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VCE Mathematical Methods $\frac{3}{4}$

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Section A: [2.1] - Differentiation I (Checkpoints)

Sub-Section [2.1.1]: Find Instantaneous Rate of Change and Average Rate of Change



Question 1



- a. Find the average rate of change of $f(x) = x^3 + 3x - 2$ over the interval $[0, 2]$.

- b. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x} - e^x$. Find $f'(x)$.

- c. Find the gradient of the graph of $y = \sin(x) + 3 \cos(x)$ at the point $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$.

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Question 2

- a. Let $y = \tan(x)$, use the quotient rule to show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)}$.

- b. Find the gradient of $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$ at the point $(-1, \sqrt{3})$.

- c. Let $f(x) = -x \log_e(x)$. At what point is the gradient of f equal to 2?

- d. Let $f(x) = e^{x^2+2}$, find $f'(x)$.

e. Let $f(x) = \cos^2(x)$. Find $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$.

Question 3



a. Let $y = \frac{e^{-x}}{\sin(2x^2)}$. Find and simplify $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

b. Let $f(x) = (x - 3)^4(x^3 - 5x^2 + 1)$. Find $f'(2)$.

c. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{\sin(4x) + 2}$. Find all values of $x \in [0, \pi]$ such that $f'(x) = 0$.

d. Evaluate $\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x) \log_e(x^2 + 3x + 4))$.

e. Let $f(x) = \frac{(xe^x)^2}{x-1} + 2x$. Solve $f'(x) = 2$ for x .

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Question 4

Let $f(x) = \frac{\cos(e^{-x} \log_e(x))}{\sin(e^{-x} \log_e(x))}$.

Show that $f'(a) = 0$ implies that $\frac{1}{a} = \log_e(a)$.

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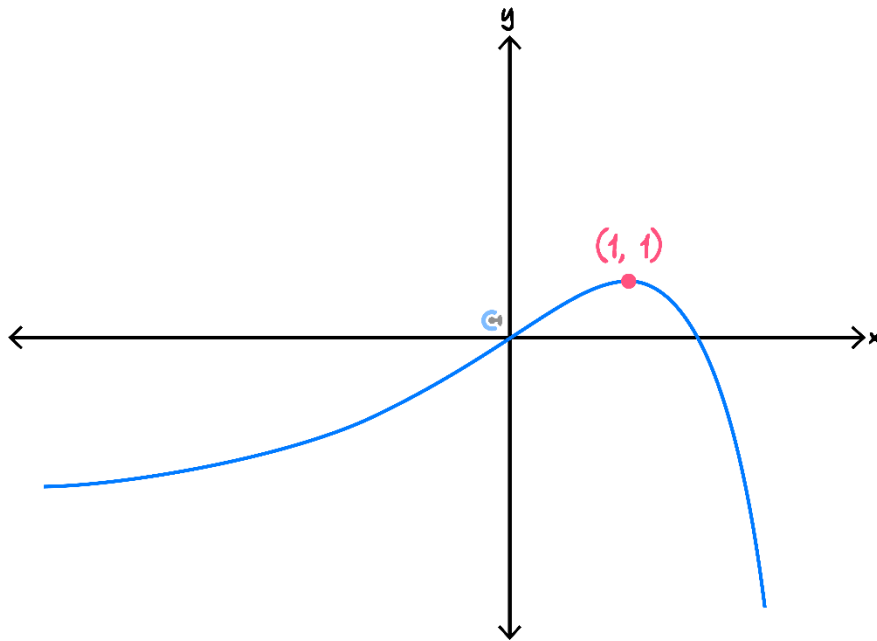


Sub-Section [2.1.2]: Identify the Nature of Stationary Points and Trend

Question 5



The graph of $f(x)$ is drawn below.



- a. State the nature of the stationary point when $x = 1$.

- b. State the values of x for which $f(x)$ is strictly increasing.

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Question 6

Let $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 5$.

- a. Find the stationary points of f .

- b. State the nature of the stationary points.

- c. Hence, state the values of x for which $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing.

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Question 7

Let $f(x) = e^{1+4x-3x^2}$.

- a. Find the stationary points of $f'(x)$.

- b. State the nature of the stationary points of $f'(x)$.

- c. Hence, state the values of x for which $f'(x)$ is strictly increasing.

Question 8

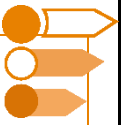


Let $f(x) = x^{\frac{10}{3}}$.

State the values for which $g(x) = f'(x) - f(x)$ is strictly increasing.

