

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Mathematics & Statistics**

Course	Number	Sections
Mathematics	203	All
Examination	Date	Duration
Midterm Test	24 February, 2013	1 h 30 min
<b>Special Instructions:</b>	Only approved calculators are allowed Show all your work	

1. (6 marks): Solve for  $x$  (find the *exact* values, do not approximate)
  - (a)  $\log_3(3x) - \log_3(x^5) = 3$
  - (b)  $4^{\log_2 x} - 6x = 0$  ✓
  
2. (6 marks)
  - (a) Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Find the composite functions  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ , and determine their domains.
  - (b) Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + 2e^x}$ , find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  and the domain and the range of  $f^{-1}$ .
  
3. (8 marks) Find the limit or explain why the limit does not exist:
  - (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+3} - 2}{x - 1}$
  - (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{10x + 10}{|x + 1|}$
  
4. (5 marks) Find all horizontal and vertical asymptotes, as well as  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts of the graph  $y = \frac{3x + 1}{\sqrt{4x^2 - 16}}$ .

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5. (16 marks): Find the derivatives of the following functions  
(you don't need to simplify the final answer, but you must show how  
you calculate it):

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

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{\cos x \sin x}{1 - \tan x}$

(c)  $f(x) = (\pi + e^x) 2^x$

(d)  $f(x) = \cos^3(\sin \sqrt{x^2 + 9})$

6. (9 marks) Given the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$  :

- (a) Calculate  $f'(x)$  using its definition as a limit (of difference quotient).

Check that your calculation is correct using standard rules for  
differentiation of power functions.

- (b) Compute the average rate of change of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[0, 3]$ ,  
call it  $m$ .

- (c) Find whether there is a point  $a$  on that interval such that the  
instantaneous rate of change of  $f$  at that point is equal to the  
average rate of change,  $f'(a) = m$ . Calculate  $a$  if it exists.

**Bonus Question** (3 marks).

A cylinder is inscribed in a right circular cone with height  $h = 8$  m and radius at the  
cone's base  $r = 4$  m. Express the volume of the cylinder  $V$  as a function of its radius  $x$ .

1a.

$$\log_3(3x) - \log_3 x^5 = 3 \Rightarrow \log_3 \frac{3}{x^4} = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{x^4} = 3^3 = 27$$

$$x^4 = 1/9 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ as } -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ is extraneous.}$$

1b.

$$4^{\log_2 x} - 6x = 0$$

$$2^{2 \log_2 x} - 6x = 0 \Rightarrow (2^{\log_2 x})^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 6x = 0 \Rightarrow \cancel{x=0} \quad \boxed{x_2 = 6}$$

2a.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}, \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f \circ g = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} - 1} \quad \text{domain: } \frac{1}{x^2} - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1 - x^2}{x^2} \geq 0$$



$$\Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$$

$$g \circ g = \frac{1}{1/x} = x \quad \text{domain: } x \neq 0.$$

2b.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+2e^x} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{1+2e^y} \Rightarrow 1+2e^y = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^y = \frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1-x}{2x} \Rightarrow y = \ln\left(\frac{1-x}{2x}\right)$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \ln\left(\frac{1-x}{2x}\right) \quad \text{Domain: } \frac{1-x}{2x} > 0$$



$$\Rightarrow x \in (0, 1)$$

$$\text{Range}(f^{-1}) = \text{Domain}(f) = \mathbb{R}.$$

3a.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+3}-2}{x-1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+3}-2}{x-1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+3}+2}{\sqrt{x+3}+2} = \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x+3-4}{(x-1)(\sqrt{x+3}+2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+3}+2} = \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

3b.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{10x+10}{|x+1|} \text{ does not exist as}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{10x+10}{|x+1|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{10(x+1)}{x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} 10 = 10 \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{10x+10}{|x+1|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{10(x+1)}{-(x+1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} (-10) = -10.$$

4.

$$y = \frac{3x+1}{\sqrt{4x^2-16}} \quad \text{There are no intercepts as}$$

$x=0$  is outside the domain. Also  $y=0 \Rightarrow x=-\frac{1}{3}$  which is not in the domain either.

