

1. **(24 points)** Answer the following questions related to the shape of the graph of the function  $g(x) = x^4 - 8x^2 + 8$ .

- (a) **(4 points)** What is  $g(x)$ 's long term behavior as  $x$  grows very large or very negative? Describe each direction in either words or symbols.

As  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ , the  $x^4$  term will be far, far larger in magnitude than either the  $-8x^2$  or 8 terms. Thus the long-term behavior of this polynomial is identical to that of  $x^4$  alone: that is, for very large  $x$ ,  $g(x)$  will itself be very large, and for very negative  $x$ ,  $g(x)$  will still be very large (and positive).

- (b) **(6 points)** Where is  $g(x)$  increasing? Where is it decreasing? Label which is which.

$g'(x) = 4x^3 - 16x = 4x(x - 2)(x + 2)$ , which is zero when  $x$  is  $-2$ ,  $0$ , or  $2$ . By probing at, for instance,  $g'(-3)$ ,  $g'(-1)$ ,  $g'(1)$ , and  $g'(3)$ , we shall see that  $g'(x)$  is positive, and thus  $g(x)$  is increasing, when  $-2 < x < 0$  or  $x > 2$ ;  $g'(x)$  is negative, and thus  $g(x)$  is decreasing, when  $x < -2$  or  $0 < x < 2$ .

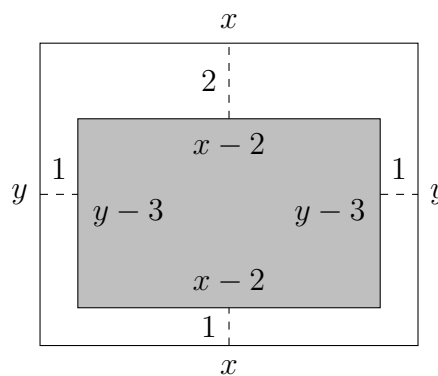
- (c) **(6 points)** What are its critical points, and is each a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither?

The critical points are the zeroes identified above:  $x = -2$ ,  $x = 0$ , and  $x = 2$ .  $x = -2$  and  $x = 2$  are both transition points from decrease to increase, so they are minima, while  $x = 0$  is a transition point from increase to decrease, so it is a maximum.

- (d) **(8 points)** Where is it concave up? Where is it concave down? Label which is which. Where, if anywhere, are its points of inflection?

$g''(x) = 12x^2 - 16$ . This is zero when  $x^2 = \frac{4}{3}$ , or in other words at  $x = \pm\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Probing the three intervals into which these points divide the number line (for instance, by calculating  $g''(-2)$ ,  $g''(0)$ , and  $g''(2)$ ), we see that  $g''(x)$  is positive, so that  $g(x)$  is concave up, when  $x < -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$  or  $x > \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Likewise,  $g(x)$  will be concave down for  $-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ , and the points  $x = \pm\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ , where the concavity transitions, will be points of inflection.

2. **(24 points)** You have 150 square inches of paper with which to design a rectangular poster. The top margin of the poster will be 2 inches, and the bottom, left, and right margins will be 1 inch. What dimensions for the poster maximize the printable area?



The above drawing is a representation of the scenario described; we assign the two dimensions of the sheet the labels of  $x$  and  $y$  (we could alternatively label the dimensions of the printable area with  $x$  and  $y$ , which would give correct results, but it would make the arithmetic a bit

messier). Since there is a margin of 2 inches on top and 1 inch on bottom, the height of the printable area will be three inches less than the area of the sheet; likewise, the 1 inch margins on left and right will make the printed area have width of two inches less than the sheet, so the printable region is an  $(x - 2) \times (y - 3)$  rectangle.

Our constraint in this situation is that the sheet as a whole is 150 square inches in area; thus we are constrained that the area  $xy$  is equal to 150. What we seek to maximize is the printed area, which, as seen above, has area given by the product  $(x - 2)(y - 3)$ . Our constraint may be rephrased as  $y = \frac{150}{x}$ , so the printable area of the sheet has area given, in terms solely of  $x$ , by the function  $A(x) = (x - 2)\left(\frac{150}{x} - 3\right) = 150 - 3x - \frac{300}{x} + 6$ , which we seek to maximize over the entire range of possible values of  $x$ : this range of values is from 2 to 50, since if  $x$  were less than 2, there would not be enough horizontal size even for the 2 inches of margins, while if  $x$  were greater than 50, then  $y$  would be less than 3, leaving not enough vertical size even for the 3 inches of margins. Thus, our goal is to maximize the function  $A(x) = 156 - 3x - \frac{300}{x}$  on the interval  $[2, 50]$ .