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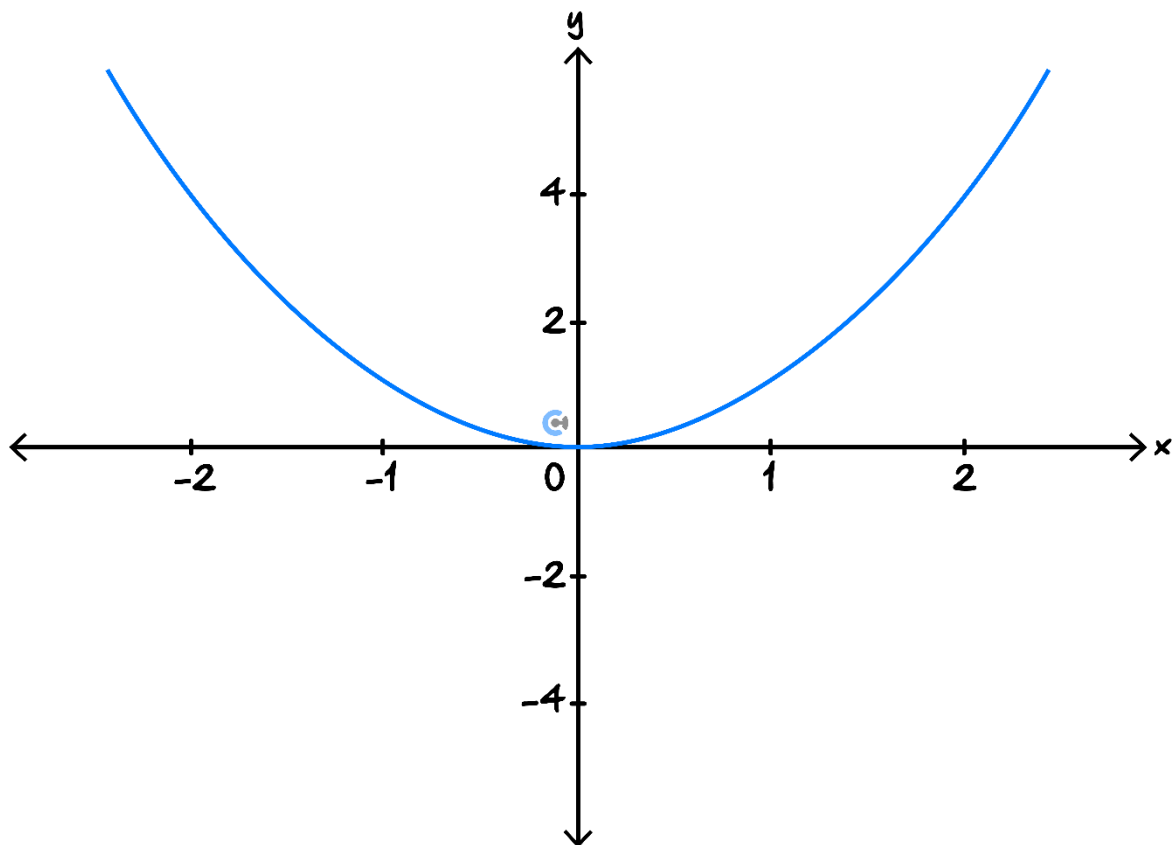
Sub-Section [2.1.3]: Graph Derivative Functions

Question 9



The graph of $f(x)$ is drawn below.

Draw the graph of $f'(x)$ on the same axes.



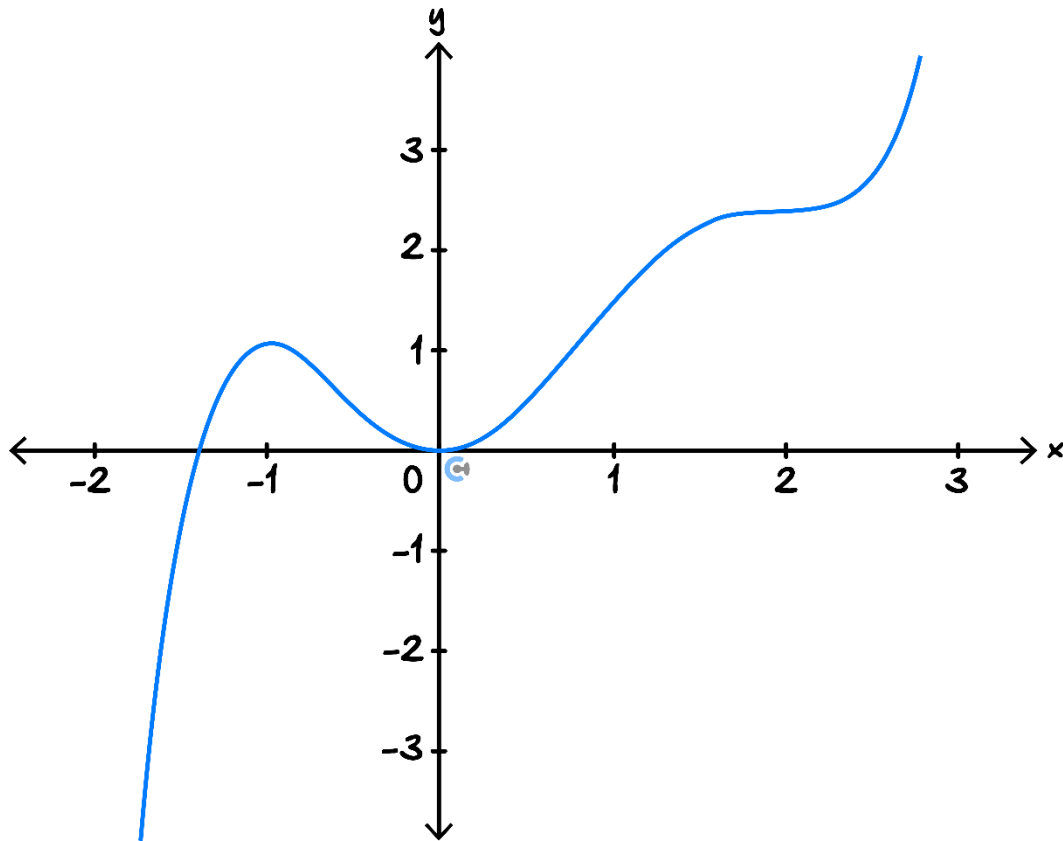
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Question 10

The graph of $f(x)$ is drawn below.

Draw the graph of $f'(x)$ on the same axes.



