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**Very short answer questions**

1. 2 marks Each part is worth 1 marks. Please write your **simplified** answers in the boxes.  
**Marking scheme:** 1 for each correct, 0 otherwise

(a) Compute the derivative of  $\left(\frac{7x+2}{x^2+3}\right)$

Answer:  $\frac{21-4x-7x^2}{(x^2+3)^2}$

**Solution:** We use quotient rule:

$$\frac{(x^2+3) \cdot 7 - 2x \cdot (7x+2)}{(x^2+3)^2} = \frac{21-4x-7x^2}{(x^2+3)^2}$$

(b) Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/3} \left(\frac{\cos(x) - 1/2}{x - \pi/3}\right)$ . Use any method.

Answer:  $-\sqrt{3}/2$

**Solution:** This limit represents the derivative computed at  $x = \pi/3$  of the function  $f(x) = \cos x$ . Since the derivative of  $f(x)$  is  $-\sin x$ , then its value at  $x = \pi/3$  is exactly  $-\sqrt{3}/2$ .

**Short answer questions — you must show your work**

2. 4 marks Each part is worth 2 marks.

(a) Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $y = \tan(x)$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

**Solution:** We compute the derivative of  $\tan(x)$  as being  $\sec^2(x)$ , which evaluated at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$  yields 2. Since we also compute  $\tan(\pi/4) = 1$ , then the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - 1 = 2 \cdot (x - \pi/4).$$

**Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for computing correctly the slope of the tangent.
- 1 mark for correct equation of the tangent line.
- Students do not need to simplify line equation.

(b) For what values of  $x$  does the derivative of  $\frac{x^2+6x+5}{\sin(x)}$  exist? Explain your answer.

**Solution:** The function is differentiable whenever  $\sin(x) \neq 0$  since the derivative equals

$$\frac{\sin(x) \cdot (2x + 6) - \cos(x) \cdot (x^2 + 6x + 5)}{(\sin x)^2},$$

which is well-defined unless  $\sin x = 0$ . This happens when  $x$  is an integer multiple of  $\pi$ . So, the function is differentiable for all real values  $x$  except  $x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for writing that the function is differentiable whenever the denominator is nonzero.
- 1 mark for solving correctly and finding **all** points where the function is not differentiable:  $x = 0, \pm 1\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots$ . Note that students can either write where derivative *exists* (eg writing  $\mathbb{R} - \{n\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ) or where it *does not exist* (eg writing  $n\pi$  for integer  $n$ ).

### Long answer question — you must show your work

3. 4 marks Determine whether the derivative of the following function exists at  $x = 0$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 - 7x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x^3 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

You must justify your answer using the definition of a derivative.

**Solution:** The function is differentiable at  $x = 0$  if the following limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - 0}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$$

exists (note that we used the fact that  $f(0) = 0$  as per the definition of the first branch which includes the point  $x = 0$ ). We compute left and right limits; so

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x^3 - 7x^2}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x^2 - 7x = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^3 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 \cdot \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right).$$

This last limit equals 0 by the Squeeze Theorem since

$$-1 \leq \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq 1$$

and so,

$$-x^2 \leq x^2 \cdot \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq x^2,$$

where in these inequalities we used the fact that  $x \rightarrow 0^+$  yields positive values for  $x$ . Finally, since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -x^2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 = 0$ , the Squeeze Theorem yields that also  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$ , as claimed.

Since the left and right limits match (they're both equal to 0), we conclude that indeed  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  (and its derivative at  $x = 0$  is actually equal to 0). **Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for writing the condition for differentiability, i.e. that the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$  must exist. Not necessary to realise  $f(0) = 0$  to get this mark.
- 1 mark for computing the left limit correctly.
- 1 mark for computing the right limit correctly. They lose 1 mark if they don't explain the use of the Squeeze Theorem.
- 1 mark for the correct answer (i.e. both left and right limits match for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)/x$ , hence the function is differentiable at  $x = 0$ ).

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**Very short answer questions**

1. 2 marks Each part is worth 1 marks. Please write your **simplified** answers in the boxes.  
**Marking scheme:** 1 for each correct, 0 otherwise

(a) Compute the derivative of  $\left(\frac{x^2 + 3}{5x + 2}\right)$

Answer:  $\frac{5x^2 + 4x - 15}{(5x + 2)^2}$

**Solution:** We use quotient rule:

$$\frac{2x \cdot (5x + 2) - (x^2 + 3) \cdot 5}{(5x + 2)^2} = \frac{5x^2 + 4x - 15}{(5x + 2)^2}$$

(b) Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{x^{2015} - 2^{2015}}{x - 2}\right)$ . Use any method.

Answer:  $2015 \cdot 2^{2014}$

**Solution:** This limit represents the derivative computed at  $x = 2$  of the function  $f(x) = x^{2015}$ . Since the derivative of  $f(x)$  is  $2015 \cdot x^{2014}$ , then its value at  $x = 2$  is exactly  $2015 \cdot 2^{2014}$ .

