

**Math 131
Solutions**

Exam 1

Part I consists of 14 multiple choice questions (worth 5 points each) and 5 true/false question (worth 1 point each), for a total of 75 points.

1. The following table gives the number of honeybees (H) in a colony at time t weeks.

t	H
0	322
1	293
2	275
3	250
4	335
5	325
6	305

What was the average rate of change of the honeybee population (honeybees/week) from $t = 0$ to $t = 3$? (Round your answer to the nearest tenth.)

- A) 27.1 B) 25.3 C) 24.3 D) 19.5 E) - 19.7
F) - 24.0 G) - 24.6 H) - 21.5 I) - 21.9 J) - 15.4

$$\frac{H(3) - H(0)}{3 - 0} = \frac{250 - 322 \text{ honeybees}}{3 \text{ weeks}} = - 24.0 \text{ honeybees/week. The answer is negative}$$

because the population has a net decrease over this time period.

2. (Still using the table from Problem 1) By averaging two estimates (one too small, the other too large), what is your best estimate from this data for the rate of change of the honeybee population (honeybees/week) when $t = 2$? (Round your answer to the nearest tenth.)

- A) 27.1 B) 25.3 C) 24.3 D) 19.5 E) - 19.7
F) - 24.0 G) - 24.6 H) - 21.5 I) - 21.9 J) - 15.4

Since the population is decreasing from $t = 0$ to $t = 3$: $\frac{H(2) - H(1)}{2 - 1}$ and $\frac{H(3) - H(2)}{3 - 2}$ are the estimates from the nearest data to $t = 2$: one too large, the other too small. Averaging them gives our “best” estimate of $\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{H(2) - H(1)}{2 - 1} + \frac{H(3) - H(2)}{3 - 2} \right] = - \frac{43}{2} = - 21.5$ honeybees/week. (Which estimate is too small and which one is too large?)

3. A point moves according to the parametric equations $\begin{cases} x = \sqrt{3 + t^2} \\ y = 7 + t^2. \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$

Exactly three of the following five statements are true. Which three are true?

i) the point is moving along part of a parabola

ii) the point moves “left to right” along its path

iii) the point is moving along part of a circle

iv) the equations $\begin{cases} x = \sqrt{3 + (2t)^2} \\ y = 7 + (2t)^2 \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$
describe exactly the same path

v) the equations $\begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{12 + u^2} \\ y = 7 + \frac{u^2}{4}. \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq u \leq 2$
describe exactly the same path.

A) iii, iv, v

B) ii, iv, v

C) ii, iii, v

D) ii, iii, iv

E) i, iv, v

F) i, iii, v

G) i, iii, iv

H) i, ii, v

I) i, ii, iv

J) i, ii, iii

i) T: Since $x^2 = 3 + t^2$, we have $y = 7 + (x^2 - 3) = 4 + x^2$, which is a parabola

