

MATH 249
Midterm Handout

1. Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(x^2 - x^2 \cos \frac{1}{x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 \left(1 - \cos \frac{1}{x} \right) = " \infty \cdot 0 " \quad u = \frac{1}{x}, u \rightarrow 0^+ \\ & \text{so } = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1 - \cos u)}{u^2} \cdot \frac{(1 + \cos u)}{(1 + \cos u)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1 - \cos^2 u)}{u^2 (1 + \cos u)} = \\ &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin^2 u}{u^2 (1 + \cos u)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\sin u}{u} \right)^2 \cdot \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{(1 + \cos u)} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x - \pi} = \frac{0}{-\pi} = 0 \\ \text{(b)} \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin x}{x - \pi} = " \frac{0}{0} " = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(u + \pi)}{u} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin u}{u} = -1 \\ & \text{where } x - \pi = u \\ & \text{and } \sin(u + \pi) = \sin u \cos \pi + \cos u \sin \pi, \cos \pi = -1, \sin \pi = 0 \\ \text{(c)} \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x - \pi} = 0 \text{ by Squeeze Th. since } -1 \leq \sin x \leq 1 \text{ (} x - \pi < 0 \text{)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{-1}{x - \pi} \geq \frac{\sin x}{x - \pi} \geq \frac{1}{x - \pi} \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\pm 1}{x - \pi} = 0.$$

3. For $y = \frac{\cos \pi x}{1 - x}$ find an equation of the tangent line at $x = -\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\text{for } x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad y = \frac{\cos\left(\pi \frac{-1}{2}\right)}{\frac{3}{2}} = 0 \text{ so the point is } \left(\frac{-1}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\text{use Q.R. to find } y' = \frac{-\pi \sin \pi x (1 - x) - \cos \pi x (-1)}{(1 - x)^2}$$

$$\text{at } x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \cos \frac{-\pi}{2} = 0, \sin \frac{-\pi}{2} = -1 \text{ so } y = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$y' = \frac{\frac{3\pi}{2}}{\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{2\pi}{3} = m \dots \text{slope} \quad \text{tangent } y = \frac{2\pi}{3} \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

4. For $y = \left(\sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4+1}}\right)^3$ find y' .

use Chain Rule twice

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= 3 \left(\sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4+1}}\right)^2 \left(\sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4+1}}\right)' = 3 \left(\sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4+1}}\right)^2 \left(\cos \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4+1}}\right) \left((x^4+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)' = \\ &= 3 \left(\sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4+1}}\right)^2 \left(\cos \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4+1}}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \left((x^4+1)^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right) 4x^3 = \frac{-6x^3 \sin^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4+1}} \cos \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4+1}}}{(x^4+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}. \end{aligned}$$

5. Show that the function $f(x) = x - 2 \sin(\pi x)$ has at least one positive zero i.e.

$f(x) = 0$ at least for one $x > 0$.

SOLUTION

the function is continuous everywhere and $f(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} - 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = -\frac{3}{2} < 0$ and $f(1) = 1 - 2 \sin \pi = 1 > 0$

so by IVT there must be an c between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 where $f(c) = 0$.

6. Locate all 3 roots of $p(x) = 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 7$ i.e.

find 3 intervals each containing one root. Sketch the graph of $y = p(x)$.

SOLUTION

the polynomial p is continuous everywhere and $p(0) = 7 > 0$

and $p(-1) = -2 - 6 + 7 = -1 < 0$ so by IVT (intermediate value theorem)

there must be one root r_1 between -1 and 0 $r_1 \in]-1, 0[$

since $p(1) = 2 - 6 + 7 = 3 > 0$ and $p(2) = 16 - 24 + 7 = -1 < 0$

so by IVT there is another root between 1 and 2 $r_2 \in]1, 2[$

finally $p(3) = 54 - 54 + 7 = 7 > 0$

by IVT there is a root $r_3 \in]2, 3[$

7. Find $\sec \theta$ if $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{3}{2}\pi$.

SOLUTION

$\cos \theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta} = \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{25}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{24}{25}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{24}}{5}$ but since θ is in the second quadrant

\cos must be negative and $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = -\frac{5}{\sqrt{24}}$.

