

MATH 101-007 Quiz 6

CHOOSE ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Question 1. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(\sin x) - \cos x}{x^4} = L$

Question 2. Find the largest constant k such that $x + \frac{3}{x} \geq k$ for all $x > 0$.

Question 1. We have the form $\frac{0}{0}$. So we use l'Hôpital's rule.

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin(\sin x) \cos x + \sin x}{4x^3} \stackrel{0}{0} \text{ l'Hôpital's rule}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cos(\sin x) \cos^2 x + \sin(\sin x) \sin x + \cos x}{12x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cos(\sin x) \cos^2 x + \cos x}{12x^2} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\sin x) \sin x}{12x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cos(\sin x) \cos x + 1}{12x^2} \cdot \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x \right)^{-1} +$$

$$\frac{1}{12} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\sin x)}{x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) = 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cos(\sin x) \cos x + 1}{12x^2}$$

Call this K . It's in the form $\frac{0}{0}$. Use l'Hôpital's rule for K .

$$K = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\sin x) \cos^2 x + \cos(\sin x) \sin x}{24x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{24} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\sin x)}{x} \cos^2 x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(\sin x) \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{24} (1+1) = \frac{1}{12}.$$

$$\text{So } L = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

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Question 2. Let $f(x) = x + \frac{3}{x}$, $x > 0$.

$$f'(x) = 1 - \frac{3}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}, \quad x = \cancel{\sqrt{3}} \text{ not in the domain.}$$

$$x = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow f(x) = \sqrt{3} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3}.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(x + \frac{3}{x} \right) = \infty$$

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Thus $f(x)$ (for $x > 0$) has absolute minimum at $x = \sqrt{3}$ and absolute minimum value is $2\sqrt{3}$. Then $f(x) \geq 2\sqrt{3}$ for all $x > 0$, that is $x + \frac{3}{x} \geq 2\sqrt{3}$ for all $x > 0$.

Since $\sqrt{3} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3}$, $2\sqrt{3}$ is the largest such constant k .