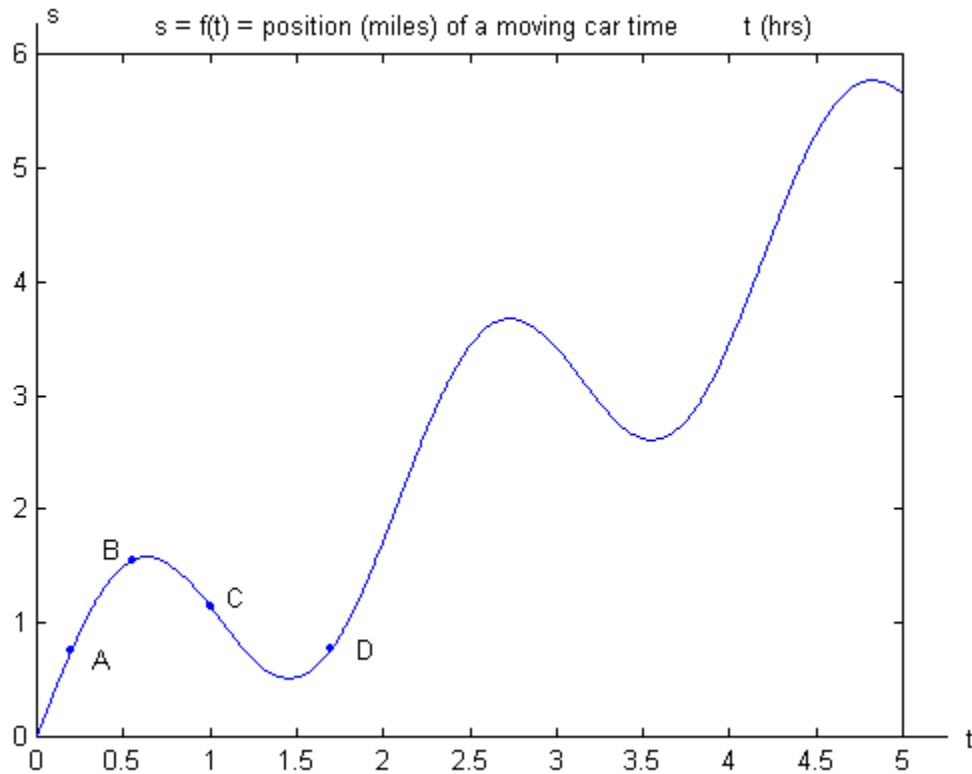
ii) T: As t increases, so does x – so the point is moving “rightward”

iii) F: (See i))

iv) F: these equations describe a curve ending at $(\sqrt{7}, 11)$; the given equations describe a curve ending at $(2, 8)$.

v) T: these equations are just the result of substituting $t = \frac{u}{2}$ in the given equations and adjusting the range of the parameter.

4. The following graph shows the position $s = f(t)$ of a car moving along a straight road at time t . The points A, B, C, D on the graph represent the position of the car at certain times.



Which of the following statements are true?

- i) The car was moving faster when it was at the position corresponding to B than when it was at the position corresponding to A.
- ii) The car was moving backwards for $1 \leq t \leq 1.25$
- iii) The graph indicates that there were exactly 5 times (*not necessarily corresponding to A, B, C, or D*) when the car had velocity 0
- iv) The car was speeding up as it moved from the position corresponding to A to the position corresponding to B.
- v) During the time when the car moved from the position corresponding to A to the position corresponding to D, the average velocity was approximately 0.

- A) iii, iv, v B) ii, iv, v **C) ii, iii, v** D) ii, iii, iv E) i, iv, v
 F) i, iii, v G) i, iii, iv H) i, ii, v I) i, ii, iv J) i, ii, iii

Recall that the slope of the tangent line at a point = the velocity at that time

i) F: The tangent line has a larger slope at A, and the slope represents the car's velocity.

ii) T: For $1 \leq t \leq 1.25$, the slope of the tangent = velocity is negative

iii) T: There are exactly 5 places on the graph (tops of "peaks" or bottoms of "pits") where the tangent line is horizontal (that is, has slope 0).

iv) F: It's slowing down because the slope of the tangent line (=velocity) is decreasing between A and B

v) T: the average velocity is the slope of the secant line through A and D and that line is approximately horizontal.

5. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} bx + 5 & x < 1 \\ x^2 + bx + 2b & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$. What value of b makes f continuous?

A) $b = 1$ B) $b = 2$ C) $b = 3$ D) $b = 4$ E) $b = 5$

F) $b = -4$ G) $b = -3$ H) $b = -2$ I) $b = -1$ J) $b = 0$

For $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ to exist, we need $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = b + 5 = 3b + 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$, so $b = 2$.
If $b = 2$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 7 = f(1)$, so f is then continuous at 1.

6. Suppose the position of a point (in cm) moving along a straight line is $s = f(t) = 40 - \frac{1}{t}$ at time t (sec). What is its instantaneous velocity when $t = 1$?