8. If $\cos \theta = \frac{2}{3}$ and $\pi < \theta < 2\pi$ find $\sin \theta$ and then $\sin 2\theta$.

SOLUTION

$\sin \theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} = \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4}{9}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5}{9}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$ but since θ is in the fourth quadrant \sin must be negative

$\sin \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$. Now $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2 \cdot \left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{9}$.

9. Find the values of a and b so that the function f is continuous everywhere

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{2x+1} - 3\right)(4x^2 - 1) & \text{for } x < -\frac{1}{2} \\ ax + b & \text{for } -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 2 \\ \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{x}\right) & \text{for } x > 2 \end{cases}.$$

SOLUTION

The function is continuous except $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $x = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{-1}{2}a + b = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}^+} f(x) \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}^-} \left(\frac{2}{2x+1} - 3\right)(4x^2 - 1) = \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}^-} \left(\frac{2-3(2x+1)}{2x+1}\right)(4x^2 - 1) \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}^-} \left(\frac{2-6x-3}{2x+1}\right)(2x-1)(2x+1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}^-} (-1-6x)(2x-1) = 2 \cdot (-2) = -4
\end{aligned}$$

All 3 numbers must be the same so $\frac{-1}{2}a + b = -4$

Similarly, for $x = 2$

$$f(2) = 2a + b = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \cos \frac{-\pi}{x} = \cos \frac{-\pi}{2} = 0$$

All 3 numbers must be the same so $2a + b = 0 \rightarrow b = -2a$

$$\text{back to } \frac{-1}{2}a + b = -4 \quad a\left(\frac{-1}{2} - 2\right) = -4 \Rightarrow a\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right) = -4$$

$$\text{so } a = \frac{8}{5} \text{ and } b = -2a = \frac{-16}{5}.$$

10. Find the values of a and b so that the function f is continuous everywhere

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos(\pi x) - 2 \sin \frac{\pi x}{2} & \text{for } x > 3 \\ ax^2 + b & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 6 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{9-x}-3}{x} & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}.$$

SOLUTION

The function is continuous except $x = 3$ and $x = 0$

$$f(3) = 9a + b = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \left[\cos(\pi x) - 2 \sin \frac{\pi x}{2} \right] = \cos(3\pi) - 2 \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} = -1 - 2(-1) = 1$$

All 3 numbers must be the same so $9a + b = 1$

Similarly, for $x = 0$

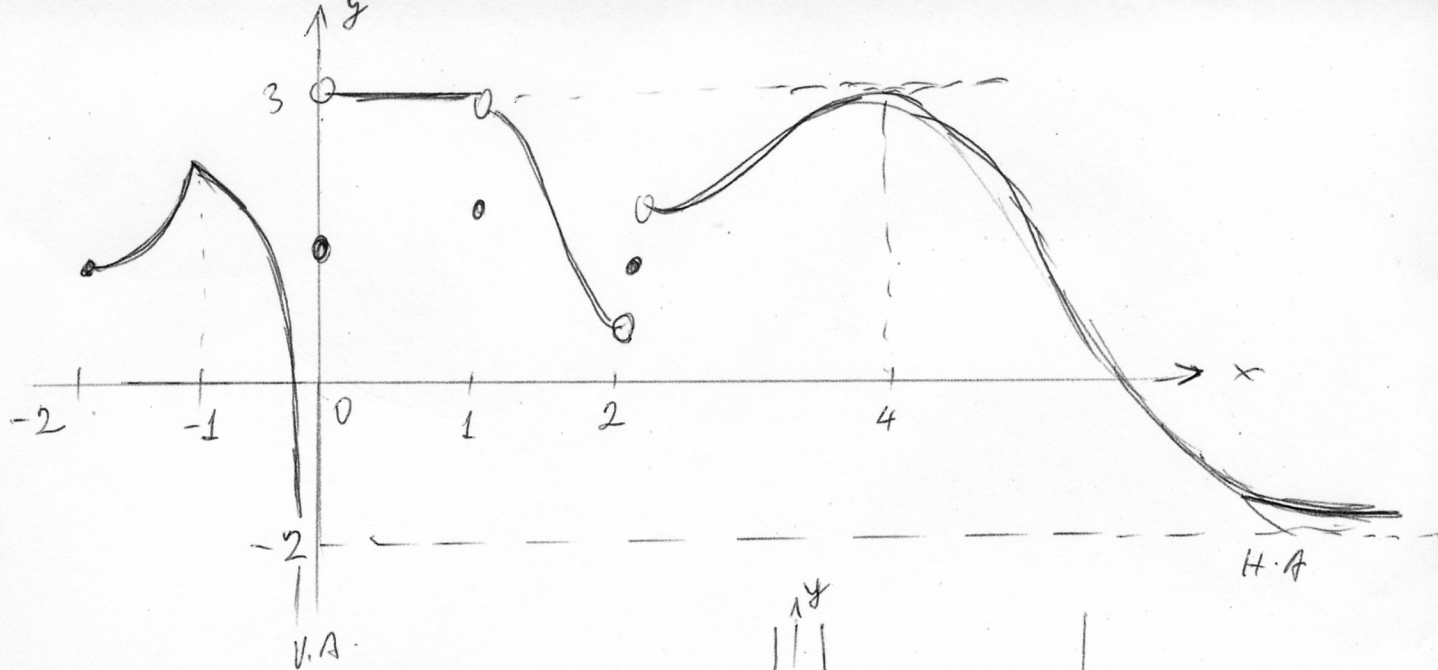
$$f(0) = b = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 6 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{9-x}-3}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{9-x}+3}{\sqrt{9-x}+3} = 6 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{9-x-3^2}{x(\sqrt{9-x}+3)} =$$