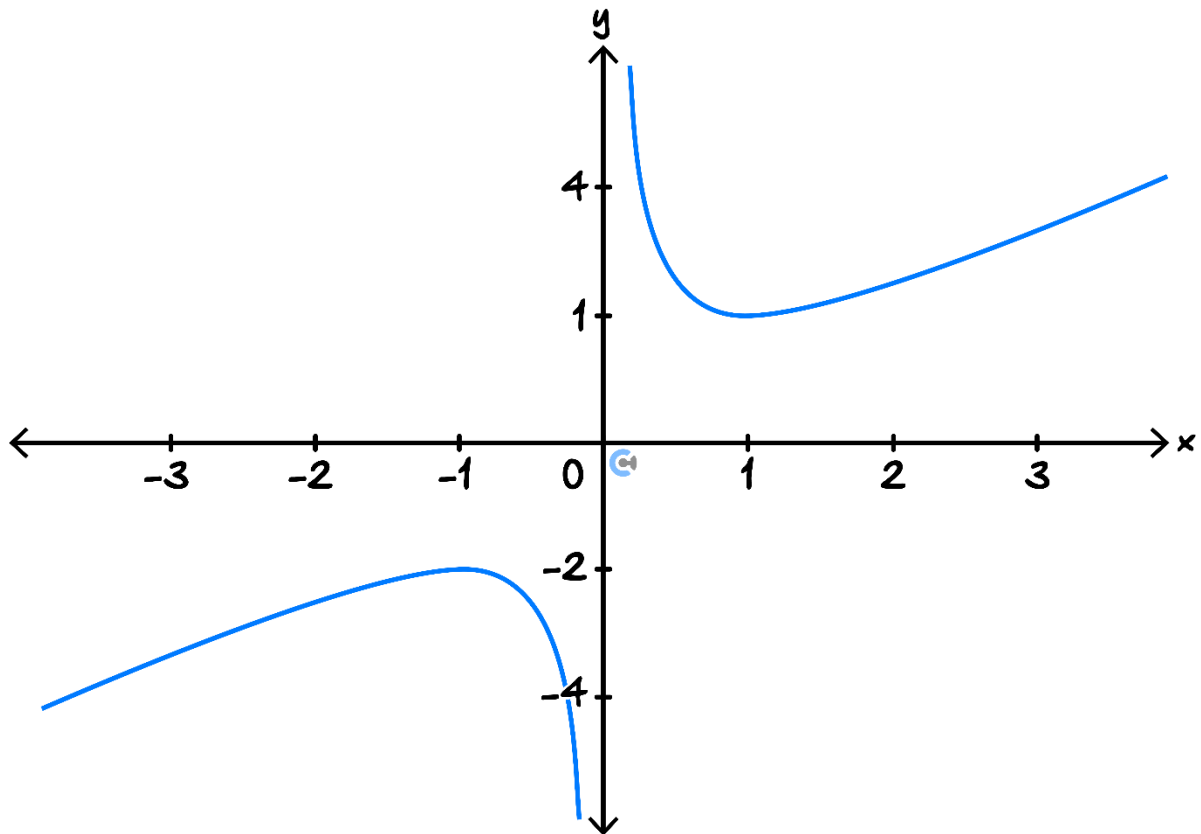
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Question 11

The graph of $f(x)$ is drawn below.

Draw the graph of $f'(x)$ on the same axes.



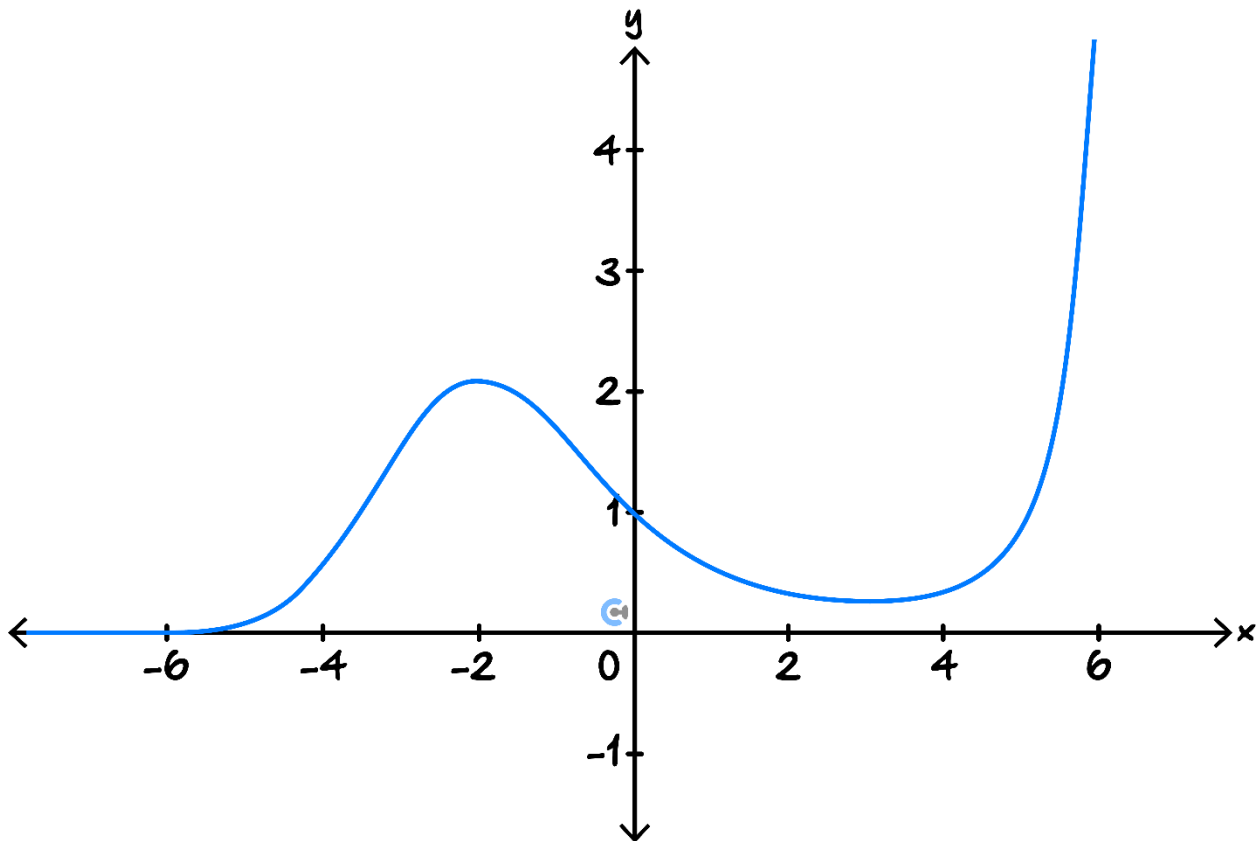
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Question 12