We calculate  $A'(x) = -3 + \frac{300}{x^2}$ , and seek the critical points of  $A(x)$ . Since  $A'(x)$  is undefined at  $x = 0$ , this is a critical point; we also must determine where  $A'(x) = 0$ . This occurs when  $3 = \frac{300}{x^2}$ , or when  $x^2 = 100$ , which simplifies to  $x = \pm 10$ . Fortunately, of our three critical points, two are outside of the interval described, leaving our only maximization candidates as the values  $x = 10$ ,  $x = 2$ , and  $x = 50$ . As might be expected,  $A(2) = A(50) = 0$ , since the  $2 \times 75$  and  $50 \times 3$  posters consist of nothing but margins, while  $A(10) = 156 - 30 - 30 = 96$ , so  $x = 10$  is an optimal choice (or in other words, our optimal poster size is  $10 \times 15$ , which would have a printable area of  $8 \times 12$ ).

3. (18 points) Answer the following questions:

(a) (5 points) Determine a region whose area is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{5}{n}\right) \arctan\left(2 + \frac{5i}{n}\right)$ . You may express your answer as a definite integral, or as a description in words.

The area of a region under a curve  $f(x)$  from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$  is known to be

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right) f\left(a + \frac{b-a}{n}i\right),$$

which bears a similarity except in details to the expression given. We must therefore find expressions to stand in for  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $f(x)$  to make these expressions equivalent. Taking the most naïve decomposition of these equivalent expressions, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b-a}{n} &= \frac{5}{n} \\ f\left(a + \frac{b-a}{n}i\right) &= \arctan\left(2 + \frac{5i}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

The first equation clearly establishes that  $b - a = 5$ ; substituting this knowledge into the second equation, we find that our correspondences become:

$$\begin{aligned} b - a &= 5 \\ f\left(a + \frac{5}{n}i\right) &= \arctan\left(2 + \frac{5i}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

which lends itself to the obvious interpretation  $f(x) = \arctan x$  and  $a = 2$  (other interpretations are possible, and will give rise to slightly different but equally correct answers). Then, since  $b - a = 5$ ,  $b = 5 + a = 7$ . Thus, the expression we were given is the area-under-a-curve formula with  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 7$ , and  $f(x) = \arctan x$ , so this expression is the area of the region under the curve  $y = \arctan x$  between  $x = 2$  and  $x = 7$ , which might be written as  $\int_2^7 \arctan x dx$ .

- (b) **(7 points)** Find  $f(x)$  given that  $f'(x) = 16x^3 - 3x^2$  and  $f(1) = 4$ .

We know that  $f(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $f'(x)$ ; the general antiderivative, worked term-by-term, can be seen to be  $4x^4 - x^3 + C$ ; thus we know that  $f(x) = 4x^4 - x^3 + C$  for some value of  $C$ . Plugging in the known value  $f(1) = 4$ , we can solve for  $C$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 4 &= 4 \cdot 1^4 - 1^3 + C \\ 1 &= C \end{aligned}$$

so the specific formula for  $f(x)$  is  $4x^4 - x^3 + 1$ .

- (c) **(8 points)** Find the general antiderivative of  $h(t) = \sqrt[6]{t} + \frac{5}{t} - 2 + 4 \csc^2 t - \frac{5}{1+t^2}$ .

We interpret this expression as  $h(t) = t^{1/6} + \frac{5}{t} - 2 + 4 \csc^2 t - \frac{5}{1+t^2}$ . Using known antiderivative rules, we know that antiderivatives for  $t^{1/6}$ ,  $\frac{1}{t}$ ,  $\csc^2 t$ , and  $\frac{1}{1+t^2}$  are  $\frac{t^{7/6}}{7/6}$ ,  $\ln |t|$ ,  $-\cot t$ , and  $\arctan t$  respectively, so the general antiderivative of  $h(t)$  is

$$\frac{t^{7/6}}{7/6} + 5 \ln |t| - 4 \cot t - \arctan t + C$$

4. **(12 points)** Answer the following questions about approximation:

- (a) **(6 points)** Starting with an initial value of 1, use two iterations of Newton's method to approximate a zero of  $f(x) = x^6 - 5x + 3$ . Your answer need not be arithmetically simplified.