A) 1 cm/sec B) 2 cm/sec C) 3 cm/sec D) $\frac{2}{3}$ cm/sec

E) $\frac{1}{2}$ cm/sec F) -1 cm/sec G) -2 cm/sec H) -3 cm/sec

I) $-\frac{2}{3}$ cm/sec J) $-\frac{1}{2}$ cm/sec

$$\begin{aligned} v(1) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(40 - \frac{1}{1+h}) - (40 - \frac{1}{1})}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{1+h}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+h) - 1}{h(1+h)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1+h} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

7. The Intermediate Value Theorem tells us that the equation $e^x = 10$ has a solution $x = c$ in the interval $[0, 3]$. By repeatedly bisecting intervals, we can find an interval as short as we like that contains c . What is the smallest number of bisections needed to enclose c in an interval of length ≤ 0.01 ?

- A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 5
 F) 6 G) 7 H) 8 I) **9** J) 10

After the 1st bisection we have 2 subintervals, $[0, 1.5]$ and $[1.5, 3]$, each of length $\frac{3}{2^1}$ and one of which contains c .
 After the 2nd bisection, we have 4 intervals each of length $\frac{3}{2^2}$ and one of which contains c .
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 After the n^{th} bisection we have 2^n subintervals, each of length $\frac{3}{2^n}$ and one of which contains c .
 We want to continue until the length of the subintervals $= \frac{3}{2^n} \leq 0.01$. This happens for the first time when $n = 9$. (*The easiest way to get "9" is just by trial/error using a calculator; however, you could also solve the inequality using logarithms.*)

8. The function $z = f(t) = \frac{4t+1}{\sqrt{at^2+4t-7}}$ has two horizontal asymptotes: $z = \pm \frac{1}{2}$.
 What is a ?

- A) **64** B) -3 C) 9 D) -9 E) $\sqrt{2}$
 F) $-\sqrt{2}$ G) 0 H) 16 I) $-\frac{1}{16}$ J) $\frac{1}{64}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4t+1}{\sqrt{at^2+4t-7}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(4t+1)/t}{(\sqrt{at^2+4t-7})/t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4+\frac{1}{t}}{\sqrt{\frac{at^2+4t-7}{t^2}}}$$

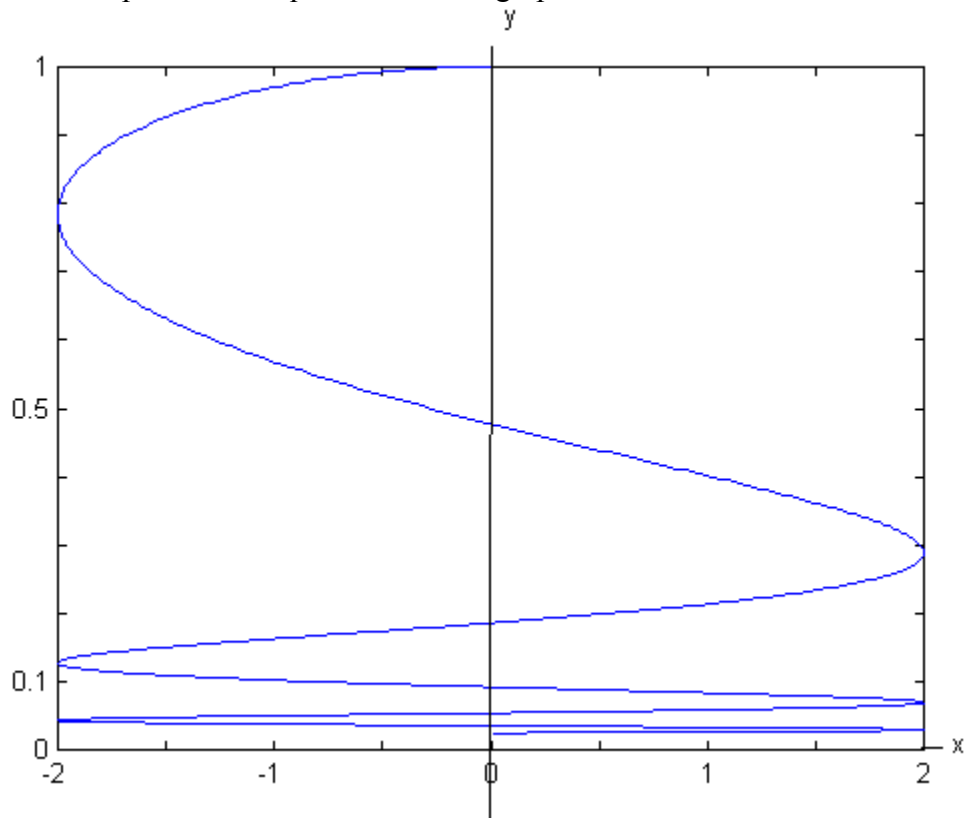
$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4+\frac{1}{t}}{\sqrt{a+\frac{4}{t}-\frac{7}{t^2}}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{a}} \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{4t+1}{\sqrt{at^2+4t-7}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{(4t+1)/t}{(\sqrt{at^2+4t-7})/t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} -\frac{4+\frac{1}{t}}{\sqrt{\frac{at^2+4t-7}{t^2}}}$$

