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1. [10 pts] For each of the following two functions, find the domain. **Record your answer in interval notation.**

(a)  $F(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{x}}$

**Solution.**  $\sqrt{1-x}$  is defined provided that  $1-x \geq 0$ , or  $x \leq 1$ ; also,  $\sqrt{x}$  is defined provided that  $x \geq 0$ , but  $\sqrt{x}$  appears in the denominator, so that we must exclude the number  $x = 0$ . Thus  $F$  is defined when  $x$  satisfies both  $x \leq 1$  and  $x > 0$ . The domain is  $(0, 1]$

(b)  $R(x) = (g \circ f)(x) + h(x)$ , where  $f(x) = x + 1$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{3x+5}$ ,  $h(x) = x^3$

**Solution.**

$$R(x) = (g \circ f)(x) + h(x) = \frac{1}{3f(x)+5} + x^3 = \frac{1}{3(x+1)+5} + x^3 = \frac{1}{3x+8} + x^3.$$

Because the denominator of  $\frac{1}{3x+8}$  vanishes at  $-8/3$ , we see that  $R$  has domain

$$\left\{x : x \neq -\frac{8}{3}\right\} \text{ or } (-\infty, -\frac{8}{3}) \cup (-\frac{8}{3}, \infty).$$

2. [6 pts] Andy is going on a 10-day trip in a few months. He paid for 10 nights at \$100 per night for his hotel room. He is delaying his purchase of a plane ticket, hoping to buy one at a price he will find acceptable. Andy uses a simple “travel quotient” function to figure out which prices are acceptable. The travel quotient  $Q(A)$  is given by the airplane ticket price  $A$ , divided by  $S$ , where  $S$  is the sum of the ticket price  $A$  and the amount Andy has already spent on lodging.

- (a) Write the rule for the travel quotient  $Q(A)$  as a function of  $A$ .

**Solution.** From the description of the problem,

$$Q(A) = \frac{A}{1000 + A}$$

- (b) For Andy, an acceptable price for an airplane ticket is any price  $A$  so that  $Q(A) \leq \frac{1}{9}$ . Should Andy buy when the ticket price is \$250?

**Solution.** We have  $Q(250) = \frac{1}{5}$ ; so the answer is no, this is not the acceptable price of plane ticket because  $Q(250) = \frac{1}{5} > \frac{1}{9}$ . Alternate solution:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(A) \leq \frac{1}{9} & \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \frac{A}{1000 + A} \leq \frac{1}{9} \\ & \quad \text{if and only if} \quad 9A \leq 1000 + A \\ & \quad \text{if and only if} \quad 8A \leq 1000 \\ & \quad \text{if and only if} \quad A \leq 125. \end{aligned}$$

Only prices at \$125 and below are acceptable to Andy.

3. [15 pts] Find the following limits, or explain why the limit does not exist.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x}-3}{x-9}$

**Solution.**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x}-3}{x-9} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x}-3}{x-9} \frac{\sqrt{x}+3}{\sqrt{x}+3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x-9}{(x-9)(\sqrt{x}+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3+2x+6}{-x^3+8x^2-5x+4}$

**Solution.**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3+2x+6}{-x^3+8x^2-5x+4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3+2x+6}{-x^3+8x^2-5x+4} \frac{\frac{1}{x^3}}{\frac{1}{x^3}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3+\frac{2}{x^2}+\frac{6}{x^3}}{-1+\frac{8}{x}+\frac{4}{x^3}} = \frac{3}{-1} = -3$$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x-3}{|2x-6|}$

**Solution.**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x-3}{|2x-6|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x-3}{6-2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x-3}{2(3-x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{1}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x-3}{|2x-6|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x-3}{2x-6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x-3}{2(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

So the limit at 3 does not exist.

4. (a) [4 pts] State precisely what it means for a function  $f(x)$  to be continuous at  $x = a$ .

**Solution.** The function  $f$  is continuous at a number  $x = a$  if the following conditions are satisfied

1.  $f(a)$  is defined.
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists.
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ .

- (b) [6 pts] Find the values of  $m$  and  $b$  that make the following function continuous:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 - x^2 & x \leq -1 \\ mx + b & -1 < x < 1 \\ x^2 + 1 & 1 \leq x \end{cases}$$

**Solution.** The individual functions are all continuous on their own (being polynomials), so the discontinuities, if any, occur at  $x = -1, 1$ . So we want  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = f(-1) = 4 = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = -m + b$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = m + b = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1) = 2$ . So the values we want are the solutions to the system.

$$-m + b = 4$$

$$m + b = 2$$

We can eliminate the  $m$  variable immediately and get  $2b = 6$  so that  $b = 3$  and  $m = -1$ .

5. [15 pts] Find the derivatives of the following functions. You **do not** need to simplify your final answer.

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{3x + 5}{x^2 - 4x}$

**Solution.**

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = \frac{3(x^2 - 4x) - (3x + 5)(2x - 4)}{(x^2 - 4x)^2}$$

(b)  $g(x) = \sqrt{\sqrt[4]{x} - \frac{1}{x^2}}$

**Solution.**

$$\frac{d}{dx}g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt[4]{x} - \frac{1}{x^2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt[4]{x} - \frac{1}{x^2}) = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt[4]{x} - \frac{1}{x^2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{4}} - (-2)x^{-3})$$

(c)  $h(t) = (t^2 + 2t + 1)(t^4 - t^3 - 6)$

**Solution.**

$$\frac{d}{dt}h(t) = (t^2 + 2t + 1)(4t^3 - 3t^2) + (t^4 - t^3 - 6)(2t + 2)$$

6. (a) [4 pts] State the limit definition of the derivative of a function  $f(x)$ .

**Solution.** The derivative of a function  $f$  with respect to  $x$  is the function  $f'$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

- (b) [6 pts] Using the limit definition, find the derivative of  $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}$ .

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x+h) + \frac{2}{3} - (x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3})}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + h^2 + 2hx + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}h + \frac{2}{3} - x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 + 2hx + \frac{1}{3}h}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (h + 2x + \frac{1}{3}) \\ &= 2x + \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

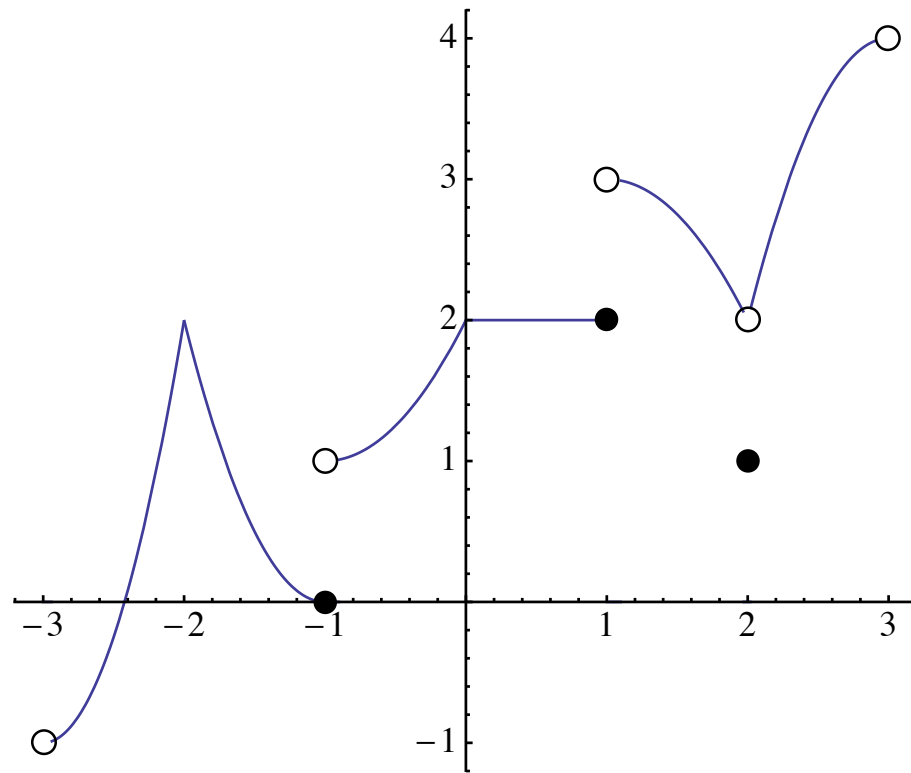
- (c) [4 pts] The graph of  $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}$  has a tangent line  $L$  that is parallel to the line  $y = \frac{7}{3}x + 5$ . Find an equation of this tangent line  $L$ .