Consider now  $4x^2-16=0 \Rightarrow x^2-4=0 \Rightarrow x=\pm 2$ . The numerator is not zero at  $x=\pm 2 \Rightarrow x=2$  &  $x=-2$  are vertical asymptotes.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3x+1}{\sqrt{4x^2-16}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3+\frac{1}{x}}{\sqrt{4-\frac{16}{x^2}}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x+1}{\sqrt{4x^2-16}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3+\frac{1}{x}}{-\sqrt{4-\frac{16}{x^2}}} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{2}$  &  $y = -\frac{3}{2}$  are horizontal asymptotes

5a.

$$f(x) = \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{x} + 3x^2}{x} = \frac{4}{x} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} + 3x$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{4}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^{3/2}} + 3.$$

5b.

$$f(x) = \frac{\cos x \sin x}{1 - \tan x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)(1 - \tan x) + \cos x \sin x \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}}{(1 - \tan x)^2}$$

5c.

$$f(x) = (\pi + e^x) 2^x \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^x 2^x + (\pi + e^x) 2^x \ln 2.$$

5d.

$$f(x) = \cos^3(\sin \sqrt{x^2 + 9}) \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3\cos^2(\sin \sqrt{x^2 + 9}) (-\sin(\sin \sqrt{x^2 + 9})) \cos(\sqrt{x^2 + 9}) \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}}.$$

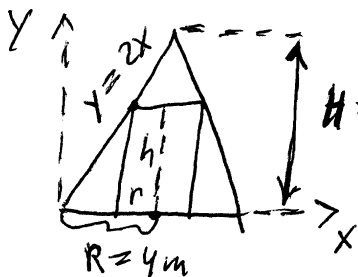
6.

$$\begin{aligned} a) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - 2(x+h) - x^2 + 2x}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - 2x - 2h - x^2 + 2x}{h} = \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh - 2h + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x - 2 + h) = 2x - 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$b) m = \frac{f(3) - f(0)}{3 - 0} = \frac{3^2 - 2 \cdot 3 - 0}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

$$c) 2a - 2 = 1 \Rightarrow a = 3/2.$$

BONUS question



$$H = 8m$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 2(4 - r)$$

[r is denoted x  
in the problem statement]

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

$$V = 2\pi r^2(4 - r).$$

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Mathematics	203	All
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Alternate Midterm	2 March, 2013	1 h 30 min
<b>Special Instructions:</b>	Only approved calculators are allowed <b>Show all your work</b>	

- (6 marks): Solve for  $x$  (find the *exact* values, do not approximate)
  - $\log_2(x) + \log_2(x - 2) - 3 = 0$
  - $5^x - \frac{1}{5} 25^{2x} = 0$
- (6 marks)
  - Let  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 1)$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x + 1}$ . Find the composite functions  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ , and determine their domains.
  - Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{3^x}{1 + 3^x}$ , find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  and the domain and the range of  $f^{-1}$ .
- (8 marks) Find the limit or explain why the limit does not exist:
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 5} - 3}{x^2 + 2x}$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{4 + x^3} - 8x^6}{3x^2 - 6x + 2}$
- (5 marks) Let  $f(x) = \frac{x|x - 5|}{x^2 - 6x + 5}$ .  
 Find the equations of all horizontal and vertical asymptotes.

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5. (16 marks). Find the derivatives of the following functions  
(you don't need to simplify the final answer, but you must show how you calculate it):

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{1 + 2x\sqrt{x} - 3x^2}{x^2}$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 2^x}{\sin(x) + \tan(x)}$

(c)  $f(x) = e^2 + e^x (x + x^2)$

(d)  $f(x) = \arctan(1 + \arctan(\sqrt{x^2 + 1}))$

6. (9 marks) Given the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$  :

- (a) Calculate  $f'(x)$  using its definition as a limit (of difference quotient).

Check that your calculation is correct using standard rules for differentiation of power functions.

- (b) Compute the average rate of change of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[-3, 2]$ , call it  $m$ .

- (c) Find whether there is a point  $a$  on that interval such that the instantaneous rate of change of  $f$  at that point is equal to the average rate of change,  $f'(a) = m$ . Calculate  $a$  if it exists.

