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The total number of points available is 148. Throughout this test, **show your work.**

1. (9 points) Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 3$ .

(a) Compute  $f'(x)$

**Solution:**  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2$

(b) What is  $f'(2)$ ?

**Solution:**  $f'(2) = 3 \cdot 2^2 - 2 = 10$ .

(c) Use the information in (b) to find an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $(2, f(2))$ .

**Solution:** Since  $f(2) = 2^3 - 2 \cdot 2 - 3 = 1$ , using the point-slope form leads to  $y - 1 = f'(2)(x - 2) = 10(x - 2)$ , so  $y = 10x - 19$ .

2. (12 points) Consider the function  $f$  defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + x^3 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 2x^{1/2} & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

(a) Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 1$ ?

**Solution:** Yes, the limits from the left and right are both 2, and the value of  $f$  at 1 is 2.

(b) What is the slope of the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $(4, 4)$ ?

**Solution:** To find  $f'(4)$  first note that when  $x$  is near 8,  $f(x) = 2x^{1/2}$  so  $f'(x) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}$ . Thus,  $f'(4) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} 4^{-1/2} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(c) Find  $f'(-3)$

**Solution:** To find  $f'(-3)$ , we must differentiate the part of  $f$  defined for  $x < 1$ . In this area,  $f'(x) = 1 + 3x^2$ , so  $f'(-3) = 1 + 3(-3)^2 = 28$ .

3. (15 points) If a ball is thrown vertically upward from the roof of 212 foot building with a velocity of 48 ft/sec, its height after  $t$  seconds is  $s(t) = 212 + 48t - 16t^2$ .

- (a) What is the height the ball at time  $t = 0$ ?

**Solution:**  $s(0) = 212$ .

- (b) What is the velocity of the ball at the time it reaches its maximum height?

**Solution:**  $s'(t) = v(t) = 0$  when the ball reaches its max height.

- (c) At what time is the velocity zero?

**Solution:** Solve  $48 - 32t = 0$  to get  $t = 3/2$ .

- (d) What is the maximum height the ball reaches?

**Solution:** Solve  $s'(t) = 48 - 32t = 0$  to get  $t = 3/2$  when the ball reaches its zenith. Thus, the max height is  $s(3/2) = 212 + 48(3/2) - 16(3/2)^2 = 248$ .

- (e) What is the velocity of the ball when it hits the ground (height 0)?

**Solution:** Solve  $s(t) = 0$  using the quadratic formula to get  $t = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9+52}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{61}}{2} \approx 5.405$ , since the larger is the only reasonable answer. Find  $s'(5.405) \approx -124.96$  feet/sec.

4. (10 points) The cost of producing  $x$  units of stuffed alligator toys is  $C(x) = -0.003x^2 + 6x + 6000$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1000$ .

- (a) Find the marginal cost at the production level of 1000 units.

**Solution:**  $C'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} -0.003x^2 + 6x + 6000 = -0.006x + 6$  so  $C'(1000) = -6 + 6 = 0$ .

- (b) Find the (incremental) cost of producing the 1000<sup>th</sup> toy.

**Solution:**  $C(1000) - C(999) = -0.003(1000 - 999)^2 + 6(1000 - 999) + 6000 - 6000 = -0.003(1999) + 6 = 0.003$ .

5. (30 points) Consider the table of values given for the functions  $f, f', g,$  and  $g'$ :

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
0	2	1	6	2
1	4	6	2	5
2	6	4	3	4
3	1	2	5	3
4	3	5	2	6
5	5	3	4	1
6	0	3	2	4

(a) Let  $L(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ . Compute  $L'(2)$ .

**Solution:**  $L'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$ , so  $L'(2) = f'(2) + g'(2) = 4 + 4 = 8$ .

(b) Let  $U(x) = g \circ g(x)$ . Compute  $U(1)$ .

**Solution:**  $U(1) = g(g(1)) = g(2) = 3$ .

(c) Let  $K(x) = g(x^2) \cdot f(x)$ . Compute  $K(2)$ .

**Solution:**  $K(2) = g(4) \cdot f(2) = 2 \cdot 6 = 12$ .

(d) Again,  $K(x) = g(x^2) \cdot f(x)$ . Compute  $K'(2)$ .

**Solution:**  $K'(x) = g'(x^2) \cdot 2x \cdot f(x) + f'(x)g(x^2)$ , so  $K'(2) = g'(4) \cdot 4 \cdot f(2) + f'(2)g(4) = 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 + 4 \cdot 2 = 152$ .

(e) Let  $V(x) = f(f(x))$ . Compute  $V'(3)$ .

**Solution:** Again, by the chain rule,  $V'(x) = f'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) \cdot 2$ , so  $V'(3) = f'(f(3)) \cdot f'(3) \cdot 2 = f'(1) \cdot f'(3) = 6 \cdot 2 = 12$ .

(f) Let  $W(x) = g(2x) \div f(x)$ . Compute  $W'(1)$ .

