Maths & Stats Pre-Sessional Tutorial

Topic 5: Basic of Derivatives and Matrix Algebra

Exercise 1

Find the first derivative of the following functions:

- a) $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$
- b) $f(x) = (2x 3)^5$
- c) $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x-1}$
- d) $f(x) = 4x^3(2x 1)$
- e) $f(x) = \ln(3x)$

Exercise 2

Are functions (a), (b) and (e) in Exercise 1 concave or convex? Why?

Exercise 3

Find the stationary points of the following functions. Are they max or min?

a)
$$f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$$

b)
$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$$

Exercise 4

Consider the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find:

a)
$$D = AB$$

b)
$$E = D + C$$

d)
$$G = B'C$$

Exercise 5

Solve the following pair of equations:

$$-y = -8x - 4$$

$$y = 20x + 2$$