

Solutions to Calculus Problems

Civil Engineering Licensure Exam – Mock Exam (Day 5)

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Solutions

1. Evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$$

Solution: Limit of $(x^2 - 9)/(x - 3)$ as x Approaches 3

2. Find the derivative of $f(x) = 5x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x - 4$. **Solution:** Basic Derivative Rules
3. Compute the derivative of $y = e^{3x}$. **Solution:** Derivative of e^{3x} (*ChainRule*)
4. Differentiate $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 1)$. **Solution:** Derivative of $\ln(x^2 + 1)$
5. Evaluate the limit using L'Hôpital's Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

Solution: Use L'Hôpital's Rule to Find the Limit of $\sin(x)/x$ at 0

6. Evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$$

Solution: Limit as x Approaches 2 of $(x^2 - 4)/(x - 2)$

7. Differentiate:

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

Solution: Derivative of $f(x) = (5x^3 + 7x^2)/x$

8. Find the equation of the tangent line to $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 5$ at $x = 2$.
Solution: How to Find the Equation of the Tangent Line with Derivatives
9. Use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

Solution: Find dy/dx by Using Implicit Differentiation: $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

10. Find the critical points of $g(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 4$. **Solution:** Curve Sketching Using Calculus: $x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x - 4$