The graph of $f(x)$ is drawn below.

Draw the graph of $f'(x)$ on the same axes.



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Section B: [2.2] - Differentiation II (Checkpoints)

Sub-Section [2.2.1]: Evaluate Limits and Find Points Where the Function is not Continuous



Question 13



Evaluate the following limits:

a. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x^3 - 2x^2 + 5)$

b. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (2^{\sqrt{x}} + \log_3(x^3 + 2x))$

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (f(x))$, where:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 1, & x < 3 \\ 3x - 2, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

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Question 14

Find the points x for which the following functions are **discontinuous** and state a reason as to why they are discontinuous.

a. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x < 1 \\ x + 1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

b. $f(x) = \frac{50}{x^2 - 7x + 6}$

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

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Question 15

Consider the following function $f(x)$ with the rule:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3^{x-2} + 5x, & x < 2 \\ ax + 6, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of a such that $f(x)$ is continuous for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

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Question 16

Consider the following function $f(x)$ with the rule:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4x - 12, & x < 7 \\ a^2 - ax + 1, & 7 \leq x < 10 \\ -x - 5, & x \geq 10 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of a such that $f(x)$ is continuous for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

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Sub-Section [2.2.2]: Apply Differentiability to Find Points Where Functions are not Differentiable, Domain of the Derivative and Unknowns of a Function

Question 17



Find the values of x such that the following functions are not differentiable.

a. $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x + 5, & x < 2 \\ x + 1, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$

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

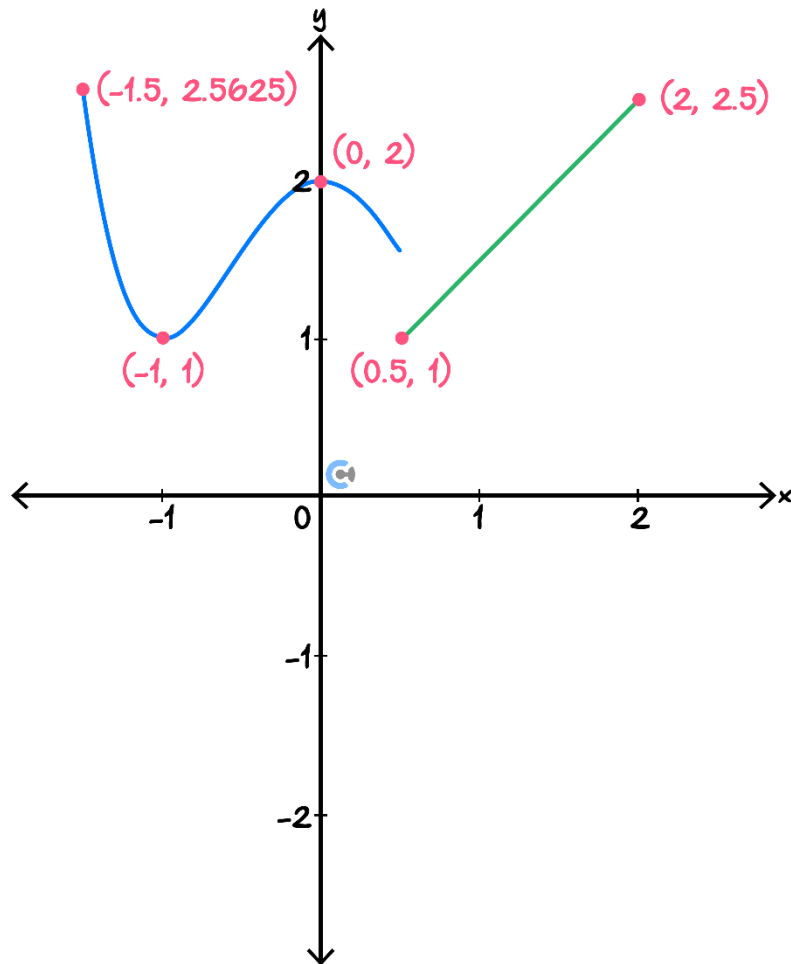
c. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & x < 0 \\ 2x + 1, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

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Question 18

Consider the following function.



- Sketch the corresponding derivative function on the same set of axes above.
- Furthermore, state the domain of the derivative function.

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Question 19

Consider the following function $f(x)$ with the rule:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 - 6x + 5, & x < 2 \\ ax + b, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of a and b such that $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 2$.

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Question 20

Consider the following function $f(x)$ with rule:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 - 3x + 5, & x < -1 \\ g(x), & -1 \leq x < 1 \\ x^2 - 5x + 2, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

The goal for this question is to find a suitable rule $g(x)$ making $f(x)$ differentiable for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

- a.** State the four equations that $g(x)$ and $g'(x)$ must satisfy at $x = 1$ and $x = -1$.

