



MATH 155 - Calculus for Engineering I

First Midterm Examination

1) a) Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{\ln(x^3 - 8)}{\sqrt{75 - 3x^2}} + \frac{1}{|x - 3|}$. Explain.

b) Find the range of the function $f(x) = e^{x^2 + 2x + 2}$. Explain.

c) Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x & \text{if } x < 2 \\ x^2 - 6 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$

2) Evaluate the following limits: (Do NOT use L'Hôpital's Rule)

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(x) - \pi}{x - \pi}$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\frac{6}{x+1} - 1}{x - 5}$

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{|4x - 12|}{x^2 - 9}$

d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2}{\sqrt{3 + x^2} - \sqrt{3 - x^2}}$

3) Let the function $f(x)$ be given by: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(7x^2)}{x \tan(3x)} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$

If it is possible, find the continuous extension of $f(x)$. If it is not possible, explain why not.

4) Using Intermediate Value Theorem, show that the equation $3^x = 5x$ has a root on the interval $[0, 1]$.

5) Find all horizontal, vertical and oblique asymptotes of the following functions (if there is any). Explain your solution.

a) $f(x) = \frac{x + 1}{x^2 - 3x - 4}$

b) $f(x) = \frac{2 + 3e^x}{e^x - e^{-2x}}$

Answers

1) a) $\ln(x^3 - 8)$ is defined when $x^3 > 8 \Rightarrow$ Domain is: $(2, \infty)$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{75 - 3x^2}}$ is defined when $75 - 3x^2 > 0 \Rightarrow$ Domain is: $(-5, 5)$

$\frac{1}{|x - 3|}$ is defined when $x \neq 3$.

\Rightarrow Domain of $f(x)$ is intersection of these regions: $(2, 3) \cup (3, 5)$

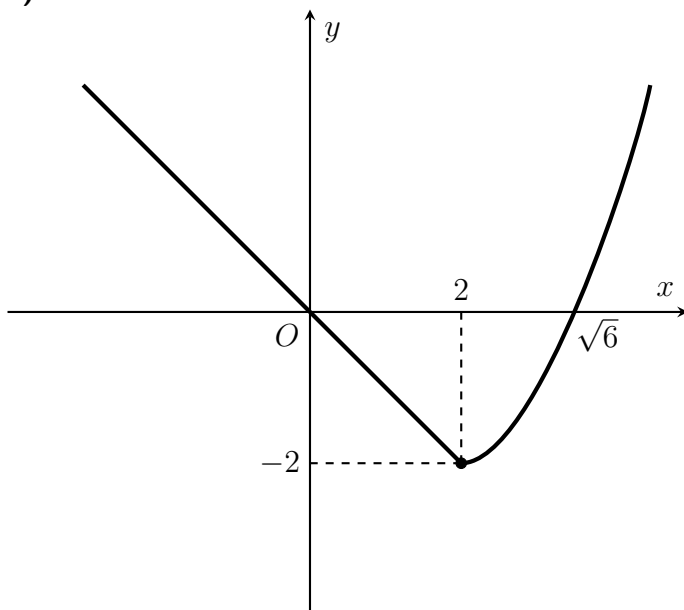
b) $x^2 + 2x + 2 = (x + 1)^2 + 1$

$(x + 1)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (x + 1)^2 + 1 \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow e^{x^2 + 2x + 2} \geq e$

Range of $f(x)$ is: $[e, \infty)$

c)



2) a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} x - \pi = 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \sin(x) - \pi = -\pi \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(x) - \pi}{x - \pi}$ does not exist.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\frac{6}{x+1} - 1}{x-5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\frac{6}{x+1} - \frac{x+1}{x+1}}{x-5} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\frac{5-x}{x+1}}{x-5} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} -\frac{1}{x+1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{|4x-12|}{x^2-9} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{4(x-3)}{(x-3)(x+3)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{4}{x+3} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{|4x-12|}{x^2-9} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{-4(x-3)}{(x-3)(x+3)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} -\frac{4}{x+3} \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{|4x-12|}{x^2-9} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{|4x-12|}{x^2-9}$$

Left and right limits are not equal, therefore limit does not exist.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2}{\sqrt{3+x^2} - \sqrt{3-x^2}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2}{\sqrt{3+x^2} - \sqrt{3-x^2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3+x^2} + \sqrt{3-x^2}}{\sqrt{3+x^2} + \sqrt{3-x^2}} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2 (\sqrt{3+x^2} + \sqrt{3-x^2})}{(3+x^2) - (3-x^2)} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2 (\sqrt{3+x^2} + \sqrt{3-x^2})}{2x^2} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 (\sqrt{3+x^2} + \sqrt{3-x^2}) \\
&= 2 \cdot (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3}) \\
&= 4\sqrt{3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{3) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(7x^2)}{x \tan(3x)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(7x^2)}{7x^2} \cdot 7x^2 \cdot \frac{3x}{\tan(3x)} \cdot \frac{1}{3x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\
&= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{7x^2}{3x^2} \\
&= \frac{7}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

$f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = 0$ because $f(0) = 1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \frac{7}{3}$.

In other words $f(0) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$.

Limit exists, therefore the discontinuity is removable. Continuous extension of $f(x)$ is:

$$f_2(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(7x^2)}{x \tan(3x)} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ \frac{7}{3} & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

4) $f(x) = 3^x - 5x$

$$f(0) = 3^0 - 0 = 1 \quad (f(0) > 0)$$

$$f(1) = 3 - 5 = -2 \quad (f(1) < 0)$$

x	0	1
$f(x)$	+	-

$f(x)$ is continuous and it changes sign \Rightarrow the equation $f(x) = 0$ has at least one solution in the interval $[0, 1]$ by IVT.

5) a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$ therefore the line $y = 0$ (x - axis) is Horizontal Asymptote.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x+1}{(x+1)(x-4)} = -\frac{1}{5} \text{ (There is no asymptote)}$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = \infty$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = -\infty$ therefore the line $x = 4$ is Vertical Asymptote.

There is no Oblique Asymptote because $\deg(\text{numerator}) - \deg(\text{denominator}) \neq 1$.

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 3$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$ therefore the lines $y = 3$ and $y = 0$ are H.A.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \infty$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = -\infty$ therefore the line $x = 0$ (y - axis) is V.A.

There is no Oblique Asymptote because there's no a and b such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{ax + b} = 1$.