$$= -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4+\frac{1}{t}}{\sqrt{a+\frac{4}{t}-\frac{7}{t^2}}} = \frac{-4}{\sqrt{a}}.$$

Therefore $\pm \frac{4}{\sqrt{a}} = \pm \frac{1}{2}$, so $a = 64$.

9. Which set of parametric equations has the graph shown below?



A) $\begin{cases} x = -2 \sin 3t \\ y = \frac{1}{1+t^2} \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

B) $\begin{cases} x = -2 \sin 3t \\ y = \frac{1}{1+t^2} \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq \pi$

C) $\begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{1+t^2} \\ y = -2 \sin 3t \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

D) $\begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{1+t^2} \\ y = -2 \sin 3t \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq \pi$

E) $\begin{cases} x = 3 \cos 3t \\ y = -2 \sin 3t \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

F) $\begin{cases} x = 3 \cos 3t \\ y = -2 \sin 3t \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq \pi$

G) $\begin{cases} x = -2 \sin 3t \\ y = 3 \cos 3t \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

H) $\begin{cases} x = 3 \cos 3t \\ y = 3 \cos 3t \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

I) $\begin{cases} x = 1 + t^2 \\ y = 1 - t^2 \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

J) $\begin{cases} x = 1 - t^2 \\ y = 1 + t^2 \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

In the graph, x ranges back and forth between ± 2 . That eliminates all pairs of equations except A), B), G). Also in the graph, y is always ≥ 0 . That eliminates G) For $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, $-2 \sin 3t = 2$ only when $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ (so that $3t = \frac{3\pi}{2}$). But in the picture $x = 2$ occurs three times. That eliminates B), leaving only A)

10. For what value of a is $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x+3)(x^2+4x+4)}{x-a} = 1$?

- A) $a = 0$ B) $a = 1$ C) $a = 2$ D) $a = 3$ E) $a = 4$
 F) $a = -5$ G) $a = -4$ H) $a = -3$ I) $a = -2$ J) $a = -1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x+3)(x^2+4x+4)}{x-a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x+3)(x+2)^2}{x-a}$. Since the denominator $\rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow a$, the limit can possibly exist only if the numerator $\rightarrow 0$ also as $x \rightarrow a$. That means we need either $a = -3$ or $a = -2$.

If $a = -2$, we get $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x+3)(x+2)^2}{x+2} = 0$.

If $a = -3$, we get $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x+2)^2}{x+3} = 1$ which is what we want.

11. The size of a population of rabbits on a small island at time t years is $P(t) = \frac{35,000e^t}{100e^t + 900}$. As time passes, the population eventually “levels off” toward a size called the “carrying capacity” of the island (for rabbits). What is the carrying capacity for this island?