$$= 6 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-x}{x(\sqrt{9-x}+3)} = 6 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-1}{(\sqrt{9-x}+3)} = \frac{-6}{6} = -1$$

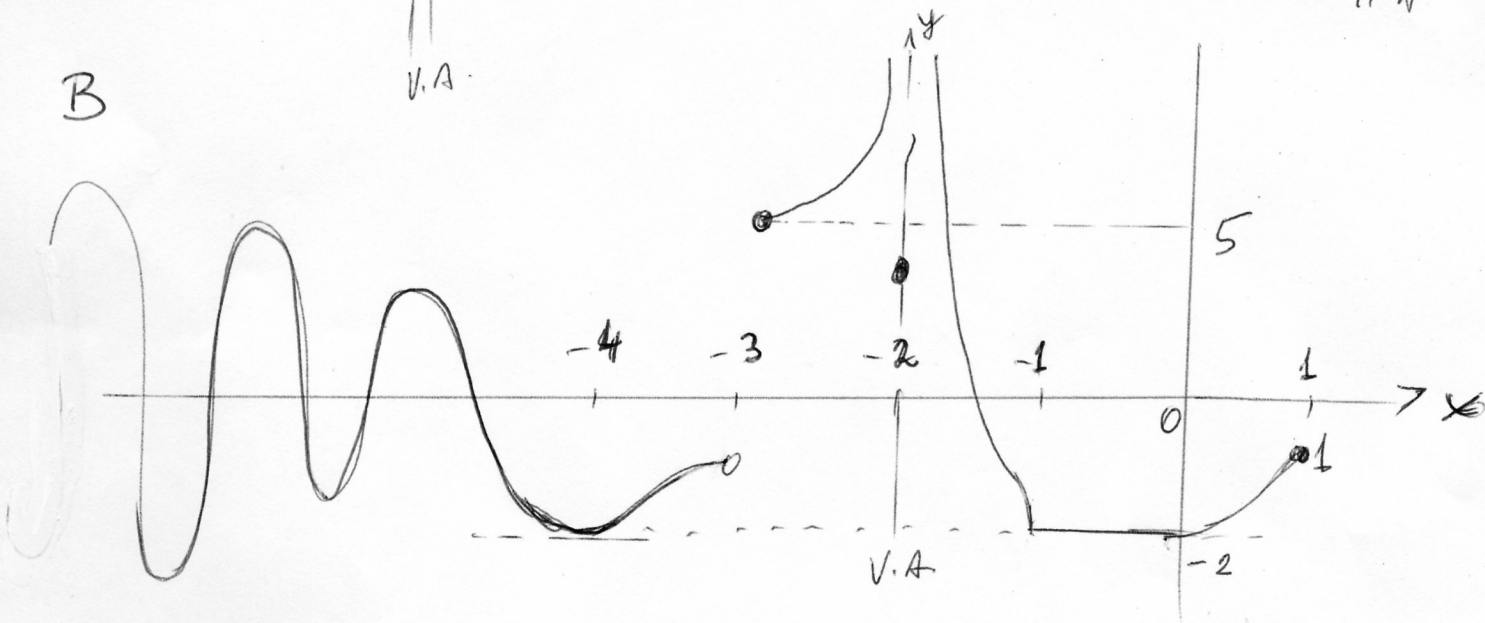
All 3 numbers must be the same so $b = -1$

