

Math 34A - Test 1

- There are 3 short answer questions and 3 multi-part questions.
- You have 75 minutes from the time you start to complete the exam. Please remember that you should only spend 60 on the exam - the remaining 15 minutes are to give you time to upload the exam to Gradescope.
- You may use a calculator and anything you can find on the Gauchospace page. Please do not use other resources or talk to anybody about the questions or your answers.

1. Short Problems

- (1) (2 points) If $\frac{x^2}{x-1} = x + 4$, what is x ?

Scratch Work:

Answer: $x =$

- (2) (2 points) Simplify the following expression as much as possible:

$$\sqrt{(x^2 + 9)^2 - (x^2 - 9)^2}$$

Scratch Work:

Answer:

(3) (2 points) Solve the following system of equations:

$$2x - 4y = 4$$

$$-4x + 7y = 8$$

Scratch Work:

Answer:

$x =$
$y =$

2. Multi-part problems

2.1. Problem 4.

2.1.1. *Set-up.* You want to make a *sauce velouté*, and you found a recipe that calls for:

- 3 cups of stock.
- 3 tablespoons of flour.
- 5 tablespoons of butter.

Note: 1 cup = 16 tablespoons.

2.1.2. Questions.

- (1) (2 points) How many cups of sauce does the recipe produce? *Note: In real life, the volume of the sauce decreases due to evaporation, but you can ignore that - the question is just asking how much total volume you have when you combine 3 cups, 3 tablespoons and 5 tablespoons.*
- (2) (3 points) You're making dinner for a big group, and you will need 108 cups of *sauce velouté*,
 - (a) How many **cups** of butter will you need?
 - (b) How many **cups** of flour will you need?

2.1.3. *Scratch Work.*

2.1.4. *Answers.*

(1) cups of sauce velouté.

(2) (a) cups of butter.

(b) cups of flour.

2.2. Problem 5.

2.2.1. *Set-up.* I put together two right triangles to form a quadrilateral with edges of lengths 1, a , b and 9. (See Figure 1.)

- The perimeter of the quadrilateral is 22.
- The **green** edge which has length a is half as long as the **pink** edge which has length b .

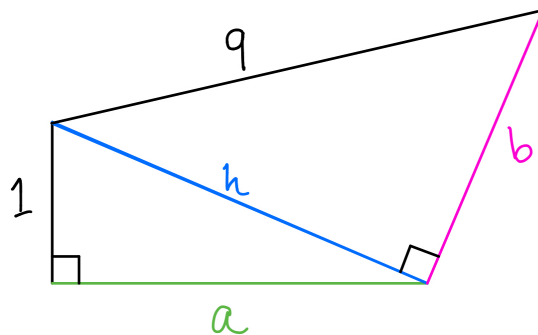


FIGURE 1. Triangles

2.2.2. Questions.

(1) (3 points)

(a) How long is the **green** edge?

(b) How long is the **pink** edge?

(2) (2 points) How long is the **edge** shared by the two right triangles?

(1)	(a)	$a =$
	(b)	$b =$

(2)	$h =$
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2.3. Problem 6. For this problem, refer to Figure 2.

I've drawn a three lines in the xy -plane that form an “extended triangle” with vertices $(8, 0)$, $(0, 24)$, (x_0, y_0) .

To make your lives easier, I will give you the equations of two of those lines:

$$y = 2x + 24$$

$$y = 22x - 176$$

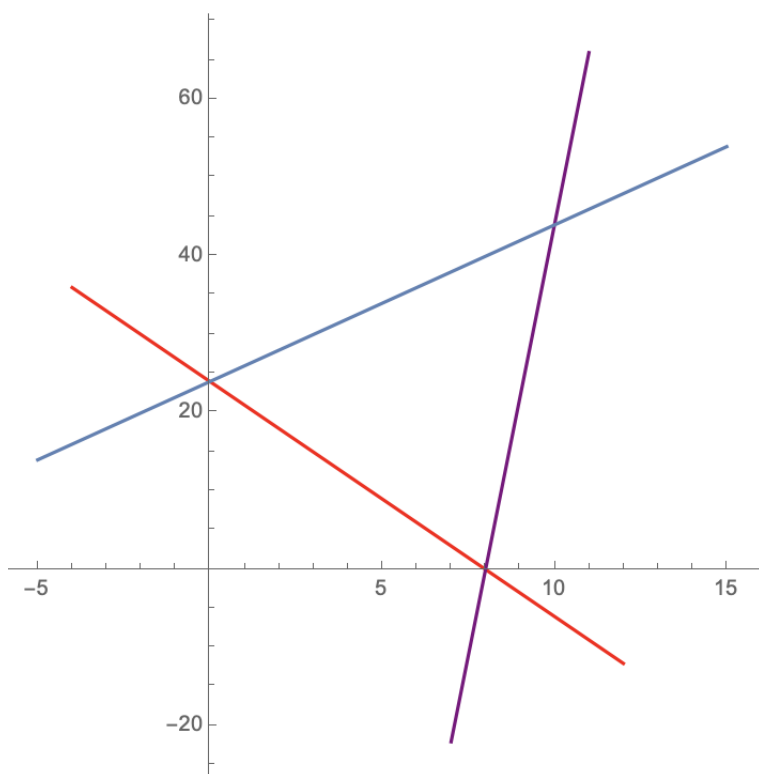


FIGURE 2. “Extended” Triangle

2.3.1. *Questions.*

- (1) (3 points) What is the equation of the third line? Give your answer in the form $y = mx + b$.
- (2) (3 points) Determine the coordinates of the third vertex.

2.3.2. *Scratch work.*

2.3.3. *Answers.*

(1) $y =$

(2) $(x_0, y_0) =$