**Short answer questions — you must show your work**

2. 4 marks Each part is worth 2 marks.

(a) Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $y = \cos(x)$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

**Solution:** We compute the derivative of  $\cos(x)$  as being  $-\sin(x)$ , which evaluated at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$  yields  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ . Since we also compute  $\cos(\pi/4) = 1/\sqrt{2}$ , then the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - 1/\sqrt{2} = -1/\sqrt{2} \cdot (x - \pi/4).$$

**Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for computing correctly the slope of the tangent.
- 1 mark for correct equation of the tangent line.
- Students do not need to simplify line equation.

(b) For what values of  $x$  does the derivative of  $\frac{\sin(x)}{x^2 + 6x + 5}$  exist? Explain your answer.

**Solution:** The function is differentiable whenever  $x^2 + 6x + 5 \neq 0$  since the derivative equals

$$\frac{\cos(x) \cdot (x^2 + 6x + 5) - \sin(x) \cdot (2x + 6)}{(x^2 + 6x + 5)^2},$$

which is well-defined unless  $x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$ . We solve  $x^2 + 6x + 5 = (x + 1)(x + 5) = 0$ , and get  $x = -1$  and  $x = -5$ . So, the function is differentiable for all real values  $x$  except for  $x = -1$  and for  $x = -5$ . **Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for writing that the function is differentiable whenever the denominator is nonzero.
- 1 mark for solving correctly and finding **both** points where the function is not differentiable:  $x = -1$  and  $x = -5$ . They can write their answer either as  $f(x)$  is differentiable for  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, -5\}$  or for  $x \in (-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, -1) \cup (-1, +\infty)$ , or even writing that  $f(x)$  is differentiable for all  $x$  except for  $x = -5, -1$ .

### Long answer question — you must show your work

3. 4 marks Determine whether the derivative of the following function exists at  $x = 0$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^3 - x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

You must justify your answer using the definition of a derivative.

**Solution:** The function is differentiable at  $x = 0$  if the following limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - 0}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$$

exists (note that we used the fact that  $f(0) = 0$  as per the definition of the first branch which includes the point  $x = 0$ ). We compute left and right limits; so

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{2x^3 - x^2}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 2x^2 - x = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right).$$

This last limit equals 0 by the Squeeze Theorem since

$$-1 \leq \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq 1$$

and so,

$$-x \leq x \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq x,$$

where in these inequalities we used the fact that  $x \rightarrow 0^+$  yields positive values for  $x$ . Finally, since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x = 0$ , the Squeeze Theorem yields that also  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$ , as claimed.

Since the left and right limits match (they're both equal to 0), we conclude that indeed  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  (and its derivative at  $x = 0$  is actually equal to 0). **Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for writing the condition for differentiability, i.e. that the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$  must exist. Not necessary to realise  $f(0) = 0$  to get this mark.
- 1 mark for computing the left limit correctly.
- 1 mark for computing the right limit correctly. They lose 1 mark if they don't explain the use of the Squeeze Theorem.
- 1 mark for the correct answer (i.e. both left and right limits match for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)/x$ , hence the function is differentiable at  $x = 0$ ).

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(a) Compute the derivative of  $\left(\frac{3x^2 + 5}{2 - x}\right)$

Answer:  $\frac{-3x^2 + 12x + 5}{(2-x)^2}$

**Solution:** We use quotient rule:

$$\frac{(2-x)(6x) - (3x^2 + 5)(-1)}{(2-x)^2} = \frac{-3x^2 + 12x + 5}{(x-2)^2}$$

(b) Evaluate  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sqrt{100180 + y} - \sqrt{100180}}{y} \right)$ . Use any method.

Answer:  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{100180}}$

**Solution:** This limit represents the derivative computed at  $x = 100180$  of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ . Since the derivative of  $f(x)$  is  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$ , then its value at  $x = 100180$  is exactly  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{100180}}$ .

**Short answer questions — you must show your work**

2. 4 marks Each part is worth 2 marks.

(a) Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $y = x^3$  at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Solution:** We compute the derivative of  $x^3$  as being  $3x^2$ , which evaluated at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  yields  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Since we also compute  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8}$ , then the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

**Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for computing correctly the slope of the tangent.
- 1 mark for correct equation of the tangent line.
- Students do not need to simplify line equation.

(b) For what values of  $x$  does the derivative of  $e^x \cdot (\sqrt{x} + \sin x)$  exist? Explain your answer.

