



# Limits & Derivatives

## Mu, Round 1

### Test #112

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11. Unless a question asks for an approximation or a rounded answer, give the exact answer.

Note: For all questions, answer “(E) NOTA” means none of the above answers is correct.

- Let  $f(x) = \frac{x^2-9}{x-3}$ . What is  $f(3)$ ?  
(A) 3                      (B) 6                      (C) 0                      (D) Undefined                      (E) NOTA
- Which of the following concepts is best associated with the slope of a function, the length of a curve, and the area of a region bounded by curves?  
(A) Derivatives    (B) Limits                      (C) Integrals                      (D) Continuity                      (E) NOTA
- Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sin(x-2)}{2x-4}$   
(A) 0                      (B) 0.50                      (C) -1                      (D) Undefined                      (E) NOTA
- Find the derivative of  $f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^2+4}\right)$ .  
(A)  $\frac{2x \cos\left(\frac{1}{x^2+4}\right)}{(x^2+4)^2}$     (B)  $-\frac{\cos\left(\frac{1}{x^2+4}\right)}{(x^2+4)^2}$     (C)  $\cos\left(\frac{1}{x^2+4}\right)$     (D)  $\frac{2x}{(x^2+4)^2} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^2+4}\right)$     (E) NOTA
- What is the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)-1}{\sin(x)+1}$ ?  
(A) Undefined    (B) -1                      (C) 0                      (D) 1                      (E) NOTA
- Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x$ . Which of the following is not a possible value of  $f'$ ?  
(A) 1                      (B) 0                      (C) -4                      (D) -6                      (E) NOTA
- Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3}$   
(A) 1/3                      (B) 3/8                      (C) 1                      (D) 1/2                      (E) NOTA
- Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$ . For which of the following values of  $c$  does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} g(x)$  exist but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} g(x)$  not exist?  
(A)  $c = 0$                       (B)  $c = 2$                       (C)  $c = -2$                       (D)  $c = 3$                       (E) NOTA

9. If  $h(x) = x^2 \cos(x)$ , what is the value of  $h''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ ?
- (A) 2                      (B)  $2\pi$                       (C)  $-2$                       (D)  $-2\pi$                       (E) NOTA
10. Let  $f$  be a differentiable function where  $f(1) = 2$ ,  $f(2) = 5$ ,  $f'(1) = 4$ , and  $f'(2) = 7$ . Also, let  $g(x) = f(x) + 5$ . If  $h(x) = g(f(x))$ , find  $h'(1)$ .
- (A) 4                      (B) 7                      (C) 16                      (D) 28                      (E) NOTA
11. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^3+x^2-34x+56}{x^2+4x-12}$ . Evaluate:  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(2+h)$
- (A)  $-\frac{9}{4}$                       (B)  $-\frac{3}{2}$                       (C) 0                      (D)  $\infty$                       (E) NOTA
12. Find the limit as  $x$  approaches positive infinity of the function  $c(x) = \frac{3x+40}{\sqrt{4x^2+1}-16}$ .
- (A) 0                      (B)  $\frac{3}{4}$                       (C)  $-\frac{5}{2}$                       (D)  $\infty$                       (E) NOTA
13. For real number  $x$ , the Dirichlet Function is defined as  $D(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \text{ is rational} \\ 1, & x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$ .  $D$  is an example of a function that is:
- (A) Continuous and differentiable everywhere.                      (B) Continuous everywhere.  
(C) Continuous on part of its domain.                      (D) Discontinuous everywhere.  
(E) NOTA
14. The expression  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(1 - \cos x)}{x^4}$  is equal to  $m/n$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime positive integers. Find the sum of the digits of  $m^2 + n^2$ .
- (A) 10                      (B) 11                      (C) 12                      (D) 13                      (E) NOTA
15. If  $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}$ , find the sum of the digits of the greatest integer less than  $1000L$ .
- (A) 20                      (B) 18                      (C) 10                      (D) 9                      (E) NOTA
16. Let  $g$  be a continuous and differentiable function defined by  $g(x) = \sin(\pi x)$  if  $x \leq 2$  and  $g(x) = ax^2 + b$  if  $x$  is any other real number. Find  $a + b$ .
- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                       (B)  $\frac{5}{4}\pi$                       (C)  $-\frac{3}{4}\pi$                       (D) 0                      (E) NOTA

17. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x-5}$ . Find the maximum value of  $f'''$  on  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ .
- (A)  $e$             (B)  $2e$             (C)  $3e$             (D)  $4e$             (E) NOTA
18. Find the sum of all values of  $x$  for which the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{|x^2 - 5x + 6|}$  is continuous, but not differentiable.
- (A)  $-5$             (B)  $0$             (C)  $5$             (D)  $6$             (E) NOTA
19. Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+\tan x)^{\frac{1}{x}} - e}{x}$
- (A)  $-1$             (B) Undefined    (C)  $-\frac{e}{2}$             (D)  $-\frac{\pi}{3} \ln 2$     (E) NOTA
20. At what point does  $y^2 + 2x^3 + 3xy = 0$  have a vertical tangent but no horizontal tangent?
- (A)  $\left(\frac{9}{8}, -\frac{27}{16}\right)$     (B)  $(0,0)$             (C)  $(1, -2)$             (D)  $\left(\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{9+3\sqrt{3}}{8}\right)$     (E) NOTA
21. Find the derivative of  $f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x^4+1}{(\sin(4x)+2)^2}\right)$ .
- (A)  $\frac{4x^3}{(\sin(4x)+2)^2} - \frac{8(x^4+1)\cos(4x)}{(\sin(4x)+2)^3}$     (B)  $\ln\left(-\frac{x^3}{\cos(4x)}\right)$   
 (C)  $\frac{4x^3}{x^4+1} - \frac{8\cos(4x)}{\sin(4x)+2}$     (D)  $\frac{4(x^4+1)\cos(4x)}{(\sin(4x)+2)^2} - \frac{4x^3}{\sin(4x)+2}$     (E) NOTA
22. Supposing that  $y = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$ , with  $|x| < 1$ , which of the following expressions is equivalent to  $y'$ ?
- (A)  $y''$             (B)  $y * y$             (C)  $y$             (D)  $y!$             (E) NOTA
23. Evaluate:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^n \left(1 - \frac{x}{n}\right)^n e^{x/2} dx$
- (A)  $e$             (B)  $\frac{1}{4}$             (C)  $1$             (D)  $\frac{3}{2}$             (E) NOTA

For problems 24 through 26, we examine the number  $e$  ( $\sim 2.71828\dots$ ). This number is defined by  $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$ . We will show that this limit converges using two sequences to help us out:  $a_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$  and  $b_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1}$ .

24. The first few steps in the proof are to show that  $a_n$  is an increasing sequence (that is,  $a_{n+1} > a_n$ ) and that  $b_n$  is a decreasing sequence (that is,  $b_{n+1} < b_n$ ). For both of these steps, which of the following inequalities will be the most helpful?

- (A) AM-GM Inequality (B) Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality  
(C) Triangle Inequality (D) Bernoulli's Inequality (E) NOTA

25. Next, if we can show that  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  converge to the same limit as  $n$  approaches positive infinity, we can define  $e$  to be that limit. Find a general formula for  $b_n - a_n$ .

- (A)  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$  (B)  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n-1}$  (C)  $\frac{a_n}{n!}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{n} a_n$  (E) NOTA

26. It can be shown that  $b_n > a_n$  for all positive integers  $n$ , and that  $b_n - a_n < \frac{4}{n}$ . Using this information, which of the following theorems can be best used to show that  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  converge to the same limit? In other words, that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n - a_n) = 0$ .

- (A) Fermat's Last Theorem (B) Fundamental Theorem of Calculus  
(C) Squeeze Theorem (D) Pythagorean Theorem (E) NOTA

27. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^s \sin\left(\frac{i\pi}{s}\right)$$

- (A)  $\frac{2}{\pi}$  (B) 2 (C)  $2\pi$  (D)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (E) NOTA

28. It can be shown, using the Delta-Epsilon definition of a limit, that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \sqrt{x} = 2$ . If  $\varepsilon = 0.05$ , which of the following values of  $\delta$  would satisfy the definition?

- 1)  $\delta = 0.2025$   
2)  $\delta = 0.1975$   
3)  $\delta = 0.05$

- (A) 1, 2 and 3 (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 and 2 only (D) 3 only (E) NOTA

29. Let  $h(x) = \tan(x^2)$ . On the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ , how many points of discontinuity does  $h$  have?

- (A) 12                      (B) 13                      (C) 14                      (D) 15                      (E) NOTA

30. Suppose  $f$  is a real-valued function defined on  $|x| < 1$ , where  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ . Moreover,  $f(0) = 1$  and if  $|x| < 1$ , then  $(1 + x)f(x^2) = f(x)$ . It can be shown that there is only one function  $f$  that satisfies the aforementioned properties. Find the sum of the digits of  $f' \left( \frac{2012}{2013} \right)$ .

- (A) 27                      (B) 24                      (C) 21                      (D) 18                      (E) NOTA