

Discussion problems: Math 21A review.

These problems are from a Math 21A final. Solve them to refresh your memory. *Do not turn your solutions in.*

1. Compute the following limits, *in any correct way you can.*

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + x} - \sqrt{x^2 - x})$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+x) - x}{e^x - 1 - x}$

(c) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^5 - 32}{h}$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2x-3}{2x-4} \right)^{3x-4}$

2.

(a) $f(x) = \arctan \sqrt{\sin x}$. Compute $f'(x)$. *Do not simplify.*

(b) $f(x) = x \cdot \arcsin(\ln x)$. Compute $f'(x)$. *Do not simplify.*

(c) Assume that $f(x)$ satisfies the equation $x \cdot f(x)^3 + x^3 + xe^{f(x)-1} = 12$ and that $f(2) = 1$. Compute $f'(2)$.

3. Roughly graph $y = \frac{1}{2}x^{3/2}$. Then find the point on the graph which is closest to $(2, 0)$. (Don't forget that it is enough to maximize the *square* of the distance between $(2, 0)$ and a point (x, y) on the graph!)

4. Let $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$. Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ using the first and second derivative. Be sure to label clearly all important points on the graph.

What is the range of this function? Is this function one-to-one on the interval $(0, \infty)$? Explain.