
MATH 241 – MIDTERM 02

Fall 2022, 11/16/2022

6:00-7:15pm

Last name: _____

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Instructions:

- Write your last name, first name and section number above.
- Answer the eight questions on this exam.
- Show all the details of your work.
- No electronic devices are to be used during the exam (this includes calculators).
- The exam is closed book and closed notes.
- **Do not use L'Hôpital's rule anywhere on this exam.**
- You have 75 minutes to complete the exam.
- Turn in your exam when you are done or at the end of the 75-min period.

Sign below to acknowledge you have read the instructions.

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QUESTION 1 (10 pts)

If a spherical snowball melts so that its surface area decreases at a rate of $1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$, find, using **Calculus**, the rate at which the diameter decreases when the diameter is 10 cm.

Note: The surface area of a sphere is $A = 4\pi r^2$.

QUESTION 2

(10 pts)

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$.

(a) (5 points) Find the linearization of the function f at the point $a = 0$.

(b) (5 points) Using the linearization, estimate the value of $\sqrt{1.1}$. Explain clearly how you obtained your answer and leave it in decimal form.

QUESTION 3

(22 pts)

Let $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 3}{x^2 + 3}$.

- (a) (4 points) Using **Calculus**, find the vertical asymptotes (if any) and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of the function $f(x)$.

- (b) (4 points) The first derivative of f is $f'(x) = \frac{24x}{(x^2+3)^2}$. Find the critical numbers (if any) and the open interval(s) of increase and decrease.

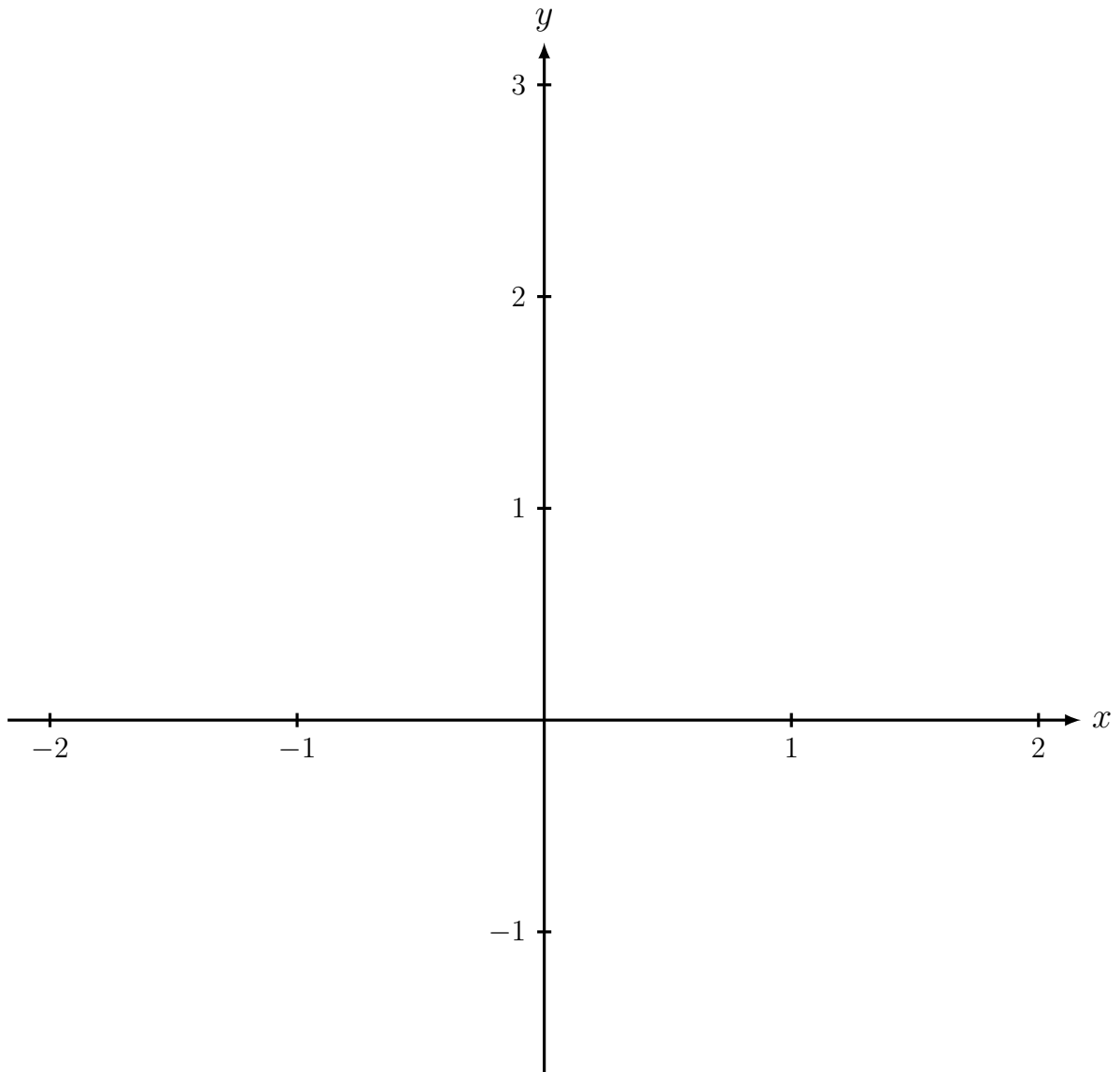
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- (c) (6 points) The second derivative of f is $f''(x) = \frac{-72(x^2-1)}{(x^2+3)^3}$. Find the x -coordinate of the inflection points (if any) and the open interval(s) of concavity.

