

Brief answer to selected problems in HW05

1. Section 3.8: Problem 98. Let

$$f(x) = \ln x \implies f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

By definition, for fixed $x > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(1) &= \lim_{\frac{x}{n} \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+\frac{x}{n}) - f(1)}{\frac{x}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{x} (\ln(1 + \frac{x}{n}) - \ln 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1 + \frac{x}{n})^n \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$x = \ln(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{x}{n})^n) \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{x}{n})^n = e^x$$

2. Section 3.9: Problem 55. After differentiation, we find out

$$f'(x) = g'(x), \quad x > 0$$

which means

$$f(x) = g(x) + c, \quad x \geq 0$$

where c is some constant. And $x = 0$ gives us

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} = 0 + c, \quad x \geq 0$$

hence

$$f(x) = g(x) - \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad x \geq 0$$

On the other hand, we also can derive same result by following process.

For $x \geq 0$, let

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x+1} \implies \sin \theta = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$$

then

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2})}{1 + \cos(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2})}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sin \theta}{1 - \sin \theta}} = \sqrt{x}$$

hence

$$\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x} = \frac{\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}}{2} \implies \sin^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x+1} = 2 \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x} - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

3. Hw05: Problem 3. Domain and image for $\csc$ and $\csc^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\csc x &: \{x | x \in \mathbf{R}, x \neq k\pi, \forall k \in \mathbf{Z}\} \rightarrow (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) \\ \csc^{-1} x &: (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) \rightarrow \{y | -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, y \neq 0\}\end{aligned}$$

For $|x| > 1$, let

$$\begin{aligned}y = \csc^{-1} x &\implies \csc y = x \\ &\implies -\csc y \cot y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \\ &\implies \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\csc y \cot y}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\cot y = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x^2 - 1} & , x > 1 \\ -\sqrt{x^2 - 1} & , x < -1 \end{cases}$$

hence

$$\frac{d \csc^{-1} x}{dx} = \frac{-1}{|x| \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}, |x| > 1$$

4. Section 3.11: Problem 64.

(a) $b_0 = f(a)$, $b_1 = f'(a)$, and $b_2 = \frac{f''(a)}{2}$

(b) Quadratic approximation of $\frac{1}{1-x}$ at $x = 0$ is $1 + x + x^2$

(d) Quadratic approximation of $\frac{1}{x}$ at $x = 1$ is $1 - (x - 1) + (x - 1)^2$

(e) Quadratic approximation of $\sqrt{1+x}$ at $x = 0$ is $1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2$

Graphs f , g , and h appear to be identical with their own quadratic approximation around the given points.

5. Hw05: Problem 5. For $\sqrt[3]{1.009}$, let

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \implies f''(x) = -\frac{2}{9}(1+x)^{-\frac{5}{3}}$$

Then $\sqrt[3]{1.009} = f(0.009)$. Hence we use linear approximation at $x = 0$. By the error formula, we can get error bound by following process.

$$\begin{aligned}|f(0.009) - L(0.009, 0)| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\max_{0 \leq c \leq 0.009} |f''(c)| \right) (0.009 - 0)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{9} \times 0.009^2 = 9 \times 10^{-6}\end{aligned}$$