3x^2 - 1 = 0$$

18. (C)  $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$   
 $f'(-1) = 3(+)$        $f'(0) = -1(-)$        $f'(1) = 3(+)$

X is increasing on  $(-\infty, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}] \cup [\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \infty)$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 a(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(3 + \frac{2i}{n}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \\
 19. \quad (A) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(3 + \frac{2i}{n}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{9}{n} + \frac{12i}{n^2} + \frac{4i^2}{n^3}\right) = \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{9}{n} n + \frac{12}{n^2} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{4}{n^3} \frac{(2n+1)(n+1)(n)}{6} &= \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 9 + \frac{12n^2 + 12n}{2n^2} + \frac{8n^3 + 12n^2 + 4n}{6n^3} &= 9 + \frac{12}{2} + \frac{8}{6} = \frac{53}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 20. \quad (E) \quad \sin(x) \text{ and } \cos(x) \text{ are equivalent to their } n \bmod 4 \text{ derivatives. Also,} \\
 \sum_{i=1}^{2004} f^{(i)}(\pi) &= 0 \text{ since every set of 4 cancels out (0+1+0+-1=0).} \\
 \text{Therefore, } \sum_{i=0}^{2004} f^{(i)}(\pi) &= f(\pi) = \cos(\pi) - \sin(\pi) = -1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 21. \quad (B) \quad f(x) &= \frac{2x^3 + 3x^2 - 32x + 15}{(x-3)} \text{ has a removable discontinuity at } 3 \\
 \therefore f(3) &= \frac{2(x-3)(x+5)(x-.5)}{(x-3)} = 2(x+5)(x-.5) = 2(8)(2.5) = 40
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 22. \quad (D) \quad f(x + \Delta x) &= f(x) + f'(x)\Delta x = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2x+3}} + \frac{-2}{3\sqrt[3]{(2x+3)^4}} \Delta x \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2(12)+3}} + \frac{-2}{3\sqrt[3]{(2(12)+3)^4}} 4 \approx .300
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 23. \quad (E) \quad \text{Each derivative multiplies the function by } b \ln a. \\
 f(x) &= a^{bx} \quad f'(x) = (b \ln a)a^{bx} \\
 f''(x) &= (b \ln a)^2 a^{bx} \quad f'''(x) = (b \ln a)^3 a^{bx}
 \end{aligned}$$

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24. (A) The length of the other side of the triangle is  $\sqrt{25^2 - 15^2} = 20$   
 Using the Pythagorean theorem and total differentiation, we get  

$$d[x^2 + y^2 = z^2] = x \frac{d}{dx} + y \frac{d}{dy} = z \frac{d}{dz}$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} = 0, \frac{d}{dy} = -1.5, x = 20, y = 15, z = 25$$

$$20(\frac{d}{dx}) + 15(-1.5) = (25)(0) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} = 1.125 \approx 1.13$$
25. (A) 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{d}{dx} [(x-4)^2 g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{d}{dx} [x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x - 1] =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} 3x^2 - 8x + 2 = 18$$

$$d = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-0)^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1 + (3-5x)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{26x^2 - 32x + 10}$$
26. (B) 
$$\frac{dd}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{2}(13x-8)}{\sqrt{13x^2 - 16x + 5}} = 0 \quad x = \frac{8}{13}$$

$$y = 3 - 5\left(\frac{8}{13}\right)^2 = \frac{187}{169} \quad \left(\frac{8}{13}, \frac{187}{169}\right)$$
27. (A) 
$$\sin(z) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{(-1)^n (z)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \frac{\sin(\sqrt{z})}{\sqrt{z}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{(-1)^n (z)^n}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\frac{\sin(z)}{z} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{(-1)^n (z)^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \frac{\sin(\sqrt{2})}{\sqrt{2}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{(-1)^n (2)^n}{(2n+1)!}$$
28. (A) 
$$P(x) = R(x) - C(x) = x^2 - .89x - 8000$$

$$\frac{dP(x)}{dx} \Big|_{x=1000} = 2(1000) - .89 = 1999.11$$
29. (B) 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x+5} - 3}{x-4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [\sqrt{x+5} - 3]}{\frac{d}{dx} [x-4]} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+5}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

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30. (C) 
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 8000 - 4300e^{-0.178t} = 8000 - 0 = 8000$$
$$8000 \cdot \frac{3}{4} = 8000 - 4300e^{-0.178t}$$
$$6000 = 8000 - 4300e^{-0.178t}$$
$$\frac{20}{43} = e^{-0.178t} \quad \therefore t \approx 4.30$$

Since 4.3 years have passed, it occurs in the 5<sup>th</sup> year, which is 2008.