substitute $b = -1$ in the first equation $9a - 1 = 1 \quad a = \frac{2}{9}$ and $b = -1$.

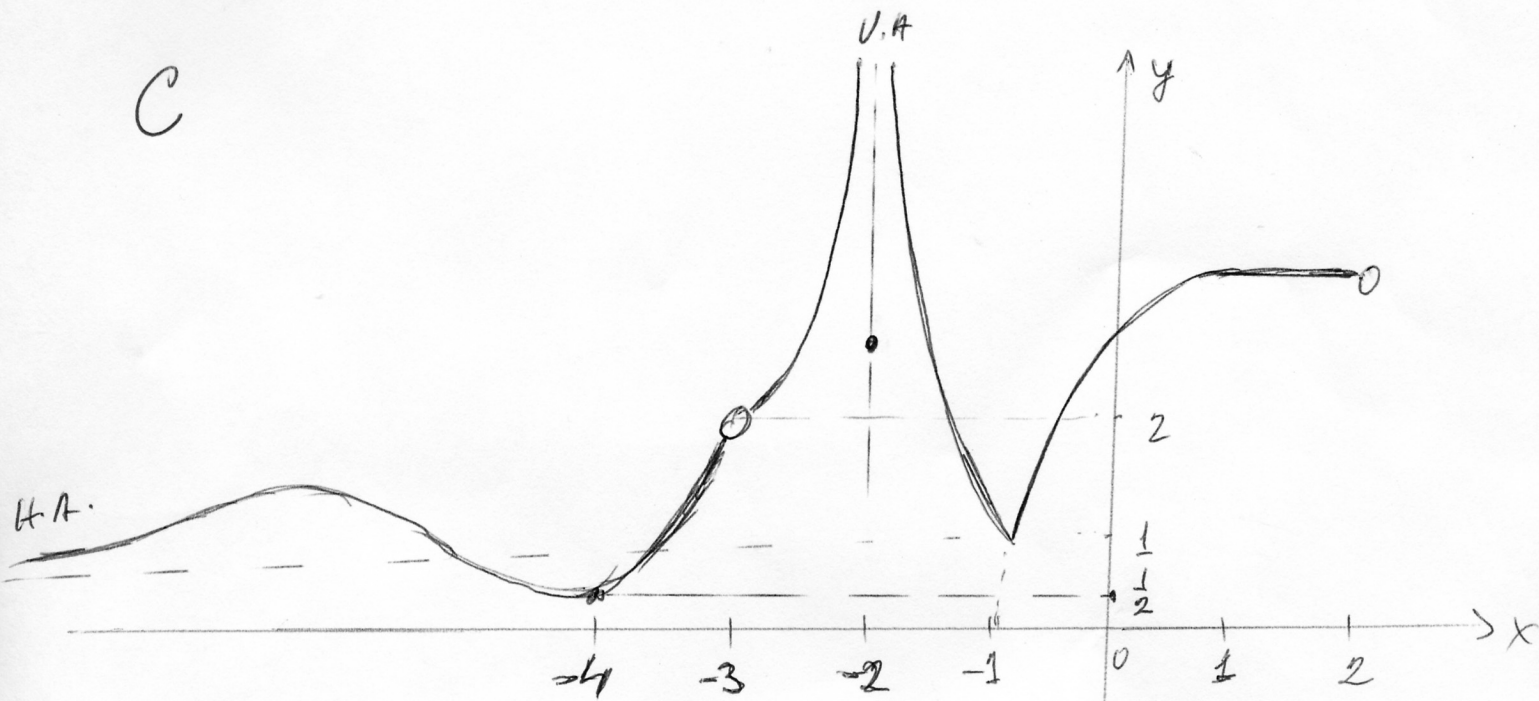