- A) 100 B) 250 C) **350** D) 900 E) 1000
 F) 2500 G) 3500 H) 9000 I) 35000 J) 100000

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{35,000e^t}{100e^t + 900} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(35,000e^t)/e^t}{(100e^t + 900)/e^t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{35000}{100 + \frac{900}{e^t}} = 350$$

12. The function $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)} + \frac{1}{x(x-2)} + \frac{1}{x(x-1)}$ has how many vertical asymptotes?

- A) 0 B) 1 C) **2** D) 3 E) 4

(Only 5 choices are intended in this problem.)

The denominator $\rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$, $x \rightarrow 1$, $x \rightarrow 2$. There are no other points where $f(x)$ might $\rightarrow \pm \infty$. So we check what happens as $x \rightarrow 0$, $x \rightarrow 1$, $x \rightarrow 2$. We can rearrange the function as

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

In this form, it is clear that the function “blows up” near $x = 0$ and $x = 2$, so there are exactly 2 vertical asymptotes.

13. For the function $y = f(t) = e^{2t} - e^{-2t}$, it turns out that $f'(t) = 2(e^{2t} + e^{-2t})$. What is the equation of the tangent line to the graph at the point where $t = 0$?

- A) $y = t$ B) $y = t + 1$ C) $y = 2t + 1$ D) $y = 4t$
 E) $y = 4t + 1$ F) $y = 4t + 2$ G) $y = (2e)t + 4$ H) $y = (4e)t + 1$
 I) $y = 4t - 2$ J) $y = t + 2$

$f'(0) = 2(e^0 + e^0) = 2(2) = 4$ gives the slope of the tangent line.
 When $t = 0$, $y = f(0) = e^0 - e^0 = 0$. The line through $(0, 0)$ with slope 4 has equation $(y - 0) = 4(t - 0)$ or $y = 4t$.

14. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin k(x-1)}{x-1} & x < 1 \\ 2 + \frac{kx^2+kx-2k}{x-1} & x > 1 \end{cases}$. For what value of k will $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exist?

- A) $k = 0$ B) $k = -1$ C) $k = -2$ D) $k = -3$ E) $k = -4$
 F) $k = -5$ G) $k = 4$ H) $k = 3$ I) $k = 2$ J) $k = 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\sin k(x-1)}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{k \sin k(x-1)}{k(x-1)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{k \sin u}{u}$ (where $u = x - 1$)
 $= k \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin u}{u} = k$.
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2 + \frac{kx^2+kx-2k}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2 + \frac{k(x^2+x-2)}{x-1}$
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2 + \frac{k(x-1)(x+2)}{x-1} = 2 + k(x+2) = 2 + 3k$.
 To make the limit exist, we need to have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$, that is,
 $k = 2 + 3k$, so $k = -1$.

Questions 15)-19) are “true/false” questions

15. The Intermediate Value Theorem guarantees that the equation $x^2 - 4x - 4 = 0$ has a root in the interval $[0, 4]$.

- A) True B) False

If $f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 4$, then $f(0) = -4$ and $f(4) = -4$. Therefore “0” is not a number between $f(0)$ and $f(4)$ so the Intermediate Value Theorem doesn't apply. (In fact, using the quadratic formula, the roots are $x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16+16}}{2} = 2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$, both of which are outside the interval $[0,4]$).

16. $y = \frac{\tan x}{x}$ has a vertical asymptote at $x = 0$.

A) True B) False

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x \cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1.$$

17. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - 2}{h}$ gives the slope of the tangent line to $y = \sqrt{x}$ at the point $(4, 2)$.

A) True B) False

$$\begin{aligned} f'(4) &= \text{the slope of the tangent line at } (4, 2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(4+h) - f(4)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - \sqrt{4}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - 2}{h} \end{aligned}$$

18. The “Squeeze Theorem” tells us that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \infty$.

A) True B) False

It's true that we can write $-1 \leq \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq 1$ and conclude that $-x \leq x \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq x$. But as $x \rightarrow \infty$, this just says that $x \sin \frac{1}{x}$ is trapped between two quantities one of which $\rightarrow -\infty$ and the other of which $\rightarrow \infty$. This doesn't let us conclude anything about what happens to $x \sin \frac{1}{x}$.