**Solution:** The function is differentiable whenever  $x > 0$  since the derivative equals

$$\begin{aligned} & e^x \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \cos x \right) + e^x (\sqrt{x} + \sin x) \\ &= e^x \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \cos x + \sqrt{x} + \sin x \right) \end{aligned}$$

which is well-defined unless  $x \leq 0$ . Note the function is defined at  $x = 0$ , but not differentiable there. **Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for writing that  $x$  needs to be nonnegative for the derivative (indeed, the function) to exist
- 1 mark for differentiating correctly and realizing that, in the derivative,  $x$  cannot be 0.

### Long answer question — you must show your work

3. 4 marks Determine whether the derivative of the following function exists at  $x = 0$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \cos x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \sqrt{x^2 + x^4} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

You must justify your answer using the definition of a derivative.

**Solution:** The function is differentiable at  $x = 0$  if the following limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - 0}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$$

exists (note that we used the fact that  $f(0) = 0$  as per the definition of the first branch which includes the point  $x = 0$ ). We start by computing the left limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + x^4}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sqrt{x^2} \sqrt{1 + x^2}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-x \sqrt{1 + x^2}}{x} = -1$$

Now, from the right:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x \cos x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \cos x = 1.$$

Since the limit from the left does not equal the limit from the right, the derivative does not exist at  $x = 0$ . **Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for writing the condition for differentiability, i.e. that the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$  must exist. Not necessary to realise  $f(0) = 0$  to get this mark.
- 1 mark for computing the left limit correctly. They lose 1 mark if they get the sign wrong



- 1 mark for computing the right limit correctly.
- 1 mark for the correct answer (i.e. left and right limits disagree, hence the function is differentiable at  $x = 0$ ).

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(a) Compute the derivative of  $\left(\frac{2-x^2}{3x^2+5}\right)$

Answer:  $\frac{-22x}{(3x^2+5)^2}$

**Solution:** We use quotient rule:

$$\frac{(3x^2+5)(-2x) - (2-x^2)(6x)}{(3x^2+5)^2} = \frac{-22x}{(3x^2+5)^2}$$

(b) Evaluate  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} - \frac{1}{2}}{t-4}\right)$ . Use any method.

Answer:  $-1/16$

**Solution:** This limit represents the derivative computed at  $t = 4$  of the function  $f(t) = 1/\sqrt{t}$ . Since the derivative of  $f(t)$  is  $-\frac{1}{2t^{3/2}}$ , then its value at  $t = 4$  is exactly  $-\frac{1}{2 \cdot 4^{3/2}} = -1/16$ .

**Short answer questions — you must show your work**

2. 4 marks Each part is worth 2 marks.

(a) Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $y = \sin(x) + \cos(x) + e^x$  at  $x = 0$ .

**Solution:** We compute the derivative  $y' = \cos(x) - \sin(x) + e^x$ , which evaluated at  $x = 0$  yields  $1 - 0 + 1 = 2$ . Since we also compute  $y(0) = 0 + 1 + 1 = 2$ , the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - 2 = 2(x - 0)$$

ie  $y = 2x + 2$ . **Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for computing correctly the slope of the tangent.
- 1 mark for correct equation of the tangent line.
- Students do not need to simplify line equation.

- (b) For what values of  $x$  does the derivative of  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{1-x^2}$  exist? Explain your answer.

**Solution:** The derivative of the function is

$$\frac{(1-x)^2/2\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x} \cdot (-2x)}{(1-x^2)^2} = \frac{(1-x)^2 - 2x \cdot (-2x)}{2\sqrt{x}(1-x^2)^2}$$

The derivative is undefined if either  $x < 0$  or  $x = 0, \pm 1$  (since the square-root is undefined for  $x < 0$  and the denominator is zero when  $x = 0, 1, -1$ ). Putting this together — the derivative exists for  $x > 0, x \neq 1$ .

**Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for writing that  $x$  needs to be nonnegative for the derivative (indeed, the function) to exist
- 1 mark for differentiating correctly and realizing that, in the derivative,  $x$  cannot be  $0, 1$  (don't worry if they do not mention  $x = -1$ ).

### Long answer question — you must show your work

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \cos x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ \sqrt{1+x} - 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

You must justify your answer using the definition of a derivative.

**Solution:** The function is differentiable at  $x = 0$  if the following limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - 0}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$$

exists (note that we used the fact that  $f(0) = 0$  as per the definition of the first branch which includes the point  $x = 0$ ).

We start by computing the left limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x \cos x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \cos x = 1.$$

Now, from the right:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+x} + 1}{\sqrt{1+x} + 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1+x-1}{x(\sqrt{1+x}+1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}+1} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit from the left does not equal the limit from the right, the derivative does not exist at  $x = 0$ . **Marking scheme:**

- 1 mark for writing the condition for differentiability, i.e. that the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$  must exist. Not necessary to realise  $f(0) = 0$  to get this mark.
- 1 mark for computing the left limit correctly.
- 1 mark for computing the right limit correctly.
- 1 mark for the correct answer (left and right limits don't match so not differentiable).