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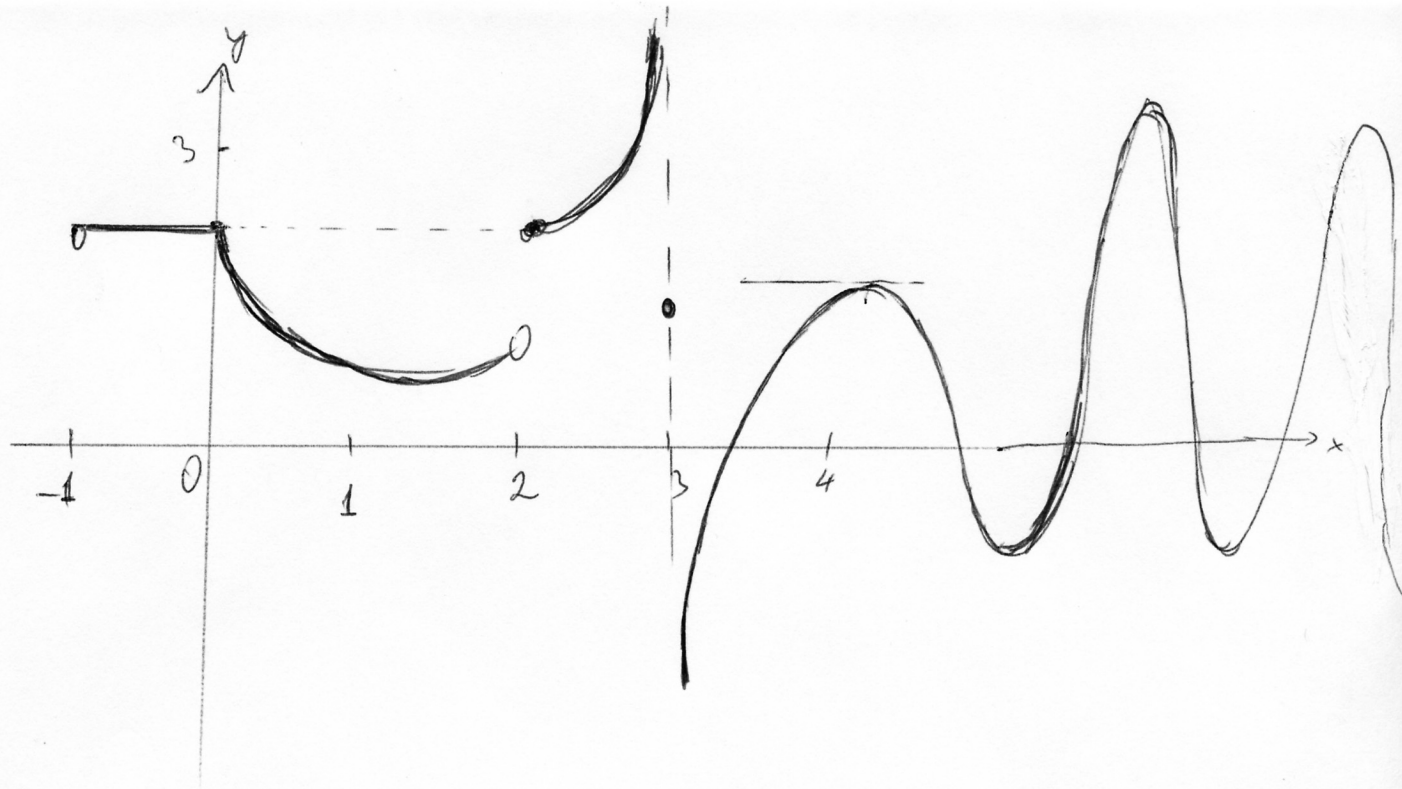
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