- (d) (4 points) Using one of the derivative tests, find the local maximum(s) and/or local minimum(s) of the function.

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- (e) (4 points) Sketch the graph of the function f in the axes below. Note that the y -intercept is -1 and the x -intercepts are $x = -1$ and $x = 1$.



QUESTION 4

(10 pts)

Compute the following limits. If the limit does not exist, write explicitly DNE. Make sure to write all the details of your calculations.

(a) (5 points) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x - 2}{2x + 1}.$

(b) (5 points) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2x^2 + 1}}{3x - 5}.$

QUESTION 5

(15 pts)

A box with an open top is to be constructed from a square piece of cardboard of side length 3 ft by cutting out a square from each of the four corners and bending up the sides. **Using calculus**, find the largest volume that such a box can have. Make sure to justify clearly your answer.

QUESTION 6

(15 pts)

Find the most general antiderivative of the following functions.

(a) (5 points) $f(x) = 4\sqrt{x} - 6x^2 + 3$.

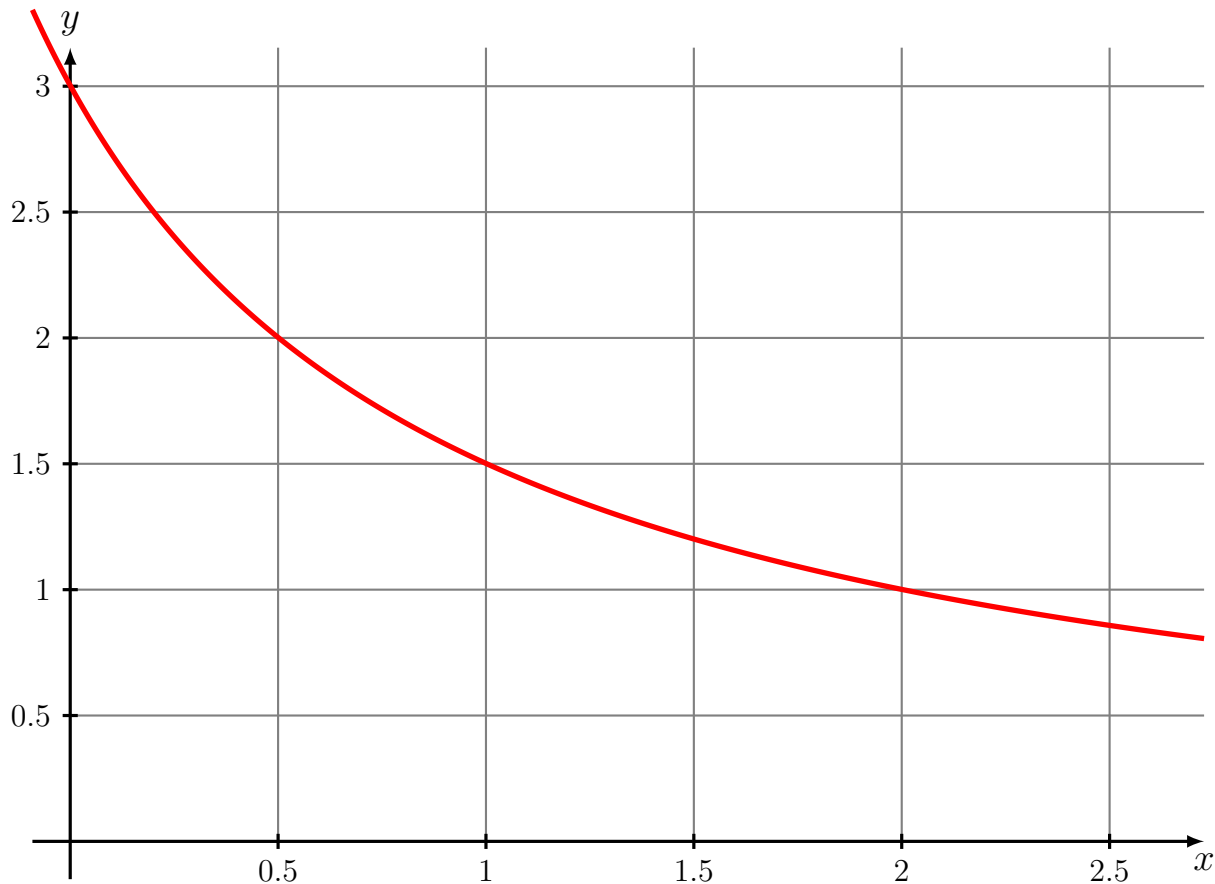
(b) (5 points) $f(x) = \cos(x) + 2\sec^2(x)$.

(c) (5 points) $f(x) = x\sqrt{x} + \frac{x^2 + x}{x}$.

QUESTION 7

(8 pts)

The graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{3}{1+x}$ is given below.



(a) (4 points) Estimate $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$ using two rectangles and right endpoints.

(b) (2 points) Draw the two rectangles from part (a) on the above picture of the graph of $f(x)$.

(c) (2 points) Is your answer over or under approximating the actual value of the integral?

QUESTION 8

(10 pts)

Answer the following questions.

- (a) (5 points) Using a comparison property for the definite integral, find a lower bound and an upper bound for the value of the following definite integral:

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{1+3x} \, dx.$$

- (b) (5 points) Using a geometric approach, find the value of the following definite integral:

$$\int_0^1 |2x - 1| \, dx.$$

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Question:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Points:	10	10	22	10	15	15	8	10	100
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