

Quiz 7

Fall 2012

S o l u t i o n s

Math 0220

1. Find the limit. Use l'Hospital rule if appropriate.

(a) [2 points] $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln t}{\sin \pi t}$.

Solution: $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln t}{\sin \pi t} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{1/t}{\pi \cos \pi t} \stackrel{D S P}{=} \frac{1}{\pi(-1)} = -\frac{1}{\pi}$.

(b) [3 points] $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \tan(1/x)$.

Solution: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \tan(1/x) \stackrel{[0 \cdot \infty]}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tan(x^{-1})}{x^{-1}} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sec^2(x^{-1})(-x^{-2})}{-x^{-2}}$
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sec^2(x^{-1}) = \sec^2 0 = 1$.

2. [5 points] Verify that the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$ satisfies the hypotheses of the MVT on the interval $[0, 3]$. Then find all numbers c that satisfy the conclusion of the MVT.

Solution: The only discontinuity that $f(x)$ has is at -1 . Hence $f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 3]$. It is a rational function and hence differentiable on $(0, 3)$. Therefore, $f(x)$ satisfies the hypotheses of the MVT on the interval $[0, 3]$.

By the MVT there is a number c such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(3) - f(0)}{3 - 0} = \frac{3/4 - 0}{3} = \frac{1}{4}$.

$$f'(x) = \frac{x+1-x}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}.$$

Therefore, to find c we need to solve the equation $\frac{1}{(c+1)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow (c+1)^2 = 4$.

Then $c+1 = 2$ or $c+1 = -2$. Two solutions $c = 1$ and $c = -3$. The last is not in $(0, 3)$.

Hence, $c = 1$.

bonus problem [5 points extra] Evaluate the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 3(\sin x)^{\tan x}$.

Solution: $(\sin x)^{\tan x} = e^{\ln(\sin x)^{\tan x}} = e^{\tan x \cdot \ln(\sin x)}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 3(\sin x)^{\tan x} = 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sin x)^{\tan x} = 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\tan x \cdot \ln(\sin x)} = 3e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \tan x \cdot \ln(\sin x)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \tan x \cdot \ln(\sin x) ["0 \cdot \infty"] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(\sin x)}{\cot x} ["\frac{\infty}{\infty}] \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cot x}{-\csc^2 x} = -\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x \sin x \stackrel{DSP}{=} 0.$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 3(\sin x)^{\tan x} = 3e^0 = 3$.