**Bonus Question** (3 marks).

A cylinder is inscribed in a right circular cone with height  $h = 10$  m and radius at the cone's base  $r = 5$  m. Express the volume of the cylinder  $V$  as a function of its height  $x$ .

1a.

$$\log_2 X + \log_2 (X-2) - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \log_2 (X^2 - 2X) = 3$$

$$X^2 - 2X = 2^3 = 8 \Rightarrow X^2 - 2X - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow X_{1,2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{1+8} = 1 \pm 3 \Rightarrow \boxed{X=4}$$

1b.

$$5^x - \frac{1}{5} \cdot 25^{2x} = 0 \Rightarrow 5^x = 5^{4x-1} \Rightarrow 4x-1 = x \Rightarrow x = 1/3.$$

2a.

$$f = \ln(x^2+1), \quad g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}.$$

$$f \circ g = \ln(x+2) \Rightarrow x > -2 \text{ \& } x \geq -1 \Rightarrow x \geq -1 \text{ (domain).}$$

$$g \circ g = \sqrt{\sqrt{x+1}+1} \Rightarrow x > -1 \text{ (domain)}$$

2b.

$$f(x) = \frac{3^x}{1+3^x} \Rightarrow x = \frac{3^y}{1+3^y} \Rightarrow x(1+3^y) = 3^y \Rightarrow 3^y(1-x) = x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \log_3 \left( \frac{x}{1-x} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1-x} > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain: } x \in (0, 1). \quad f^{-1}(x) = \log_3 \left( \frac{x}{1-x} \right), \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Range}(f^{-1}) = \\ = \text{Domain}(f) = \mathbb{R} \end{matrix}$$

3a.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+5}-3}{x^2+2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+5}-3}{x(x+2)} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2+5}+3}{\sqrt{x^2+5}+3} =$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2+5-9}{x(x+2)(\sqrt{x^2+5}+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{x(x+2)(\sqrt{x^2+5}+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x-2}{x(\sqrt{x^2+5}+3)} = \frac{-4}{-2 \cdot 6} = 1/3$$

3b.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{4+x^3-8x^6}}{3x^2-6x+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{4/x^6 + 1/x^3 - 8}}{3 - 6/x + 2/x^2} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{-8}}{3} = -2/3.$$



(4)

$$f(x) = \frac{x|x-5|}{x^2-6x+5} = \frac{x|x-5|}{(x-5)(x-1)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Vertical asymptote  $x=1$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x(x-5)}{(x-5)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x}{x-1} = 1$$

Horizontal asymptotes are

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-x(x-5)}{(x-5)(x-1)} = -\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{x-1} = -1$$

$y=1$  and  $y=-1$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{1+2x\sqrt{x}-3x^2}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} - 3 \Rightarrow f'(x) = -\frac{2}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x^{3/2}}.$$

(5b.)

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 2^x}{\sin x + \tan x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(2x2^x + x^2 2^x \ln 2)(\sin x + \tan x) - x^2 2^x (\cos x + \sec^2 x)}{(\sin x + \tan x)^2}$$

(5c.)

$$f(x) = e^2 + e^x(x+x^2) \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^x(x+x^2) + e^x(1+2x)$$

(5d.)

$$f(x) = \arctan(1 + \arctan(\sqrt{x^2+1})) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+(1+\arctan(\sqrt{x^2+1}))^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2+1} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$$

(6.)

$$a) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 + 2(x+h) - x^2 - 2x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + 2h + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x + 2 + h) = 2x + 2.$$

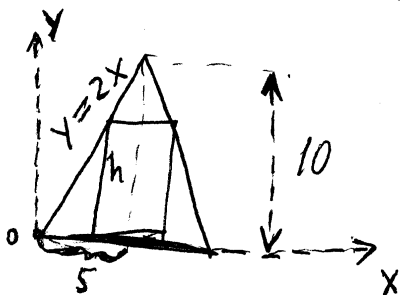
$$b) m = \frac{f(2) - f(-3)}{2 - (-3)} = \frac{8-3}{2+3} = \frac{5}{5} = 1$$

$$c) 2a+2=1 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Bonus Question

$$h = 2(5-r) \Rightarrow 5-r = \frac{h}{2} \Rightarrow r = 5 - \frac{h}{2}$$

$$V = \pi r^2 h = \pi h \left(5 - \frac{h}{2}\right)^2$$



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Mathematics	203	All
Examination	Date	Duration
Midterm	21 October, 2012	1 h 30 min
<b>Special Instructions:</b>	Only approved calculators are allowed <b>Show all your work</b>	

