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Department of Mathematics & Statistics

Course	Number	Sections
Mathematics	203	All
Examination	Date	Duration
Alternate Midterm	2 March, 2013	1 h 30 min
Special Instructions:	Only approved calculators are allowed Show all your work	

1. (6 marks): Solve for  $x$  (find the *exact* values, do not approximate)
- (a)  $\log_2(x) + \log_2(x - 2) - 3 = 0$
- (b)  $5^x - \frac{1}{5} 25^{2x} = 0$  ✓
2. (6 marks) (a) 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.
- (b) Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{3^x}{1 + 3^x}$ , find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  and the domain and the range of  $f^{-1}$ .
3. (8 marks) Find the limit or explain why the limit does not exist:
- (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 5} - 3}{x^2 + 2x}$
- (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{4 + x^3} - 8x^6}{3x^2 - 6x + 2}$
4. (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  $m$ .  $\frac{f(2) - f(-3)}{2 - (-3)}$

- (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.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(a) &= 2a + 2 = m \\ &= 2(a) + 2 = 1 \\ a &= -1/2 \end{aligned}$$

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  $x$ .