Let us start by observing that  $f'(x) = 6x^5 - 5$ . Using Newton's method once:

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = 1 - \frac{1^6 - 5 \cdot 1 + 3}{6 \cdot 1^5 - 5} = 1 - \frac{-1}{1} = 2$$

And using it again:

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = 2 - \frac{2^6 - 5 \cdot 2 + 3}{6 \cdot 2^5 - 5} = 2 - \frac{57}{187} = \frac{317}{187}$$

This isn't terribly close to the correct result of approximately 1.2014053, but a few more iterations would get it closer.

- (b) **(6 points)** Choose  $x_1 = 4$  to be an initial approximation of  $\sqrt{17}$ . Use one step of Newton's method on an appropriately chosen polynomial function to develop  $x_2$ , a better rational approximation of  $\sqrt{17}$ ; also give an arithmetic expression (which need not be simplified) for the better approximation  $x_3$  arising from a second step of Newton's method. We want an easy-to-evaluate polynomial of which  $\sqrt{17}$  is a zero, in order for Newton's method to help us approximate it; the obvious choice is  $f(x) = x^2 - 17$ . Note that  $f'(x) = 2x$ . Then,

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = 4 - \frac{4^2 - 17}{2 \cdot 4} = 4 - \frac{-1}{8} = 4 + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{33}{8}$$

And we follow up with the further improvement

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = \frac{33}{8} - \frac{\left(\frac{33}{8}\right)^2 - 17}{2 \cdot \frac{33}{8}}$$

This last expression is actually  $\frac{2177}{528}$ , which is within 0.0000005 of the correct value of  $\sqrt{17}$ .

5. (22 points) Evaluate the following limits; if they cannot be evaluated, show why not.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6x}{\arctan x}$ .

Note that  $6 \cdot 0 = 0$  and  $\arctan 0 = 0$ , so this is a  $\frac{0}{0}$  indeterminate form. Using L'Hôpital's rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6x}{\arctan x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6}{\frac{1}{1+x^2}} = \frac{6}{\frac{1}{1+0^2}} = 6$$

(b)  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\theta + \sin \theta}{\theta + \cos \theta}$ .

This one can be solved by direct evaluation:  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\theta + \sin \theta}{\theta + \cos \theta} = \frac{0 + \sin 0}{0 + \cos 0} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$ .

(c)  $\lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^{u/10}}{u^3}$ .

As  $u$  gets very large,  $e^{u/10}$  and  $u^3$  both get very large, so this is an  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  indeterminate form. Using L'Hôpital's rule:

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^{u/10}}{u^3} = \lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{10}e^{u/10}}{3u^2}$$

which is still an  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  indeterminate form, so we apply L'Hôpital's rule again:

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{10}e^{u/10}}{3u^2} = \lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{100}e^{u/10}}{6u}$$

And it's still an  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  form, so perhaps the third time's the charm:

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{100}e^{u/10}}{6u} = \lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1000}e^{u/10}}{6}$$

which grows without bound in the numerator with a fixed denominator, so this limit does not exist, since it grows without bound.

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^2 e^x}$ .

Note that  $\sin 0 - 0 = 0$  and  $0^2 e^0 = 0$ , so this is a  $\frac{0}{0}$  indeterminate form. Using L'Hôpital's rule, and applying the product rule to the denominator:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^2 e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{2xe^x - x^2 e^x}$$

But this is still a  $\frac{0}{0}$  indeterminate form, so applying L'Hôpital's rule again:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{2xe^x - x^2 e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin x}{2e^x + 4xe^x - x^2 e^x}$$

and now this is directly evaluable to give  $\frac{0}{2} = 0$ .

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x^2 - 2x + 1}$ .

Note that  $\ln 1 = 0$  and  $1^2 - 2 \cdot 1 + 1 = 0$ , so this is a  $\frac{0}{0}$  indeterminate form. Using L'Hôpital's rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x^2 - 2x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{2x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x(2x - 2)}$$

Since the numerator is nonzero and the denominator is zero, this limit does not exist.