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**What is the derivative of  $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 7$ ?**

- A.  $3x^2 + 4x - 5$  ✓
- B.  $3x^2 + 4x + 5$
- C.  $3x^2 + 2x - 5$
- D.  $3x^2 + 2x + 5$

**Which of the following statements about limits are true?**

- A. A limit can exist even if the function is not defined at that point. ✓
- B. If a function is continuous at a point, the limit as  $x$  approaches that point equals the function's value at that point. ✓
- C. Limits can only be evaluated using direct substitution.
- D. L'Hopital's Rule can be used to evaluate limits of indeterminate forms like  $0/0$  and  $\infty/\infty$ . ✓

**Explain the concept of a removable discontinuity and provide an example of a function that has one. How can such a discontinuity be 'removed'?**

**A removable discontinuity occurs when a function is not defined at a point, but the limit exists. For example,  $f(x) = (x^2 - 1)/(x - 1)$  has a removable discontinuity at  $x = 1$ . It can be removed by redefining the function as  $f(x) = x + 1$  for  $x = 1$ .**

**Which of the following functions is continuous everywhere?**

- A.  $f(x) = 1/x$
- B.  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  ✓
- C.  $f(x) = \tan(x)$
- D.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

**Which of the following are techniques for finding derivatives?**

- A. Power Rule ✓
- B. Integration by Parts
- C. Chain Rule ✓
- D. Rationalizing

Describe the process of using the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to evaluate a definite integral. Include an example in your explanation.

The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus states that if  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$  on an interval  $[a, b]$ , then  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$ . For example, to evaluate  $\int_0^2 x^2 dx$ , find the antiderivative  $F(x) = x^3/3$ , then compute  $F(2) - F(0) = 8/3 - 0 = 8/3$ .

What is the integral of  $f(x) = 3x^2$ ?

- A.  $x^3 + C$  ✓
- B.  $x^3$
- C.  $(3/2)x^3 + C$
- D.  $x^3 + 3$

Which of the following are applications of derivatives?

- A. Finding the area under a curve
- B. Solving optimization problems ✓
- C. Determining concavity and points of inflection ✓
- D. Calculating the volume of a solid of revolution

Discuss the importance of the Mean Value Theorem in calculus. Provide an example to illustrate its application.

The Mean Value Theorem states that for a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  that is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , there exists a point  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  where  $f'(c) = (f(b) - f(a))/(b - a)$ . It is important for proving other theorems and understanding the behavior of functions. For example, for  $f(x) = x^2$  on  $[1, 3]$ , there exists  $c$  such that  $2c = (9 - 1)/(3 - 1) = 4$ , so  $c = 2$ .

What is the limit of  $\sin(x)/x$  as  $x$  approaches 0?

- A. 0
- B. 1 ✓
- C.  $\infty$

D. Undefined

**Which of the following are tests for the convergence of a series?**

- A. Geometric Series Test ✓
- B. Comparison Test ✓
- C. Power Rule
- D. Ratio Test ✓

**Explain how to solve a related rates problem. Provide a step-by-step approach and an example problem with its solution.**

To solve a related rates problem: 1) Identify the variables and their rates of change. 2) Write an equation relating the variables. 3) Differentiate the equation with respect to time. 4) Substitute known values and solve for the unknown rate. Example: A balloon's radius increases at 2 cm/s. Find the rate of volume increase when the radius is 5 cm. Volume  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ . Differentiate:  $dV/dt = 4\pi r^2(dr/dt)$ . Substitute  $r = 5$ ,  $dr/dt = 2$ :  $dV/dt = 4\pi(5)^2(2) = 200\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$ .

**Which method would you use to find the volume of a solid of revolution generated by rotating the region under  $y = x^2$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$  around the x-axis?**

- A. Disc Method ✓
- B. Shell Method
- C. Washer Method
- D. Integration by Parts

**Which of the following are true about Taylor series?**

- A. They approximate functions using polynomials. ✓
- B. They can only be used for functions that are differentiable infinitely many times. ✓
- C. The interval of convergence is always finite.
- D. They are a type of power series. ✓

**Describe the difference between definite and indefinite integrals. How does each type relate to the concept of area under a curve?**

A definite integral calculates the net area under a curve between two points, providing a numerical value. An indefinite integral represents a family of functions (antiderivatives) and includes a

constant of integration C. The definite integral is the limit of Riemann sums, while the indefinite integral represents the accumulation of quantities.