- b.** A natural choice would be to let $g(x)$ be a polynomial. As there are four equations that need to be satisfied, explain why it is suitable to set $g(x)$ to be a cubic polynomial.

- c.** Hence, find a suitable rule for $g(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ assuming $g(x)$ is a polynomial. It may be necessary to use a CAS to solve the system of equations obtained in the working.

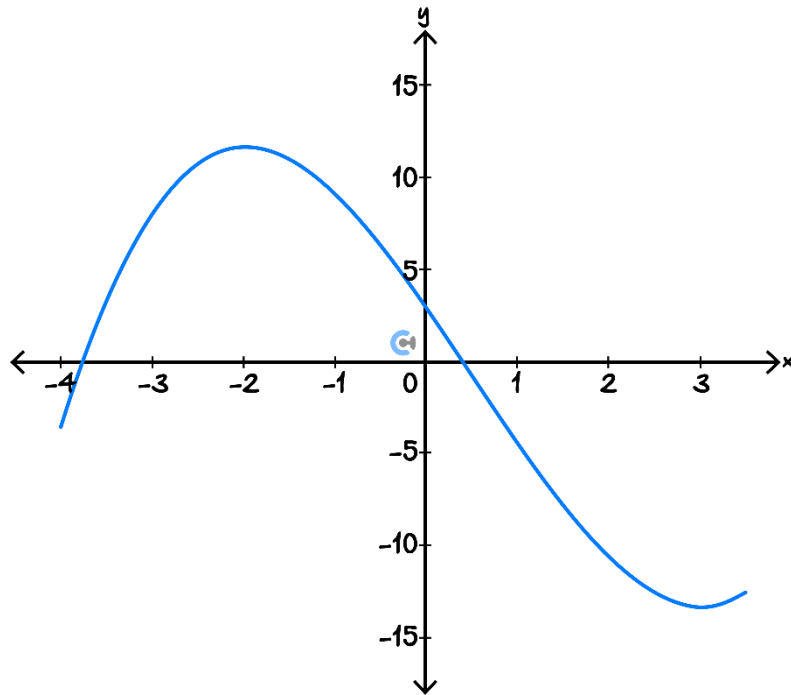


Sub-Section [2.2.3]: Identify Concavity and Find Inflection Points

Question 21



Consider the following graph for $f(x)$.



- Circle the point of inflection on the above graph.
- State the values of x such that the function is concave up.

- State the values of x such that the function is concave down.

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Question 22

Consider a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 36x^2 + 5x + 1$.

- a. Calculate the second derivative of the function $f(x)$.

- b. Find the points of inflection of the function $f(x)$.

- c. Find the values of x where the function is concave up.

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Question 23


Suppose that a function $f(x)$ is double differentiable for all $x \in (0,2)$, and satisfies the following properties:

- $f''(1) = 0$
- $f'(0) = 1$
- $f'(0.5) = 0$
- $f'(0.75) = -0.71$
- $f'(1) = -1$
- $f'(1.25) = -0.71$
- $f'(1.5) = 0$

Find the values of x such that the function is concave up.

Question 24


Find a rule of a polynomial $g(x)$ so that $g(0) = 12$, $g(1) = 9$, $g(2) = 0$, and so that there is a point of inflection when $x = 2$.

Section C: [2.3] - Differentiation Exam Skills (Checkpoints)

Sub-Section [2.3.1]: Find General Derivatives with Functional Notation



Question 25



If f is a differentiable function, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the following:

a. $y = f(x) \tan(x)$

b. $y = \sqrt{f(x)}$

Question 26



If f and g are differentiable functions, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the following:

a. $y = f(e^x) \cdot g(x)$

b. $y = f(g(\cos(3x)))$

Question 27


If f and g are differentiable functions, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the following:

a. $y = \sqrt{f(3x^2) + g(2x + f(x))}$

b. $y = \frac{e^{f(x^2)}}{g(f(x^2)) + f(x^2)}$

Question 28


If f and g are differentiable increasing functions, with $g'(x)$ also being one-to-one, what is the maximum amount of stationary points that $y = f(x) + 3x + g(-f(x) - 3x)$ has?

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Sub-Section [2.3.2]: Apply Differentiability to Join Two Functions Smoothly

Question 29



A hybrid function is defined as:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{2x} - 2, & x < 0 \\ ax + b, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Find the values of a and b such that $f(x)$ is smooth and continuous at $x = 0$.

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Question 30

A hybrid function is defined as:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \log_e(ax), & x < 1 \\ bx^2, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Where $a > 0$. Find the values of a and b such that $f(x)$ is both continuous and differentiable at $x = 1$.

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Question 31

A hybrid function, $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, is defined as:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 4 & x < -2 \\ ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d & -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ x^2 - 6x + 10 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Find the values of a, b, c and d such that $f(x)$ is both continuous and smooth over its entire domain.

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Question 32 Tech-Active.

a. A hybrid function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, is defined as:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(x) + 3 & x < 0 \\ g_1(x) & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ g_2(x) & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ g_3(x) & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ \log_e \left(\frac{e^2 x^3}{27} \right) & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Where g_1, g_2 and g_3 are cubic polynomials. Find g_1, g_2, g_3 if both f and f' are smooth on \mathbb{R} .

b. A different hybrid function, $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, is defined as:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(x) + 3 & x < 0 \\ g_4(x) & 0 \leq x < 3 \\ \log_e \left(\frac{e^2 x^3}{27} \right) & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Where g_4 is a polynomial. If both h and h' are smooth on \mathbb{R} , what is the minimum degree of $g_4(x)$?

