Test of Prerequisites

Problems

1. Simplify the following expression as much as possible:

$$\frac{1 - 4x + 4x^2}{x - 1/2}$$

2. Find numbers A and B such that

$$\frac{x-1}{x^2-5x+6} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x-3}$$

3. Compute the following determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & x \\ 3 & -x & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

- **4.** Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = x \ln(x^2) + 5$.
- **5.** Find the derivative of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x^2 + 1}$$

6. Find the derivative of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 27}{3 - 4x + x^2}$$

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7. Compute the integral $\int xe^{-x} dx$.

8. Compute the integral $\int x\sqrt{x^2+1} \, dx$.

9. Find the local maxima and minima of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 7$.

- **10.** Find the partial derivatives of the function $f(x, y) = e^{xy-x-y}$.
- **11.** Find all stationary points of the function $f(x,y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2 + 7)$.

Answers

1 Simplify the following expression as much as possible:

$$\frac{1-4x+4x^2}{x-1/2} = 4x-2$$

2 Find numbers *A* and *B* such that

$$\frac{x-1}{x^2-5x+6} = \frac{-1}{x-2} + \frac{2}{x-3}$$

3 Compute the determinant following determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & x \\ 3 & -x & 5 \end{vmatrix} = x^3 + 24x + 8$$

- 4 The derivative is $f'(x) = \ln(x^2) + 2 = 2\ln(x) + 2$.
- **5** The derivative is

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

6 The derivative is

$$f'(x) = \frac{-12}{(x-1)^2}$$

- 7 The integral is $\int xe^{-x} dx = -(x+1)e^{-x} + \mathscr{C}.$
- 8 The integral is $\int x\sqrt{x^2+1} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{3}(x^2+1)^{3/2} + \mathscr{C}.$
- **9** The function has a local maximum at x = -1 and a local minimum at x = 1.
- 10 The partial derivatives are $f'_x = (x-1)e^{xy-x-y}$ and $f'_y = (y-1)e^{xy-x-y}$.
- 11 There is a unique stationary points at (x, y) = (0, 0).