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MH1100 Calculus I

Tutorial 2, Week 3

**Your tutor will aim to discuss: Problem 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 10**

**Problem 1**

- (a) Suppose  $g(x)$  is an even function and we set  $h = f \circ g$ , where  $f$  is some other function. Is  $h(x)$  even?
- (b) Suppose  $g(x)$  is an odd function and we set  $h = f \circ g$ , where  $f$  is some other function. Is  $h(x)$  always odd?
- (c) Suppose  $g(x)$  is an odd function and we set  $h = f \circ g$ , where  $f$  is odd. What about  $h(x)$ ?
- (d) Suppose  $g(x)$  is an odd function and we set  $h = f \circ g$ , where  $f$  is even. What about  $h(x)$ ?

**Problem 2** Let  $f(x) = ax + b$  and  $g(x) = cx + d$ . What condition must be satisfied by the constants  $a, b, c, d$  in order that  $(f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ f)(x)$  for every value of  $x$ ?

**Problem 3** The point  $P(1, 1)$  lies on the the graph of the function  $f(x) = \frac{3x}{1+2x}$ .

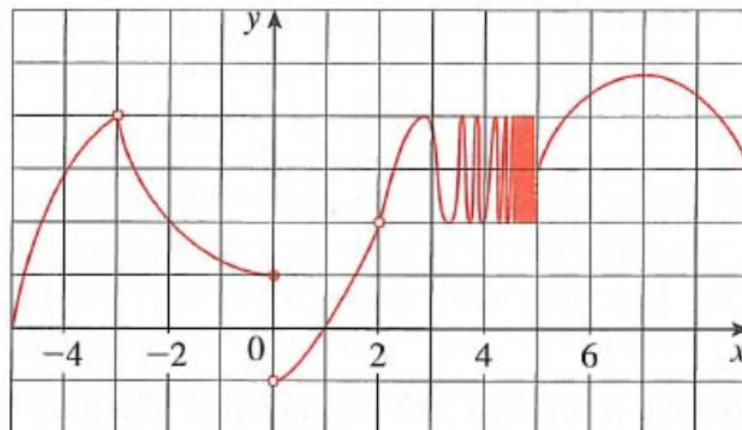
- (a) If  $Q$  is the point  $\left(x, \frac{3x}{1+2x}\right)$ , use your calculator to find the slope of the secant line  $PQ$  for the values of  $x$ : (i) 0.5; (ii) 0.9; (iii) 0.99; (iv) 0.999; (v) 1.5; (vi) 1.1; (vii) 1.01; and (viii) 1.001.
- (b) Using the results of part (a), guess the value of the slope of the tangent line to the curve at  $P(1, 1)$ .
- (c) Using the slope from part (b), find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at  $P(1, 1)$ .

**Problem 4** The displacement of a particle moving back and forth along a straight line is given by the equation of motion  $s = 2 \sin \pi t + 3 \cos \pi t$ , where  $t$  is measured in seconds.

- (a) Find the average velocity for during the time period : (i)  $[1, 2]$ ; (ii)  $[1, 1.1]$ ; (iii)  $[1, 1.01]$ ; (iv)  $[1, 1.001]$ .
- (b) Estimate the instantaneous velocity of the particle when  $t = 1.0$ .

**Problem 5** Consider a function  $h(x)$  with the graph as shown in Figure 1. State the value of the following quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} h(x)$	(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} h(x)$	(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} h(x)$	(d) $h(-3)$
(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} h(x)$	(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} h(x)$	(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x)$	(h) $h(0)$
(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x)$	(j) $h(2)$	(k) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} h(x)$	(l) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} h(x)$

FIGURE 1. Graph of  $h(x)$  in Problem 5

**Problem 6** Give an example of a function  $f$  satisfying the following conditions:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 1, \quad f(2) = 1, \quad \text{and } f(0) \text{ is undefined.}$$

**Problem 7** Guess the value of the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$$

by evaluating the function at the points

$$x = 3.5, 3.1, 3.05, 3.01, 3.005, 2.5, 2.9, 2.95, 2.99, 2.995.$$

**Problem 8**

- (a) Evaluate the function  $f(x) = x^2 - (2^x/1000)$  for  $x = 1, 0.8, 0.6, 0.4, 0.2, 0.1$ , and  $0.05$ , and guess the value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( x^2 - \frac{2^x}{1000} \right).$$

- (b) Evaluate  $f(x)$  for  $x = 0.04, 0.02, 0.01, 0.005, 0.003$ , and  $0.001$ . Guess again.

**Problem 9** Consider the function  $f(x) = \tan \frac{\pi}{x}$ .

- (a) Show that  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x = \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots$ .  
 (b) Show that  $f(x) = 1$  for  $x = \frac{4}{1}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{4}{9}, \dots, \frac{4}{4n-3}, \dots$ .  
 (c) What can you conclude about  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \tan \frac{\pi}{x}$ ?

**Problem 10**

- (a) Use numerical and graphical evidence to guess the value of the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^3 - 64}{\sqrt{x} - 2}.$$

- (b) How close to 4 does  $x$  have to be to ensure that the function in part (a) is within a distance 2.0 of its limit?