**What is the primary purpose of using the Chain Rule in differentiation?**

- A. To differentiate products of functions
- B. To differentiate quotients of functions
- C. To differentiate composite functions ✓**
- D. To find higher-order derivatives

**Which of the following functions have a derivative that is always positive?**

- A.  $f(x) = e^x$  ✓**
- B.  $f(x) = \ln(x)$  for  $x > 0$  ✓**
- C.  $f(x) = x^2$
- D.  $f(x) = \sin(x)$

**Discuss the concept of a sequence and its convergence. How can you determine if a sequence converges or diverges?**

**A sequence is an ordered list of numbers. A sequence converges if its terms approach a specific value as the index goes to infinity. To determine convergence, check if the limit of the sequence exists. If the limit is finite, the sequence converges; otherwise, it diverges.**

**Which rule would you apply to differentiate the function  $f(x) = (3x^2 + 2x)(x^3 - 1)$ ?**

- A. Power Rule
- B. Product Rule ✓**
- C. Quotient Rule
- D. Chain Rule

**Which of the following are examples of indeterminate forms?**

- A.  $0/0$  ✓**
- B.  $\infty/\infty$  ✓**
- C.  $0 \times \infty$  ✓**
- D.  $\infty - \infty$  ✓**

Explain how the concept of concavity and points of inflection are used to analyze the graph of a function. Provide an example to illustrate your explanation.

Concavity describes the direction a curve opens. A function is concave up if its second derivative is positive and concave down if negative. A point of inflection is where concavity changes. For example,  $f(x) = x^3$  has a point of inflection at  $x = 0$  because  $f''(x) = 6x$  changes sign.

What is the radius of convergence for the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x^n/n!)$ ?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C.  $\infty$  ✓
- D. 2

Which of the following are valid methods for evaluating definite integrals?

- A. Substitution ✓
- B. Integration by Parts ✓
- C. Partial Fractions ✓
- D. L'Hopital's Rule

Provide a detailed explanation of how to solve an optimization problem using calculus. Include an example with your explanation.

To solve an optimization problem: 1) Identify the function to optimize and constraints. 2) Express the function in terms of one variable. 3) Find the derivative and critical points. 4) Use the second derivative test or endpoints to determine maxima/minima. Example: Maximize area of a rectangle with perimeter 20. Let  $x$  be width,  $y$  be height.  $2x + 2y = 20$  implies  $y = 10 - x$ . Area  $A = xy = x(10-x)$ .  $A' = 10 - 2x$ . Critical point at  $x = 5$ .  $A'' = -2$ , so maximum area is at  $x = 5$ ,  $y = 5$ , area = 25.

What is the derivative of  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 1)$ ?

- A.  $2x/(x^2 + 1)$  ✓
- B.  $1/(x^2 + 1)$
- C.  $2/(x^2 + 1)$
- D.  $x/(x^2 + 1)$

Which of the following statements about sequences and series are true?

- A. A sequence is a list of numbers in a specific order. ✓
- B. A series is the sum of the terms of a sequence. ✓
- C. All sequences converge.
- D. A series can be finite or infinite. ✓

**Discuss the role of the Comparison Test in determining the convergence of a series. Provide an example to demonstrate its application.**

**The Comparison Test determines convergence by comparing a series to a known convergent or divergent series. If a series  $a_n$  is less than a convergent series  $b_n$ , then  $a_n$  converges. If  $a_n$  is greater than a divergent series  $b_n$ , then  $a_n$  diverges. Example: To test  $\sum(1/(n^2 + 1))$ , compare with  $\sum(1/n^2)$ , which converges. Since  $1/(n^2 + 1) < 1/n^2$ , the series converges.**