QUIZ #7: CALCULUS 1A (Stankova)

Wednesday, March 10, 2004 Section 10:00–11:00 (Voight)

Problem 1. Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \to e} \frac{e^{\ln x} - e}{x - e}$$

Explain your work.

SOLUTION. We match to the template

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

We take $f(x) = e^{\ln x}$ and a = e, and verify that $f(a) = e^{\ln e} = e$ indeed. Therefore the limit is equal to f'(e). We compute

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}e^{\ln x}$$

so f'(e) = e/e = 1, which is equal to the limit. Or, you can simply note that $e^{\ln x} = x$, so we just have

$$\lim_{x \to e} \frac{x-e}{x-e} = 1.$$

Problem 2. Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin((3+x)^2) - \sin 9}{x}.$$

Explain your work.

SOLUTION. We again match to the template, and let $f(x) = \sin((3+x)^2)$ and a = 0. We verify that $f(0) = \sin 9$, so the limit is equal to f'(0). We compute by the chain rule:

$$f'(x) = \cos((3+x)^2)((3+x)^2)' = \cos((3+x)^2)(2(3+x))$$

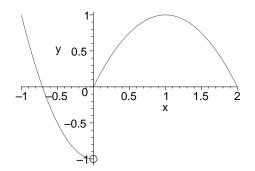
and so $f'(0) = 6\cos 9$, the value of the limit.

QUIZ #7: CALCULUS 1A (Stankova) Wednesday, March 10, 2004 Section 11:00–12:00 (Voight)

Problem 1. Sketch the graph of f by hand and use your sketch to find the absolute (global) and local maximum and minimum values of f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 - 1, & \text{if } -1 \le x < 0; \\ 1 - (x - 1)^2, & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 2. \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION. We have the graph:



Looking at the graph, we see that f has an absolute maximum at x = -1and x = 1. It has no local or absolute minimum, because if it did it would be at x = 0 but f jumps at that point. It has a local maximum at x = 1.