Welcome To Math 34A! Differential Calculus

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Introduction

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Math 34A is about...

Introduction

- Problem-solving using reasoning
- Turning English into Math (and vice versa)

Math 34A is **not** about...

- Memorizing formulas
- Rote computations

Do You Have An i>clicker?

$$A = Yes, B = No$$

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See https://gauchospace.ucsb.edu/

• Syllabus

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- Homework:
 - On WeBWorK (link on GauchoSpace)
 - Due before every lecture (at 9:30 AM)
 - First one is due Thursday, Jan 10th!
 - (better to think of it as being due on the night of Wednesday, Jan 9th)
- Information about discussions and TAs
- Dates of midterm exams and final exam.
 - First midterm is Jan 24! (Yikes!)
- Grading system
- Consider signing up with CLAS = Campus Learning Assistance Services (their classes start Wed)

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- Purpose of the class: Solving new problems you haven't seen before.
 - Use reasoning.
 - This is very difficult.
 - Memorizing formulas is silly.
 - Word problems are the point.
- You should read the textbook!
 - It's quite good!
 - These lectures are not just presenting the textbook– they complement it.
 - Your homework problems are pulled from the textbook.
 - To be ready for exams you should follow both the textbook and the lectures.

1. Solve for x: 4x + 7 = 12

$$A = 3$$
 $B = 6$ $C = 5/4$ $D = 19/4$ $E = ?$

Answer: C

2. Solve for x: ax + b = c.

Solve for
$$x$$
: $ax + b =$

$$A = c/a$$
 $B = bc/a$ $C = (c+b)/a$ $D = c-b/a$ $E = (c-b)/a$

Answer: E

More Problems!

3. Solve for x: 2x + 7 = ax + k

$$A = (2-k)/(a-7)$$
 $B = (k-7)/(2-a)$

$$C = (k-7)/(a-2)$$
 $D = k-7/a-2$ $E = ?$

Answer: B

4. Expand: $(1-x)(1+x+x^2)$

Moral: Parentheses are awesome!

Word Problems!

4. The sum of three consecutive numbers is 99. What are the numbers?

Answer: 32, 33, 34

5. Twice one number is three times another number. The sum of the two numbers is 110. What are the numbers?

Answer: 66, 44

6. The perimeter of a rectangle is twice its area. Find a formula for the length of the rectangle in terms of its width.

Answer: $L = \frac{W}{W-1}$

Introduction to Percentages

- cent means hundred
- percent means per hundred or out of one hundred.
- So 50% means 50 out of 100.

To convert a fraction to a percentage: multiply by 100%

Questions:

1. What is 3/4 as %?

$$A = 0.75\%$$
 $B = 30\%$ $C = 7.5\%$ $D = 75\%$ \boxed{D}

2. What is 20% of 30?

$$A = 600 \quad B = 60 \quad C = 6 \quad D = 0.6 \quad \boxed{\text{C}}$$

You Try It!

- 3. Click A,B,C,D as you do these problems
 - (A) What is 20% of x?
 - (B) What is 70% as a fraction?
 - (C) What is x% of 50?
 - (D) What is $\frac{x}{x+1}$ as %?

Answers: (A) x/5 (B) 7/10 (C) x/2 (D) $\left(\frac{100x}{x+1}\right)\%$

How many did you get right?

$$A = 4 \bigcirc B = 3$$
 $C = 2$ $D = 1$ $E = \bigcirc$

Mixing Paint

4. If I combine 5 liters of blue paint with 15 liters of red paint, what percentage of red paint is in the combination?

$$A~15\%$$
 $B~5\%$ $C~75\%$ $D~25\%$ $E~Other$

5. If I combine x liters of blue paint with y liters of red paint, what percentage of blue paint is in the combination?

$$A \left(\frac{x}{x+y}\right) \% \quad B \left(\frac{y}{x+y}\right) \% \quad C \left(\frac{100y}{x+y}\right) \%$$
$$D \left(\frac{100x}{x+y}\right) \% \quad E \text{ Other} \qquad \boxed{D}$$

One More Problem!

6. Express x% of 4 plus y% of 3 as a percentage of 12.

Idea: Break down the problem into simple steps in English. Explain what I'm doing to myself.

Waitlist / Crashers

- All approval codes are controlled by the Math Department
 - Before Jan 12:
 - Automatically done from waitlist through GOLD.
 - Approval codes emailed.
 - Approval codes are not currently available.
 - Jan 12 to Jan 28 (last day to add)
 - Only students on waitlist and crashing!
 - Approval codes mailed during Jan 18 to Jan 28.
 - You have 24 hours to add.
- If you're crashing, please sign my crashers' list!