Answer on Question #66190 – Math – Calculus

1. Which of the following statements are true or false? Give reasons for your answers.

Question

i) The function $f : R \to R$, given by $f(x) = \ln |x + \sqrt{1 + x^2}|$ is neither even nor odd.

Solution

Indeed, $f(-x) = \ln \left| -x + \sqrt{1 + (-x)^2} \right| = \ln \left| -x + \sqrt{1 + x^2} \right|$ and neither f(-x) = f(x) nor f(-x) = -f(x), so f is neither even nor odd.

Answer: True.

ii)
$$\frac{d}{dx}\int_x^0 \sin(t^2)dt = -\sin x^2.$$

Solution

Question

Indeed, if F(t) is some primitive for $f(t) = \sin t^2$, then by formula of Newton-Leibniz $\int_x^0 \sin(t^2) dt = F(0) - F(x)$.

Therefore,

$$\frac{d}{dx}\int_{x}^{0}\sin(t^{2})dt = \frac{d}{dx}(F(0) - F(x)) = -F'(x) = -\sin x^{2}.$$

Answer: True.

Question

iii) The area enclosed by the *x*-axis and the curve y = cosx over the interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$ is 0.

Solution

The area enclosed by the x-axis and the curve y = cosx over the interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$ is calculated by formula

$$A = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (\cos x - 0) \, dx + \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} (0 - \cos x) \, dx = \sin x \big|_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} - \sin x \big|_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2}$$
$$= (1 - (-1)) - (-1 - 1) = 2 + 2 = 4.$$

Answer: False

Question

iv) If f and g are functions over R such that f + g is continuous, then f must be continuous.

Solution

The counterexample can be the following:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0, \\ 1, & x \ge 0; \end{cases} \text{ and } g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x < 0, \\ 0, & x \ge 0. \end{cases}$$

Then f(x) + g(x) = 1 for all $x \in R$ and therefore f + g is continuous on R but f is not continuous at the point 0.

Answer: False

Question

v) x - y + 2 = 0 is a tangent to the curve $(x + y)^3 = (x - y + 2)^2$ at (-1, 1).

Solution

Let us consider the function

$$F(x, y) = (x + y)^3 - (x - y + 2)^2$$

We search for the derivative of the implicit function y = y(x) at the point (-1,1) given by the equation

$$F(x, y) = 0.$$

We have

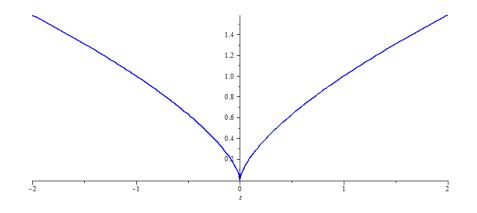
$$F'_{y}(x, y) = 3(x + y)^{2} + 2(x - y + 2)$$

Then

$$F'_{v}(-1,1) = 0,$$

and therefore y'(-1) is undefined. Hence the line x - y + 2 = 0 cannot be a tangent to the curve. We also can show that (-1,1) is a turning point of the curve, hence x - y + 2 = 0 is not a tangent to the curve $(x + y)^3 = (x - y + 2)^2$ at (-1, 1).

Let us make the linear change of variables z = x + y, t = x - y + 2, which the point (-1,1) moves to the origin (0,0). Then in new variables the curve is given by the equation $z^3 = t^2$. This equation describes the semicubical parabola, which has a turning point at the origin.



Answer: False.

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