**Solution:** By the quotient rule,  $W'(x) = [g'(2x) \cdot 2 \cdot f(x) - g(2x) \cdot f'(x)] \div (f(x))^2$  so  $W'(1) = [g'(2) \cdot 2 \cdot f(1) - g(2) \cdot f'(1)] \div (f(1))^2 = (4 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 6) \div 16 = (32 - 18)/16 = 7/8$ .

(g) Let  $Z(x) = f(x^2 + g(x))$ . Compute  $Z'(1)$ .

**Solution:** Again by the chain rule,  $Z'(x) = f'(x^2 + g(x)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + g(x)) = f'(x^2 + g(x)) \cdot (2x + g'(x))$ , so  $Z'(1) = f'(1 + g(1)) \cdot (2 + g'(1)) = f'(3) \cdot (2 + 5) = 2 \cdot 7 = 14$ .

6. (25 points) Compute the following derivatives. There is no need to simplify except in part (c).

(a) Let  $f(x) = (x + \sqrt{1 + x^3})$ . Find  $\frac{d}{dx}f(x)$ .

**Solution:** Note that  $\sqrt{x^3} = x^{3/2}$ , so we differentiate it using the power rule and chain rule:  $f'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(1 + x^3)^{-1/2} \cdot 3x^2 = 1 + \frac{3x^2}{2\sqrt{1+x^3}}$ .

(b) Let  $g(x) = x^3/\sqrt{1 + x^2}$ . What is  $g'(x)$ ?

**Solution:** Use the quotient rule to get  $g'(x) = [3x^2\sqrt{1 + x^2} - \frac{1}{2}(1 + x^2)^{-1/2}(x^3)] \div (1 + x^2) = \frac{3x^2\sqrt{1+x^2}-x^4/\sqrt{1+x^2}}{1+x^2}$ .

(c) Find  $\frac{d}{dx}((x + 2) \cdot (2x - 1)^2)$ .

**Solution:** By the product rule,  $\frac{d}{dx}((x + 2) \cdot (2x - 1)^2) = 1 \cdot 2(2x - 1)^2 + 2(2x - 1) \cdot 2(x + 2) = 12x^2 + 8x - 7 = (2x - 1)(6x + 7)$ .

(d) Find  $\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{\frac{2x+1}{3x^2-2}}$ .

**Solution:** By the chain and quotient rules,  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{2x + 1}{3x^2 - 2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2x + 1}{3x^2 - 2} \right)^{-1/2}$ .

$$\frac{2(3x^2 - 2) - 6x(2x + 1)}{(3x^2 - 2)^2}.$$

(e) Find  $\frac{d}{dt}(t - 1/t^2)^3$ .

**Solution:** By the chain rule,  $\frac{d}{dt}(t - 1/t^2)^3 = 3(t - 1/t^2)^2 \cdot (1 + 2t^{-3})$ .

7. (40 points) Consider the function

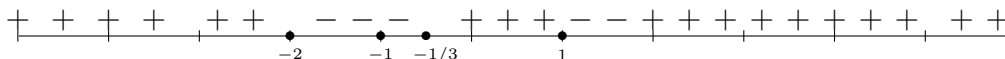
$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{(x^2 - 1)(3x + 1)}{(2x^2 - 8)(x + 1)}}.$$

Use the Test Interval Technique to find the (implied) domain of  $f(x)$ .

**Solution:** Let  $r(x)$  denote the part inside the radical. So we need to solve the inequality  $r(x) \geq 0$ . Notice first that  $r$  is not in factored form. Factoring reveals that the numerator and denominator have common factors. Thus

$$r(x) = \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)(3x + 1)}{2(x - 2)(x + 2)(x + 1)}.$$

We can cancel the common factors  $x + 1$  with the understanding that we are (very slightly by including  $-1$ ) enlarging the domain of  $r$ :  $r(x) = \frac{(x-1)(3x+1)}{2(x-2)(x+2)}$ . Next find the branch points. These are the points at which  $r$  can change signs. Precisely, they are the zeros of the numerator and of the denominator. They are  $-2, -1/3, 1, 2$ . Again we select test points and find the sign of  $r$  at of these points to get the sign chart.



Recall that we are solving  $r(x) \geq 0$ . The solution to  $r(x) > 0$  is easy. It is the union of the open intervals with the  $+$  signs,  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-1/3, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$ . It remains to solve  $r(x) = 0$  and attach these solutions to what we have. The zeros of  $r$  are  $1$  and  $-1/3$ . So the solution to  $r(x) \geq 0$  is  $(-\infty, -2) \cup [-1/3, 1] \cup (2, \infty)$ . Notice that the branch point  $-1$  is not included since  $r$  is not defined at  $-1$ . Thus, the domain of the function  $f(x)$  is  $(-\infty, -2) \cup [-1/3, 1] \cup (2, \infty)$ .

8. (7 points) Suppose  $f(x)$  satisfies  $f(3) = 2$  and the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $(3, 2)$  is  $2y + 3x = 13$ . What is  $f'(3)$ ?

**Solution:** The slope of the given line is  $-3/2$ , so  $f'(3) = -3/2$ .