

Sols

MATH 141: QUIZ 1

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No phone or calculator. You must show all work to receive full credit. Simplify when applicable.

1. (5 points) Simplify the following expression:

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{9}}{x - 3}$$

$$\frac{\frac{9 - x^2}{9x^2}}{x - 3} = \frac{\frac{(3+x)(3-x)}{9x^2}}{x - 3} = \frac{-(3+x)(x-3)}{9x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x-3} = -\frac{3+x}{9x^2}$$

2. (5 points) Find the zeros of

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 9x - 5$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 9x - 5$$

$$0 = (2x + 1)(x - 5)$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}, x = 5$$

3. (1 point each) Consider the equation below. Answer "True" or "False" for the following statements.

$$y = x^2 + 7$$

- (a) y is a function of x

True

- (b) y is an odd function.

False

- (c) The domain of this function is \mathbb{R} .

True

- (d) $f(1) = 2$

False

- (e) $y = (x + 1)(x - 7)$

False