

# Solutions

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Exam 1  
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This exam contains 5 pages and 6 questions. Total of points is 100. For full credit you must show your work. Partial credit may be given for incorrect solutions if sufficient work is shown. Messy/unorganized answers may be penalized, even if correct.

Grade Table (for teacher use only)

Question	Points	Score
1	18	
2	28	
3	12	
4	24	
5	12	
6	6	
Total:	100	

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1. (18 points) Determine the following limits

(a) (6 points)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 8^-} \frac{x+3}{x-8} &= \frac{8+3}{8-8} = \frac{11}{0} \\ &= \frac{11}{7.99-8} = \frac{11}{\text{small}-} = \text{big-} \\ &= \boxed{-\infty}\end{aligned}$$

(b) (6 points)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4} &= \frac{4^2 - 16}{4 - 4} = \frac{0}{0} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{(x+4)(x-4)}{x-4} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} x+4 = 4+4 = \boxed{8}\end{aligned}$$

(c) (6 points)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+9}{x^2+3x+2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \boxed{0}\end{aligned}$$

2. (28 points) For the function

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

(a) (8 points) Find any vertical asymptotes of  $f$ .

$$x^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{-1} \quad \text{no } \overset{\text{real}}{\text{solutions}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{no vertical asymptotes}$$

(b) (8 points) Find any horizontal asymptotes of  $f$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1$$

$y = 1$  is a horizontal asymptote

(c) (6 points) Find the partition numbers of  $f$ .

$$\bullet x^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 3$$

$\bullet x^2 + 1 = 0$  has no solutions

Only partition #'s are  $x = \pm 3$

(d) (6 points) Determine the sign chart for  $f$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} + \quad - \quad + \\ \hline -3 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

$$f(-4) = \frac{16 - 9}{16 + 1} = \frac{7}{17} > 0$$

$$f(0) = \frac{0 - 9}{0 + 1} = -9 < 0$$

$$f(4) = \frac{16 - 9}{16 + 1} = \frac{7}{17} > 0$$

3. (12 points) Consider the function

$$f(x) = x^2 + 7.$$

Use the limit definition of the derivative to compute  $f'(x)$ . No credit will be given for using shortcuts on this problem.

- (a) (3 points)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+h) &= \cancel{(x+h)^2} (x+h)^2 + 7 \\ &= x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 7 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (3 points)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+h) - f(x) &= x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 7 - (x^2 + 7) \\ &= \cancel{x^2} + 2xh + h^2 + \cancel{7} - \cancel{x^2} - \cancel{7} \\ &= 2xh + h^2 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) (3 points)

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{2xh + h^2}{h} = 2x + h$$

- (d) (3 points)

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x + h \\ &= 2x + 0 \\ &= 2x \end{aligned}$$

4. (24 points) Compute the following quantities. You may use shortcuts.

(a) (8 points)

$$f'(x) \quad \text{for} \quad f(x) = x^5 - 2x^3 + 4x$$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 - 6x^2 + 4$$

(b) (8 points)

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(x) \quad \text{for} \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} - 6x = x^{-2} - 6x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}f(x) &= -2x^{-3} - 6 \\ &= \frac{-2}{x^3} - 6 \end{aligned}$$

(c) (8 points)

$$y' \quad \text{for} \quad y = 5\sqrt{x} + x^3 = 5x^{1/2} + x^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{5}{2}x^{-1/2} + 3x^2 \\ &= \frac{5}{2\sqrt{x}} + 3x^2 \end{aligned}$$

5. (12 points) Find the equation of the tangent line to  $f(x) = x^5 - 2x^3 + 4x$  at  $x = 1$ .  
*Hint: use your answer to part (a) of the previous page.*

• Point:  $x=1, y=f(1) = 1^5 - 2(1)^3 + 4(1) = 1 - 2 + 4 = 3$

• Slope:  $f'(1) = 5(1)^4 - 6(1)^2 + 4 = 5 - 6 + 4 = 3$

Equation of tangent line:  $y - 3 = 3(x - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = 3x}$$

6. (6 points) Suppose \$1000 is invested for 3 years with continuous compounding. At the end of the 3 years, the investment is worth \$1500. Find  $r$ , the annual rate of compounding. *Hint: the formula for continuous compounding is  $A = Pe^{rt}$ .*

$$1500 = 1000e^{3r}$$

$$1.5 = e^{3r}$$

$$\ln(1.5) = \ln(e^{3r})$$

$$\ln(1.5) = 3r \ln(e) \rightarrow 1$$

$$\ln(1.5) = 3r$$

$$\boxed{r = \frac{\ln(1.5)}{3} \approx 0.135 = 13.5\%}$$