

Name: Solution Key

Panther ID: _____

Homework 2 - Due Thursday, Sept. 17

Calculus I

Fall 2015

1. (3 pts) Find, if possible, a value for the constant k which will make the function $g(x)$ continuous everywhere.

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \cos(kx)}{x^2} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1 + \cos x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

We want: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = g(0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1 - \cos(kx)}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{(1 - \cos(kx))(1 + \cos(kx))}{x^2(1 + \cos(kx))} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin^2(kx)}{x^2(1 + \cos(kx))} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{k^2 \sin^2(kx)}{(kx)^2(1 + \cos(kx))} = \frac{k^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \cos x) = 1 + \cos 0 = 2 = g(0)$$

Thus, we want $\frac{k^2}{2} = 2$, so $k^2 = 4$ so $\boxed{k = \pm 2}$ will make $g(x)$ continuous everywhere.

2. (4 pts) True or False. Answer and briefly justify your answer in each case.

(a) If $|f(x) + 5| \leq 7|x + 3|$ for all real x , then $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = -5$.

True: Given $\epsilon > 0$, choose $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{7}$

Then if $|x + 3| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) + 5| \leq 7|x + 3| < 7\delta = \epsilon$

so indeed $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = -5$.

(b) If $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 2$ and $f(2) = 5$, then for x sufficiently close to 2, $f(x) < 5.002$.

True: $f(x)$ cont. at $x=2$ and $f(2)=5 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2) = 5$

So given $\epsilon = 0.002$, there is $\delta > 0$ so that if $|x - 2| < \delta$ then $4.998 < f(x) < 5.002$

3. (4 pts) (a) Use IVT to show that the equation $x^3 = 3x - 1$ has a solution in the interval $[0, 1]$.

(b) Use IVT to show that the equation $x^3 = 3x - 1$ has three real solutions and find intervals of length 1 containing each solution.

(a) $x^3 = 3x - 1 \Leftrightarrow x^3 - 3x + 1 = 0$

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$ continuous everywhere since it is a polynomial.

$f(0) = 1 > 0$
 $f(1) = -1 < 0$
 By I.V.T. \Rightarrow there is a value $x_1 \in [0, 1]$ so that $f(x_1) = 0$.

(b) Evaluate f at other integer inputs:

$f(-1) = 3 > 0$, $f(-2) = -1 < 0$ $\xRightarrow{\text{I.V.T.}}$ there is $x_2 \in [-2, -1]$ s.t. $f(x_2) = 0$.

$f(1) = -1 < 0$, $f(2) = 3 > 0$ $\xRightarrow{\text{I.V.T.}}$ there is $x_3 \in [1, 2]$ s.t. $f(x_3) = 0$.

Thus the equation has 3 real roots, one in each of the intervals $[-2, -1]$, $[0, 1]$, $[1, 2]$.