Section D: [2.4] - Applications of Differentiation (Checkpoints)

Sub-Section [2.4.1]: Find Tangents and Normals



Question 33



Find the equation of the normal to the graph of $f(x) = \cos(5x)$ at the point $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Question 34



Find the equation of the normal to the graph of $f(x) = x^2 - 3x - 1$ which has a gradient of $-\frac{1}{5}$.


Question 35

Find the equation of the normal to the graph of $f: (2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$ at the point $x = a$. Hence by using a CAS, obtain the equation of the normal that passes through the point $(-1, 4)$.

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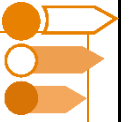

Question 36

Consider the function given by $f(x) = e^{x^2} - \cos(x)$.

- a. Find the equation of the tangent to the graph of $f(x)$ at the point $x = 1$.

- b. Without needing to do any further differentiation / solving, find the equation of the normal that passes through the point $x = -1$.

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Sub-Section [2.4.2]: Find Minimum and Maximum

Question 37



Find the maximum and minimum values of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 24x + 15$ with domain $x \in [0,5]$.

Question 38



Find the maximum area of a rectangle with a perimeter equal to 18 m.

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Question 39

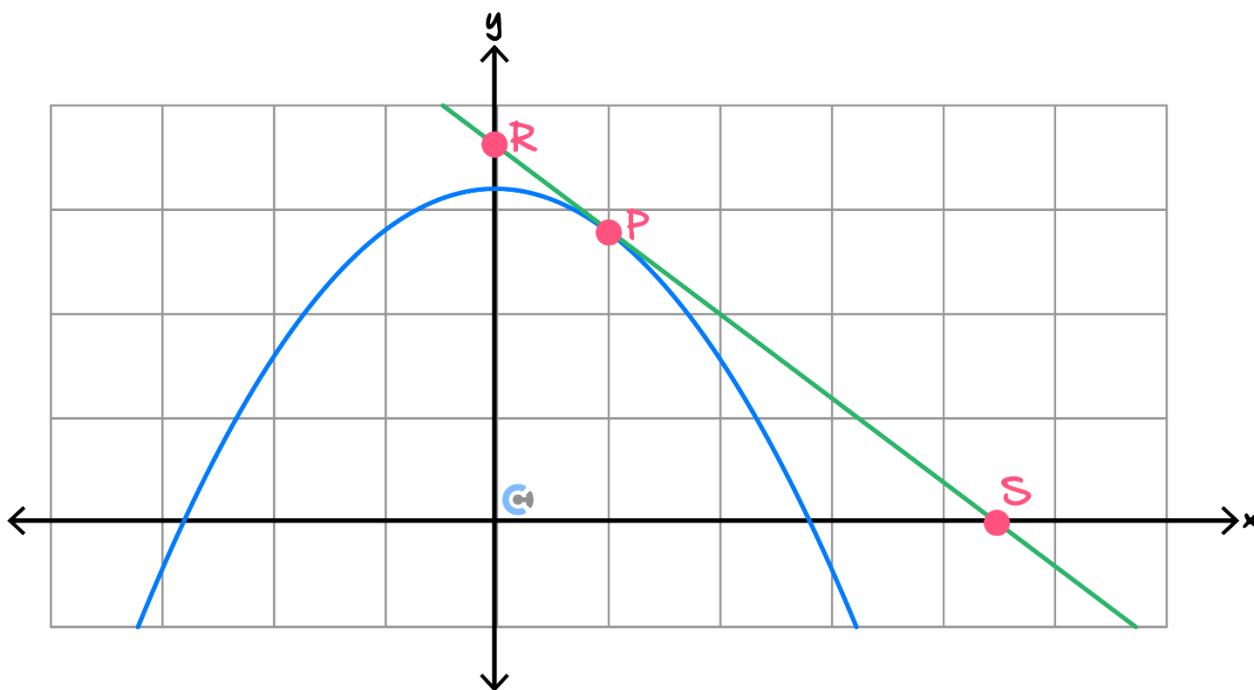

Find the maximum rate of change of the function $f(x) = -x^3 + 6x^2 + 10x - 5$.

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Question 40 Tech-Active.

The diagram below shows the graph of the function $f(x) = 16 - 2x^2$.



The graph of the tangent to the curve at the point $P(p, f(p))$, where $p \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right]$ is also shown.

Determine the equation of the tangent line in terms of p .

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Sub-Section [2.4.3]: Apply Newton's Method to Find the Approximation of a Root and its Limitations

Question 41



Approximate the root of the equation $x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x - 6$ using Newton's method with an initial value of $x_0 = 1.2$ and a tolerance level of 0.01. Leave your answer correct to two decimal places.

Question 42



Approximate a solution of the equation $e^x = \cos(2x - 1)$ using Newton's method with an initial value of $x_0 = -2$. Use only one iteration for your approximation.


Question 43

Consider the function $f(x) = \sin(x) - e^{2x}$. Explain why it would be unsuitable to choose an initial value that solves the equation $\cos(x) - 2e^{2x}$.

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Question 44

An issue that can arise when using Newton's method is that the derivative may not be easy to calculate.

- a. Explain why Newton's method is impractical for approximating the roots of $f(x) = \sin^{-1}\left(x^2 - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ within the context of VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4.

- b. Nevertheless, we can try to use a similar method known as the secant method with an initial guess of $x_0 = 1.5$. Approximate the tangent to $x_0 = 1.5$ by finding the equation of secant (i.e. the straight line) passing through the points $(1.5, 0.7467)$ and $(1.51, 0.7885)$. Your answer should be given to two decimal places.

- c. Hence, obtain an approximation for a root of $f(x) = \sin^{-1}\left(x^2 - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ based on the line obtained above.

Note that this method approximates the root which is $x = \sqrt{\pi/2} \approx 1.2533$.