In fact, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin u}{u}$ (where $u = \frac{1}{x}$) = 1.

19. Suppose $s = v(t)$ is velocity of a point moving along a straight line. For a “small” h , $\frac{v(3+h) - v(3)}{h}$ approximates the point's acceleration at time 3.

A) True B) False

The acceleration a is the rate of change of the velocity with respect to time, $v'(t)$. At time $t = 3$, $a(3) = v'(3) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{v(3+h) - v(3)}{h}$.

This means that $\frac{v(3+h) - v(3)}{h}$ gets close to $v'(3)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$, so $\frac{v(3+h) - v(3)}{h} \approx v'(3)$ for small values of h .

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Part II: (25 points) In each problem, clearly show your solution in the space provided. “Show your solution” does not simply mean “show your scratch work” — you should cross out any scratch work that turned out to be wrong or irrelevant and, where appropriate, present a readable, orderly sequence of steps showing how you got the answer. Generally, a correct answer without supporting work may not receive full credit.

20. Find each limit (if the limit does not exist, explain why).

a) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 3} \frac{3t^2 - 27}{t^2 - t - 6}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3} \frac{3t^2 - 27}{t^2 - t - 6} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 3} \frac{3(t-3)(t+3)}{(t-3)(t+2)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 3} \frac{3(t+3)}{(t+2)} = \frac{3(6)}{5} = \frac{18}{5}$$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x^3 - x) \sin(x-1) \sin 3(x-1)}{x(x-1)^3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x^3 - x) \sin(x-1) \sin 3(x-1)}{x(x-1)^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x(x-1)(x+1) \sin(x-1) \sin 3(x-1)}{x(x-1)^3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x+1) \sin(x-1) \sin 3(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+1) \frac{\sin(x-1)}{x-1} \frac{\sin 3(x-1)}{x-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin 3(x-1)}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3 \sin 3(x-1)}{3(x-1)} = 3 \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin u}{u} \text{ (where } u = x - 1) = 3.$$

$$\text{Similarly } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin(x-1)}{x-1} = 1.$$

$$\text{Therefore } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+1) \frac{\sin(x-1)}{x-1} \frac{\sin 3(x-1)}{x-1} = 2(1)(3) = 6.$$

c) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} - 3}{t^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(See Text, p. 114)} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} - 3}{t^2} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} - 3}{t^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} + 3}{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} + 3} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2 + 9 - 9}{t^2(\sqrt{t^2 + 9} + 3)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} + 3} = \frac{1}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

21.

a) Let $f(x) = x^2 + x$. Write, in limit form, the definition of $f'(3)$. (Substitute into the specific function f given here. Do not actually work out the value of the limit.)

$$f'(3) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+h)^2 + (3+h) - (3^2 + 3)}{h} \quad \underline{\text{OR}}$$

$$f'(3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{f(x) - f(3)}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 + x - 12}{x - 3}$$

(Of course, on simplification, both limits end up having the same value.)

b) Suppose $y = g(t) = \sqrt{t + 3}$

i) Use the limit definition to find $g'(6)$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(6) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(6+h) - g(6)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9+h} - \sqrt{9}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9+h} - 3}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{9+h} + 3}{\sqrt{9+h} + 3} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{9+h-9}{h(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{9+h} + 3} = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

ii) What is the equation of the tangent line to $y = g(t)$ where $t = 6$?

$g(6) = 3$, so we want the tangent line through $(6, 3)$. Its slope is $g'(6) = \frac{1}{6}$. Therefore the tangent line has equation $(y - 3) = \frac{1}{6}(t - 6)$ or $y = \frac{1}{6}t + 2$.

iii) If y represents the value (\$) of an investment after t years, what are the units of $g'(6)$?

If y is in \$ and t is in years, then $g'(6)$ has units \$/year (the rate of change of the value of the investment with respect to time).