

# Math 31B: Week 1 Section

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## Information

The main course webpage is CCLE:

<https://ccle.ucla.edu/course/view/18W-MATH31B-4>

You should read the syllabus posted if you have not already. Some important highlights are:

- Math questions and administrative questions that apply to more than one person should be asked on the CCLE discussion board.
- Homework is due during Friday lectures. Late homework must be emailed to Alex Austin within 24hrs and this incurs a 50% penalty.

This week I will be holding office hours on Thursday at 3pm in MS 3957. Please go to

<https://goo.gl/forms/gKfpmXcUsPlJFIav1>

to vote on what office hours suit you, as well as a few other questions about things we could do in future sections.

On my web page, you can find electronic versions of any worksheet from sections as well as solutions.

<http://www.math.ucla.edu/~ben.szczesny/>

If you forget the link, you could probably also find it by googling something like “ben szczesny ucla”. At the moment it’s not linked by the main course webpage.

## Discussion Questions

**Question 1.** Find the derivative of the following functions:

(a)  $f(x) = e^{x^2+2x-3}$ ,

(c)  $f(\theta) = \sin(e^\theta)$ ,

(b)  $f(t) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-3t}}$ ,

(d)  $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{3x + 1}$ .

**Question 2.** Find the critical points of the function  $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x}$  for  $x > 0$  and determine whether they are local minima or maxima (or neither).

**Question 3.** For  $y = e^x + e^{-x}$ , find critical points and points of inflection. Then sketch the graph.

**Question 4.** Compute the linearisation of  $f(x) = 2e^{-2x} \sin(x)$  at  $a = 0$ . Use a linear approximation to estimate  $f(0.2) - f(0)$ .

**Question 5.** Evaluate the following integrals:

(a)  $\int e^x + e^{-x} dx$ ,

(b)  $\int e^x \cos(e^x) dx$ .

## Homework Questions

Questions 14, 18, 26, 30, 34, 36, 40, 44, 50, 56, 62, 64, 72, 78, 88, 90, 92 of section 7.1 of the class textbook.

## Extra Questions

**Question 6.** Find the Area bounded by  $y = e^2$ ,  $y = e^x$ , and  $x = 0$ .

\* **Question 7.** Prove that  $f(x) = e^x$  is not a polynomial function. Hint: Differentiation lowers the degree of a polynomial by 1.

\* **Question 8.** Define a function  $A(x) := \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt$  for  $x > 0$ . Prove that  $A(e^x) = x$ . Hint: differentiate  $A(e^x)$ .