**Solution.**

The tangent line parallel to  $y = \frac{7}{3}x + 5$  must have slope  $\frac{7}{3}$ . The slope of the tangent line to the graph of the function  $f(x)$  at a point  $(a, b)$  on the graph of  $f$  has slope  $f'(a) = 2a + \frac{1}{3}$ . So  $2a + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$ , so  $a = 1$ , so  $b = a^2 + \frac{1}{3}a + \frac{2}{3} = 2$ .

Equation of the tangent line  $y - 2 = \frac{7}{3}(x - 1)$  or  $y = \frac{7}{3}x - \frac{1}{3}$

7. [8 pts] Pictured is the graph of the function  $f(x)$  for  $-3 < x < 3$ . Using this graph, answer the following questions about  $f(x)$ .



- (a) For which values of  $x$  in  $(-3, 3)$  is  $f(x)$  not differentiable?

**Solution.**  $x = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$

- (b) For which values of  $x$  in  $(-3, 3)$  is  $f(x)$  not continuous?

**Solution.**  $x = -1, 1, 2$

- (c) For which values  $a$  in  $(-3, 3)$  does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  not exist?

**Solution.**  $x = -1, 1$

- (d) What is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ ?

**Solution.** 2

8. [8 pts] Two runners begin running from different points on a street; their respective positions at any time  $t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ , are given by  $f(t) = t^5 + 2t - 1$  and  $g(t) = 2t - t^2$ .

(a) Why are the functions  $f$  and  $g$  continuous?

**Solution.**

Because they are both polynomial functions.

- (b) Does either runner catch the other during this time? Carefully justify your answer.

**Solution.**

One runner catch each other when they are at same positions at the same time or equivalently when  $f(t) = g(t)$ . Solve the equation:

$$t^5 + 2t - 1 = 2t - t^2 \iff t^5 + t^2 - 1 = 0.$$

Call  $h(t) = t^5 + t^2 - 1$ .

Clearly the function  $h$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$  since it is a polynomial

Note that  $h(0) = -1$ ,  $h(1) = 1$ , so that 0 is between  $h(0)$  and  $h(1)$ .

Thus, by Intermediate Value Theorem, there is a point  $c$  in  $[0, 1]$  such that  $h(c) = 0$ .

Because  $h(c) = f(c) - g(c)$ , we conclude, from  $h(c) = 0$ , that  $f(c) = g(c)$ ; thus both runners are at the same position at time  $t = c$ .



9. [9 pts] Multiple-choice. Circle the correct response.

(a) Let  $f$  be a function such that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2+h)-f(2)}{h} = 5$ . Which of the following must be true?

I)  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$

II)  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 2$

III) The derivative of  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$

(a) I only

(b) II only

(c) I and II only

(d) II and III only

(e) I, II, and III

**Solution.** (c)

(b) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 7$ , which of the following must be true?

I)  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 3$

II)  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 3$

III)  $f(3) = 7$

(a) none

(b) II only

(c) III only

(d) I and III only

(e) I , II, and III

**Solution.** (a)

(c) Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable functions such that  $f(1) = 2$ ,  $f'(1) = 3$ ,  $f'(2) = -4$ ,  $g(1) = 2$ ,  $g'(1) = -3$ , and  $g'(2) = 5$ . If  $h(x) = f(g(x))$ , what is  $h'(1)$ ?

(a)  $-9$

(b)  $-4$

(c)  $0$

(d)  $12$

(e)  $15$

**Solution.** (d)

10. A bacterial colony, originating from a single mother cell placed at the center of a petri dish, spreads outward, maintaining the shape of a disk of radius  $r$ , where  $r$  is measured in centimeters. See the diagram below.



Growing Bacteria Colony in a Petri Dish

- (a) [2 pts] Express the amount of area occupied by this colony as a function of its radius  $r$ .

$$A = \pi r^2 \text{ cm}^2$$

- (b) [3 pts] Find the rate of change of area with respect to radius.

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = 2\pi r \text{ cm}^2/\text{cm}$$