

1. Evaluate the limit, using L'Hopital's Rule if necessary.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} [3(x-4)]^{x-4}$$

2. Find the derivative of the function.

$$f(x) = \operatorname{arccot} \sqrt{x}$$

3. Find or evaluate the integral

$$(a) \int \frac{1}{3x^2 - 6x + 12} dx$$

$$(b) \int_1^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx$$

sol:

1.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } y &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} [3(x-4)]^{x-4} \\ \ln y &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} (x-4) \ln[3(x-4)] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{\ln[3(x-4)]}{1/(x-4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{1/(x-4)}{-1/(x-4)^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} [-(x-4)] = 0 \\ \text{So, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} [3(x-4)]^{x-4} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \operatorname{arccot} \sqrt{x} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{-1/2\sqrt{x}}{1+x} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}(1+x)} \end{aligned}$$

3. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{3x^2 - 6x + 12} dx &= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x + 4} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 3} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{(x-1)^2 + 3} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \arctan \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{3}} + C \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9} \arctan \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}(x-1) \right] + C \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } u &= \sqrt{x}, u^2 = x, 2u du = dx, 1+x = 1+u^2 \\ \int_1^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{2u}{u(1+u^2)} du &= \int_1^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{2}{1+u^2} du \\ &= [2 \arctan(u)]_1^{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi}{6} \end{aligned}$$