Assignment 2 MATH 1500

(Follows Unit 7 in the manual)

Values

[6] 1. Each of the following graphs contains a discontinuity. Determine whether the discontinuity is (i) a removable discontinuity (ii) a jump discontinuity or (iii) an infinite discontinuity [cf. Section 2.5]



[6] 2. Each of the following functions contains a discontinuity at x = -1. Determine whether the discontinuity at x = -1 is (i) a removable discontinuity (ii) a jump discontinuity or (iii) an infinite discontinuity [cf. Section 2.5]

(a)
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1}$$
 (b) $f(x) = x + 1$ (c) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1}$

[6] 3. Show that the function $f(x) = x^5 - 3x + 1$ has at least three zeros in the interval [-2, 2]. [cf. Section 2.5]

[6] 4. For what value of a is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1, & x < 3 \\ 2ax, & x \ge 3 \end{cases}$$

continuous at every *x*?

[8] 5. Evaluate the following limits.

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{\sqrt{7x^2 + 2x}}{2x + 1}$$
 (b) $\lim_{x \to \infty} \left(\sqrt{9x^2 + x} - 3x\right)$ [cf. Section 2.6]

[9] 6. Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 2x}}{2x - 3}$. [cf. Section 2.6]

[6] 7. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = \sqrt{x+1}$ at the point (3, 2). [cf. Sections 2.7 and 2.8]

[6] 8. Use the definition of the derivative to find the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{1}{3x}$. [cf. Sections 2.8 and 2.9]

[15] 9. Find the derivatives of the following functions. Do <u>not</u> use the definition of the derivative. You need not simplify your answers.[cf. Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4]

(a)
$$f(x) = 2x^{5/2} + 4\sqrt{x} + e^x + \pi^3$$

(b)
$$f(x) = (3x^5 + e^x)(2\sqrt{x} + \cos x)$$

(c)
$$f(x) = \frac{4x^{1/2} + 2\sin x}{x^3 + 3x}$$

[5] 10. Evaluate
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{2x}$$
. [cf. Section 3.4]