Math 131

Exam 1 Solutions

1. (a) [8%] avg
$$v = \frac{h(5.2) - h(5)}{5.2 - 5}$$

$$= \frac{[1200 - 4.9 (5.2)^2] - [1200 - 4.9 (5)^2]}{0.2}$$

$$= \frac{-4.9[(5.2)^2 + (5)^2]}{0.2}$$

$$= -4.9\frac{2.04}{0.2} = \boxed{-49.98 \text{ m/s}}.$$
(b) [8%] avg $v = \frac{h(5 + \Delta t) - h(5)}{\Delta t}$

$$= \boxed{\frac{[1200 - 4.9 (5 + \Delta t)^2] - [1200 - 4.9 (5)^2]}{\Delta t} \text{ (m/sec)}}$$

The question did not ask you to simplify the result, but if you do so, you should obtain:

$$= \frac{-4.9 \left(25 + 10 \Delta t + (\Delta t)^2\right) + 4.9(25)}{\Delta t} = \frac{-4.9 \left(10 \Delta t + (\Delta t)^2\right)}{\Delta t}$$
$$= \frac{-4.9 \Delta t (10 + \Delta t)}{\Delta t} = -4.9 \left(10 + \Delta t\right) \text{ (m/sec)}$$

2. (a) [10%] The desired slope m is given by:

$$m = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(4+h) - f(4)}{h}$$

=
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{[(4+h)^2 - 3(4+h)] - [4^2 - 3(4)]}{h}$$

=
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{16 + 8h + h^2 - 12 - 3h - 16 + 12}{h}$$

=
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{5h + h^2}{h}$$

=
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{h(5+h)}{h}$$

=
$$\lim_{h \to 0} (5+h)$$

=
$$5 + 0 = [5].$$

(b) [6%] The form of the tangent line is

y - f(4) = m(x - 4).

The tangent line has slope m = 5 and goes through the point

$$(4, f(4)) = (4, 4^2 - 3(4)) = (4, 4).$$

So its equation is

$$y - 4 = 5(x - 4),$$

That form is OK. So is a simplified form such as: y = 5 x - 16

3. (a) [8%] Factor the denominator to obtain

$$f(x) = \frac{4x^2 + 5}{(x-1)(x-5)}.$$

Then f is continuous at every $x \neq 1, 5$, so the only possible vertical asymptotes are at x = 1 and x = 5.

$$\lim_{x \to 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{4x^2 + 5}{(x - 1)(x - 5)} = -\infty$$

because, for x > 1 and $x \approx 1$, we have $4x^2 + 5 \approx 4(1)^2 + 5 = 9 > 0$, while x - 1 > 0 and x - 5 < 0—so that (x - 1)(x - 5) > 0—with $x - 1 \approx 0$.

[You could similarly see that $\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} f(x) = +\infty$. But finding that *one* of the two one-sided limits is infinite is enough to establish that there is an asymptote at x = 1.] Next,

$$\lim_{x \to 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 5^+} \frac{4x^2 + 5}{(x - 1)(x - 5)} = +\infty$$

because, for x > 5 and $x \approx 5$, we have $4x^2 + 5 \approx 4(5)^2 + 5 = 105 > 0$, while x - 1 > 0 and x - 5 > 0—so that (x - 1)(x - 5) > 0—with $x - 5 \approx 0$.

[You could similarly see that $\lim_{x \to 5^-} f(x) = -\infty$. But again it's enough to find *one* of the two one-sided limits.]

Hence the lines x = 1 and x = 5 are the vertical asymptotes.

(b) **[8%]**

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{4x^2 + 5}{x^2 - 6x + 5}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{4 + 5/x^2}{1 - 6/x + 5/x^2}$$
$$= \frac{4 + 0}{1 - 0 + 0} = 4$$

Similarly,

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} f(x) = 4$$

Hence the line y = 4 is the one and only horizontal asymptote.