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Section E: [2.5] - Applications of Differentiation Exam Skills (Checkpoints)

Sub-Section [2.5.1]: Advanced Tangents and Normal Questions



Question 45



- a. Find the equation of the tangent to the function $f(x) = 2x^2 + 2x - 3$ that is parallel to the line $y = 3 - 2x$.

- b. Find the equation of the tangent to the function $f(x) = 3x^2 - 13x + 8$, that is perpendicular to the line $y + x = 3$.

- c. Find the equation of a tangent to the function $f(x) = e^x$, which makes an angle of 45° with the positive x -axis.

Question 46


- a. Find the equation of the tangent to the function $f(x) = \frac{2}{x}$ that is parallel to the tangent of f when $x = -1$.

- b. Find the equation of the tangent to the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 3x$, that is parallel to the tangent of f when $x = 3$.

- c. Find the equation of the tangents to the curve $y = x^2 + 2x + 2$ that passes through the point $(-1, 0)$.

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Question 47

- a. A tangent to $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 - 2x + 4$ makes an angle of 45° with the positive x -axis and passes through the point $(3, b)$, where $b < 0$. Find the value of b .

- b. A tangent to the function $f(x) = \cos(2x) + 2$, makes an angle of 120° , with the positive x -axis and passes through the point $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{5}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)$.

Determine the point on f that this tangent is drawn to.

- c. Find the equation of a tangent to the function $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 3$ that makes an angle of 15° with the line $\sqrt{3}y = x$. The slope of the tangent is greater than the slope of the line.

Question 48 Tech-Active.

- a. Find the equation of the tangent to $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 5$ when $x = 1$.

- b. Find the equation of the normal to $y = 2x^3 - 3x + 1$ when $x = -2$.

- c. Find the equation of the normal to the function $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1$ that passes through the point $(4, -2)$.

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Sub-Section [2.5.2]: Advanced Maximum / Minimum Questions

Question 49



- a. The sum of three positive numbers is 26. The second number is 3 times as large as the first. If the sum of the squares of these numbers is minimum, find the numbers.

- b. Find the maximum area of a field that can be enclosed by 40 metres of fencing.

- c. Find the minimum distance from the origin to a point on the line $y = x - 3$.

Question 50


- a. Water is being poured into a container. The volume of the container at time t seconds, in mL , is given by:

$$V(t) = 20t^2 - \frac{1}{3}t^3, 0 \leq t \leq 430$$

At what time is the rate of increase in volume the greatest, and what is this rate of increase?

- b. Part of a roller coaster track can be described by the rule $y = 8 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{20}\right) + 5, x \in [0, 40]$.

State the coordinates of the point on the track for which the magnitude of the gradient is maximum.

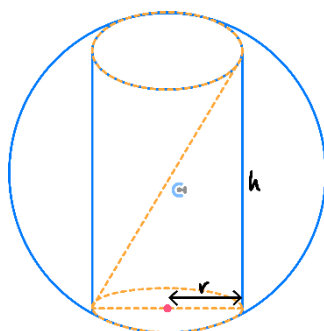
- c. The population of foxes $P(t)$ on an island at time t in years is given by $P(t) = 20te^{-\frac{t}{2}}$. Find the maximum rate of increase in the population and the time at which this occurs.

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Question 51

A cylinder fits inside a sphere of radius $3\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}$.



- a. If the radius of the cylinder is r and the height of the cylinder is h , show that $r = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{108 - h^2}$.

- b. The volume of a cylinder is given by $V = \pi r^2 h$. Find the maximum volume of the cylinder.

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Section F: [2.6] - Families of Functions & Its Exam Skills (Checkpoints)

Sub-Section [2.6.1]: Applying Family of Functions



Question 52



Consider the following family of functions $f(x) = e^{ax} - 1, a > 0$.

- a. Identify the “surname” (common aspect(s) of the family) and the “first name” (unique aspect(s) of the family).

- b. Hence, state what happens to the graph of f in terms of a transformation when the value of a increases.

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Question 53


Consider the following family of functions $f(x) = (x - 2)^2 + k, k \in \mathbb{R}$.

- a. Show that the graph of f always has a stationary point at $x = 2$ and find the nature of this stationary point.

- b. Hence, identify the “surname(s)” and “first name(s)” of the family.

Question 54


Consider the family of functions $f(x) = \sin\left(kx + \frac{\pi}{2}\right), k \in \mathbb{R}$.

- a. Identify the effects of k on the graph.

- b. Hence, identify the “surname” and “first name(s)” of the family.

- c. Express $f(x)$ without using sin when $k = \pm 1$.

Hint: List out the transformations and sketch the resulting graph if you get stuck!

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Question 55 Tech-Active.

Consider the family of functions $f(x) = e^{ax} - ax + 1, a \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

- a. State one transformation that maps the graph of $g(x) = e^x - x + 1$ onto the graph of $f(x)$.

- b. Identify a “surname” of the family.

- c. Describe what happens to the shape of $f(x)$ as a increases.

- d. By plotting $h(x) = f(x) - e^{ax}$ on the same axes as $f(x)$, state the equation of the asymptote of $f(x)$.

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Sub-Section [2.6.2]: Finding Unknowns for a Certain Number of Intersections

Question 56



Find the value of a where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the graph of $f(x) = e^x + a$ intersects the line $y = x$ exactly once.

Question 57



Consider the functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = e^x + a$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $g(x) = x - 3$.

a. Find the inverse function of $f(x)$.

b. Find the value of a such that the graph of $f^{-1}(x)$ intersects with $g(x)$ exactly once.

