

1. Compute the indicated limits. Show all work for full credit.

$$(a) \quad (5) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{5x^2 - 3x - 2}{x^2 - 7x + 6}$$

*Solution:* The top and bottom are going to zero separately as  $x \rightarrow 1$ , so we need to do some algebra and try to cancel factors:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{5x^2 - 3x - 2}{x^2 - 7x + 6} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(5x + 2)(x - 1)}{(x - 6)(x - 1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{5x + 2}{x - 6} \\ &= -\frac{7}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad (5) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{5x^2 - 3x - 2}{x^2 - 7x + 6}$$

*Solution:* Now, neither the numerator nor the denominator is going to 0 as  $x \rightarrow 2$ , so the rational function is continuous at  $x = 2$  and the limit is

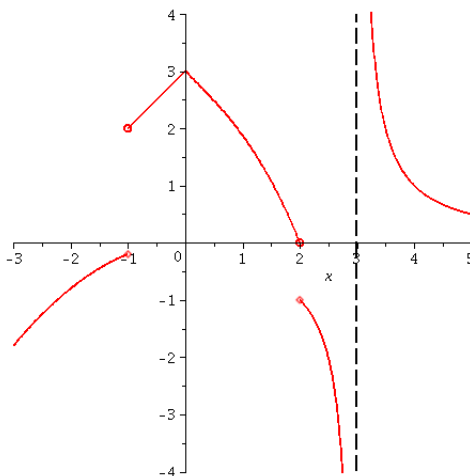
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{5x^2 - 3x - 2}{x^2 - 7x + 6} = \frac{12}{-4} = -3$$

$$(c) \quad (5) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - 3x - 2}{x^2 - 7x + 6}$$

*Solution:* The limit is 5, as can be seen by this calculation (multiply top and bottom by  $\frac{1}{x^2}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - 3x - 2}{x^2 - 7x + 6} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - \frac{3}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{7}{x} + \frac{6}{x^2}} \\ &= 5. \end{aligned}$$

2. The graph of a function  $f$  with  $f(-1) = -2$  and  $f(2) = -1$  is shown below.



- (a) (10) What are
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$
- and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$
- ?

*Solution:* From the graph,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -1$ .

- (b) (15) Find all
- $x$
- in
- $(-3, 5)$
- where
- $f$
- is discontinuous. Explain.

*Solution:*  $f(x)$  has jump discontinuities at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 2$ . It also has an infinite discontinuity (vertical asymptote) at  $x = 3$ . These are the only discontinuities.

- (c) (10) Given that
- $f(x) = x + 3$
- for
- $-1 < x < 0$
- and
- $f(x) = 3 - x - \frac{x^3}{8}$
- for
- $0 \leq x < 2$
- , is
- $f$
- differentiable at
- $a = 0$
- ? Why or why not?

*Solution:* The answer is *no*,  $f$  is not differentiable at 0. The easiest way to see this is that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h}$  will agree with the derivative of  $x + 3$  at  $x = 0$ , and equal 1. On the other hand  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h}$  will agree with the derivative of  $3 - x - \frac{x^3}{8}$  at  $x = 0$ , which is  $-1$ . (This is the precise meaning of the apparent “corner” on the graph at  $x = 0$ .) Since the one-sided limits of the difference quotient of  $f$  are not the same,  $f'(0)$  does not exist.

3. Use the sum, product, and/or quotient rules to compute the following derivatives. You may use any correct method, but must show work and simplify your answers for full credit.

- (a) (5)
- $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{x}} - e^x + 3 \right)$

*Solution:* By the sum, power and exponential rules,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{x}} - e^x + 3 \right) = \frac{-5}{2} x^{-3/2} - e^x$$

- (b) (10)
- $\frac{d}{du} (u^{5/3} e^u)$

*Solution:* By the product, power and exponential rules,

$$\frac{d}{du} (u^{5/3} e^u) = u^{5/3} e^u + \frac{5}{3} u^{2/3} e^u = u^{2/3} \left( u + \frac{5}{3} \right) e^u.$$

- (c) (10)
- $\frac{d}{dv} \left( \frac{v^3 - 2v}{v^2 + 5v + 1} \right)$

*Solution:* By the quotient rule

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dv} \left( \frac{v^3 - 2v}{v^2 + 5v + 1} \right) &= \frac{(v^2 + 5v + 1)(3v^2 - 2) - (v^3 - 2v)(2v + 5)}{(v^2 + 5v + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{v^4 + 10v^3 + 5v^2 - 2}{(v^2 + 5v + 1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(d) (5)  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{e^\pi + \pi^e - x^\pi}{4} \right)$

*Solution:* Since  $e^\pi$  and  $\pi^e$  are constants, the derivative is just  $\frac{-\pi x^{\pi-1}}{4}$ .

4. Do not use the differentiation rules from Chapter 3 in this question.

(a) (5) State the limit definition of the derivative  $f'(x)$ .

*Solution:* The derivative  $f'(x)$  is

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h},$$

if the limit exists.

(b) (10) Use the definition to compute the derivative function of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ .

*Solution:*

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

(c) (5) Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph  $y = \sqrt{x+1}$  at  $x = 8$ .

*Solution:* By the previous part, the slope of the tangent is  $f'(8) = \frac{1}{6}$ . The tangent line has equation:

$$y - 3 = \frac{1}{6}(x - 8)$$