(Here you did need to determine the limit in the other direction, as $x \to -\infty$, too.)

4. (a) **[8%]**

$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \to 3} \frac{(x + 3)(x - 3)}{x - 3}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 3} (x + 3) = 3 + 3 = \boxed{6}$$
(by Direct Substitution))

(b) **[8%]**

$$\lim_{x \to 4} \frac{2 - \sqrt{x}}{x^2 (4 - x)} = \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{2 - \sqrt{x}}{x^2 (4 - x)} \cdot \frac{2 + \sqrt{x}}{2 + \sqrt{x}}$$
(rationalizing numerator)
$$= \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{2^2 - (\sqrt{x})^2}{x^2 (4 - x)} = \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{4 - x}{x^2 (4 - x) (2 + \sqrt{x})}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{1}{x^2 (2 + \sqrt{x})}$$
$$= \frac{1}{4^2 (2 + \sqrt{4})} = \boxed{\frac{1}{64}}$$
(by Direct Substitution)

(by the product rule and continuity of cos).

5. (a) [6%] For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some δ such that:

if
$$x \neq 1$$
 and $1 - \delta < x < 1 + \delta$, then $4 - \epsilon < f(x) < 4 + \epsilon$.

You could also complete the statement in the form:

if $0 < |x-1| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - 4| < \epsilon$.

In either of those forms, you could substitute the actual expression (6x - 2) for f(x).

(b) [8%] You may do this with or without absolute values. Here's the way without them. We want to make $4 - \epsilon < f(x) < 4 + \epsilon$, that is,

$$4 - 0.1 < 6x - 2 < 4 + 0.1 \tag{1}$$

when x is sufficiently close to 1 (but $x \neq 1$). Now condition (??) is equivalent in turn to each of:

$$\begin{array}{l} 6 - 0.1 < 6x < 6 + 0.1 \\ 1 - \frac{0.1}{6} < x < 1 + \frac{0.1}{6} \end{array}$$

So we take

$$\delta = \frac{0.1}{6} \, .$$

or any smaller positive number. Of course $0.1/6 \approx 0.01666667$. However, if you want to give a single decimal as the answer, it would be *wrong* to take $\delta = 0.01666667$ or $\delta = 0.0166667$, etc. Instead, you would have to use for δ a value that is definitely *less* than 0.1/6. For example, it would be OK to take $\delta = 0.1666666$. 6. (a) [8%] That f is continuous at x = 1 means $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)$ exists and $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = f(1)$. The one-sided limits are:

$$\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 1^{-}} (kx+4) = k(1) + 4 = k + 4,$$
$$\lim_{x \to 1^{+}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 1^{+}} 2x^{2} = 2(1)^{2} = 2.$$

For $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)$ to exist we need these two one-sided limits to be equal:

$$k + 4 = 2$$

that is,

$$k = -2.$$

Thus for k = -2 we have $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)$ exists, and $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = 2$. Since f(1) = 2, then $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = f(1).$

Hence f is continuous at x = 1 exactly in the case that k = -2.

(b) **[8%]** We now know

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 4 & \text{if } x < 1, \\ 2x^2 & \text{if } 1 \le x, \end{cases}$$

The question is whether $\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1}$ exists. The one-sided limits of the difference quotients are:

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

and

$$\lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{2x^2 - 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{2(x^2 - 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{2(x + 1)(x - 1)}{x - 1}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 1^+} 2(x + 1) = 2(1 + 1) = 4.$$

 $\left[\text{You could have worked instead with one-sided limits of } \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} \right]$ Since these two one-sided limits are *not* the same, then f is *not* differentiable at x = 1.

Note: To say simply that f is not differentiable at x = 1 because its graph has a corner there is *not* enough—and will receive only very partial credit—because the question remains as to how you know for sure that there's a corner there. (And to determine that, you have to calculate the one-sided limits of the difference quotient, as above.)