Question 58



Consider the functions $f: [-4, 4) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $g(x) = mx, m \in \mathbb{R}$. Find the value(s) of m where f and g intersect exactly once.

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Question 59 Tech-Active.

Consider the function $f: [k, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = (x - k)^2 + 4$. Find the value(s) of k such that $f(x)$ and its inverse intersect exactly once.

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Sub-Section [2.6.3]: Finding Unknowns for Maximums and Minimums

NOTE: This entire section can be done tech-active.



Question 60



For what value of $k \in \mathbb{R}$, will the function, $f(x) = 2 + e^{kx}$ have a minimum on the x -axis?

Question 61



For what value(s) of $k \in \mathbb{R}$ will the function $f(x) = (x - k)^2 \log_e(x)$ have a minimum at $x = 4$?

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Question 62


Find the value(s) of $k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the minimum of the function $f: [-4, 10] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 3\left(\frac{x}{2} - 3k\right)^2 - 6$ occurs at $x = -4$.

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Section G: [2.7] - Pseudocode & Its Exam Skills (Checkpoints)

Question 63



The following pseudocode segments each print a value. Write down the value that is printed.

a. $x \leftarrow 8$
if $x > 5$
 $x \leftarrow x - 3$
end if
print(x)

b. $y \leftarrow 4$
if $y < 3$
 $y \leftarrow y + 6$
else
 $y \leftarrow y - 1$
end if
print (y)

c. $z \leftarrow 2$
while $z < 6$
 $z \leftarrow z + 2$
end while
print (z)

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Question 64

The following pseudocode segments each print a value. Write down the value that is printed.

a. $a \leftarrow 2$
for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** 4
 if a is even
 $a \leftarrow a + 3$
 else
 $a \leftarrow a + 2$
 end if
end for
print(a)

b. $b \leftarrow 10$
while $b > 4$
 if b is even
 $b \leftarrow b - 2$
 else
 $b \leftarrow b - 3$
 end if
end while
print(b)

c. $c \leftarrow 1$
 for $j \leftarrow 1$ **to** 5
 if j is even
 $c \leftarrow c + 2$
 else
 $c \leftarrow c + 4$
 end if
 end for
 print(c)

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Question 65

The following pseudocode segments each print values. Write down the values that are printed.

```

a.   $a \leftarrow 2$ 
     $b \leftarrow 3$ 
    for  $i$  from 1 to 2
      for  $j$  from 1 to 3
        if  $a$  is even
           $b \leftarrow b + j$ 
           $a \leftarrow a + 1$ 
        else
           $a \leftarrow a + 2$ 
        end if
      end for
    end for
    print( $a, b$ )

```

b. $x \leftarrow 5$
 $y \leftarrow 12$
while $y > 6$
 for j **from** 1 **to** 3
 if x **is even**
 $y \leftarrow y - 2$
 else
 $x \leftarrow x + 1$
 end if
 end for
end while
print(x, y)

c. $p \leftarrow 1$
 $q \leftarrow 10$
for j **from** 1 **to** 4
 for k **from** 1 **to** 2
 if q **is even**
 $p \leftarrow p + k$
 $q \leftarrow q - 2$
 else
 $q \leftarrow q - 1$
 end if
 end for
end for
print(p, q)

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Sub-Section [2.7.1]: Evaluate and Understand the Pseudocode for Different Implementations of Newton's Method

Question 66



An implementation of Newton's method is shown below.

```

define newton( $f(x)$ ,  $x_0$ ,  $n$ ):
 $df(x) \leftarrow$  the derivative of  $f(x)$ 
for  $i$  from 1 to  $n$  do
    if  $df(x_0) = 0$  then
        return "Error: Division by zero"
    else
         $x_0 \leftarrow x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{df(x_0)}$ 
    end if
end while
return  $x_0$ 
    
```

Consider calling the function newton ($x^2 - 5, 2, 5$).

- a. How many iterations are performed?

- b. What is the final value of x_0 . Give your answer correct to four decimal places.

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Question 67

An implementation of Newton's method is shown below.

```

define newton( $f(x), x_0, n, tol$ ):
 $df(x) \leftarrow$  the derivative of  $f(x)$ 
 $i \leftarrow 0$ 
 $x_n \leftarrow x_0$ 
while  $i < n$  do
    if  $df(x_n) = 0$  then
        return "Error: Division by zero"
     $x_{n+1} \leftarrow x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{df(x_n)}$ 
    if  $-tol < x_{n+1} - x_n < tol$  then
        return  $x_{n+1}$ 
     $x_n \leftarrow x_{n+1}$ 
     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
end while
return  $x_n$ 
    
```

Consider calling the function newton ($x^3 - x^2 + 5, 2, 30, 0.0001$).

- a. Find the final return value. Give your answer correct to four decimal places.

- b. State the value of i when the algorithm terminates.


Question 68

An implementation of Newton's method is shown below.

```

define newton( $f(x), x_0, n, tol$ ):
 $df(x) \leftarrow$  the derivative of  $f(x)$ 
 $i \leftarrow 0$ 
 $x_n \leftarrow x_0$ 
while  $i < n$  do
    if  $df(x_n) = 0$  then
        return "Error: Division by zero"
     $x_{n+1} \leftarrow x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{df(x_n)}$ 
    if  $-tol < x_{n+1} - x_n < tol$  then
        return  $x_{n+1}$ 
     $x_n \leftarrow x_{n+1}$ 
     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
end while
return  $x_n$ 
    
```

Consider calling the function.

- a. Find the final return value of newton ($x^3 - 2x^2 + 4, 1, 2, 0.001$).

- b. The function newton ($x(x + 7)(x - 7), \frac{7}{\sqrt{5}}, 5001, 0.0001$) is called. Find the final return value.

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