1. (6 marks): Solve for  $x$  (find the *exact* values, do not approximate)
  - (a)  $\log_7(x+3) + \log_7(x-3) = 1$
  - (b)  $e^{5-3x} = 10$
  
2. (6 marks)
  - (a) Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{4-2x}$  and  $g(x) = 2-x^2$ . Find the composite functions  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ , and determine their domains.
  - (b) For the given one-to-one function  $f(x) = \frac{4-x}{3+x}$  find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  and the domain of  $f^{-1}$ .
  
3. (6 marks) Evaluate the limits:
  - (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x - 1}$
  - (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{2x + 14}{|x + 7|}$
  
4. (4 marks) Find all horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the graph of the function  $f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{\sqrt{x^2-2x-3}}$ .

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5. (13 marks). Find the derivatives of the following functions  
(you don't need to simplify the final answer, but you must show how you calculate it):

(a)  $f(x) = 5x^3 - 7\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{x}$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{1 + \sin x}{\tan x}$

(c)  $f(x) = (1 - x)e^{2x}$

(d)  $f(x) = \cos(\sin(2x + \cos^2 x))$

6. (5 marks) (a) Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{9 - x}$ . Find  $g'(5)$  using the definition of the derivative as the limit of the difference quotient.
- (b) Use the answer to part (a) to find the equation of the tangent line to  $g(x)$  at the point  $(5, g(5))$ .

**Bonus Question** (2 marks).

Recall that  $f(x)$  is an even function if it does not change when  $x$  is changed to  $-x$ , and an odd function if it changes sign, but not the absolute value, when  $x$  is changed to  $-x$ . Use the Chain Rule to prove that the derivative of an even function is an odd function and the derivative of an odd function is an even function.

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Course	Number	Sections
Mathematics	203	01, A, AA, B, C, G
Examination	Date	Duration
Midterm	October 22, 2011	1 h 30 min
Special Instructions:	Only approved calculators are allowed Show all your work	

MARKS

- [9] 1. Solve for  $x$  (Note: guessing the answer and checking by substitution is not an acceptable solution.)

(a)  $\log_3(x) + \log_3(2+x) = 1$

(b)  $2^{2x-1} = 8$

- [9] 2. (a) Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$  and  $g(x) = 2 - \frac{1}{x^2}$ . Find the following functions and their domains:

(i)  $f \circ g$

(ii)  $g \circ f$

- (b) Given the function  $g(x) = \frac{2}{1+e^x}$ , find the inverse function  $g^{-1}$

and the domain of  $g^{-1}$ . (Hint: assume  $e^x = u$  to see how to find  $g^{-1}$ )

- [8] 3. Evaluate the limits:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+9}-3}{x^2}$

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

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[8] 4. Given a function  $f(x) = \frac{|x-3|}{x^2-9}$ , find

- (a) one-sided limits  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$ .
- (b) equations of all horizontal and vertical asymptotes.

[9] 5. Find the derivatives of the following functions  
(you don't need to simplify the final answer, but you must show how you got it):

- (a)  $f(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{x^2 + 1}$
- (b)  $f(x) = x^e + x^2 e^x$
- (c)  $f(x) = \sin(\tan \sqrt{x^3 - 1})$

[7] 6. Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+3} + x$ .

- (a) Use the definition of derivative

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

to find  $g'(1)$ .

- (b) Find an equation of the tangent line  $T(x)$  to the graph of  $g(x)$  at the point  $(1, 3)$ .

[3] **Bonus Question**

Suppose  $f$  is continuous on the interval  $[1, 5]$ , and the only solutions of the equation  $f(x) = 6$  are  $x = 1$  and  $x = 4$ . If  $f(2) = 8$  explain why  $f(3) > 6$ .