

1. Use l'Hopital (after an appropriate trick) to evaluate the following limits (a is a positive constant).

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{(\ln a)/(1+\ln x)}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^{(\ln a)/(1+\ln x)}$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + (\ln a) \cdot x\right)^{1/x}$

Of course, changing the value of the constant a , the results for your limits above change. This should convince you that 0^0 , ∞^0 , 1^∞ are exceptional cases for limits (or limit indeterminate forms) that could lead to any result.

2. (a) List all exceptional cases for limits.

(b) Is 0^∞ an exceptional case for limits? Briefly justify .

LECTURE: Critical points, Increasing/Decreasing, Concavity, Inflection points.

3. Sketch (if possible) the graph of a function $f(x)$ so that $f(x) > 0$, $f'(x) < 0$, $f''(x) > 0$ for all real numbers x .

4. True or False questions. In each case briefly justify your answer.

- (a) If $f'(2) = 0$, $f'(x) < 0$ if $x < 2$ and $f'(x) > 0$ if $x > 2$ then f has a relative minimum at $x = 2$.
- (b) If $f'(2) = 0$ then f has a relative minimum or a relative maximum at $x = 2$.
- (c) If $f'(2) = 0$ and $f''(2) > 0$ then f has a relative maximum at $x = 2$.

5. For $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 5$ do the following:

- (a) Find the intervals on which f is increasing; on which f is decreasing.
- (b) Find the coordinates of critical points (if any) and determine whether a relative minimum, relative maximum or neither occurs there.
- (c) Find the intervals on which f is concave up; on which f is concave down.
- (d) Find the coordinates of all inflection points (if any) .
- (e) Does the function have any asymptotes (vertical or horizontal). Justify with limits.
- (f) Does the function have any symmetry? (Is it even or odd function?)
- (g) Graph the function.

6. Do all the steps of the previous problem to obtain the graph of $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$.