

# MTH 141

Final Exam

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This information will be submitted at the end of the exam as Question 10.

1. (12 points) Evaluate the following expressions.

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(V1)

(a)  $e^{3 \ln 2}$   
 $= e^{\ln(2^3)} = e^{\ln 8} = 8$

(b)  $\log_2 12 + \log_2 14 - \log_2 21$   
 $= \log_2 \frac{(12)(14)}{21} = \log_2 \frac{(\cancel{3} \cdot 4 \cdot \cancel{7} \cdot 2)}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{7}} = \log_2 (8) = 3$

(c)  $\sec^2(\pi/4) - \csc(\pi/2)$   
 $= \left(\frac{1}{\cos(\frac{\pi}{4})}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{2})} = 2 - 1 = 1$

(d)  $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$   
 $= \frac{\pi}{3}$

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(V2)

(a)  $e^{3 \ln 2}$   
 $= 8$

(b)  $\log_7 98 + \log_7 1 - \log_7 2$   
 $= \log_7 \frac{98}{2} + \log_7(1) = \log_7(49) + 0 = 2$

(c)  $\sec^2(2\pi/3) - \cot(\pi/4)$   
 $= 4 - 1 = 3$

(d)  $\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3})$   
 $= -\frac{\pi}{3}$

2. (8 points)

(V1) Let

$$f(x) = \frac{x(x^2 - 16)(2x - 1)}{(-3x + 2)(x + 4)(x^2 + 1)}$$

- (a) Find all horizontal asymptotes of the graph  $y = f(x)$ .
- (b) Find all vertical asymptotes of the graph  $y = f(x)$ .
- (c) Find all numbers  $x$  at which  $f(x)$  is discontinuous. Categorize each discontinuity as a removable, jump, or infinite discontinuity.

(a) The highest power term in the numerator is  $2x^4$ .  
 In the denominator, it's  $-3x^4$ .  
 Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \frac{x^4 (2 + \text{terms with limit zero})}{x^4 (-3 + \text{terms with limit zero})} = -\frac{2}{3}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$  is the same.

(b) The zeros of the denominator are  $x = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $x = -4$ ,  
 as  $x^2 + 1 \geq 1$ . We note that  $x = -4$  is also  
 a zero of the numerator.  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x(x-4)(x+4)(2x-1)}{(-3x+2)(x+4)(x^2+1)} = \frac{(-4)(-8)(-9)}{(14)(17)}$ ,  
 which is finite. Hence there is no  
 VA @  $x = -4$ .

Since  $\frac{2}{3}$  is not a zero of the numerator,  
 we have a VA @  $x = \frac{2}{3}$ .

(c) A rational function is continuous on its domain,  
 so we need only consider  $x = -4$  or  $x = \frac{2}{3}$ .  
 From (b), there is a removable discontinuity at  $x = -4$ ,  
 and an infinite one at  $x = \frac{2}{3}$ .

2. (8pts)

(V2) Let

$$f(x) = \frac{x(x-1)(7x-2)}{(-3x+2)(x^2-1)}.$$

- (a) Find all horizontal asymptotes of the graph  $y = f(x)$ .
- (b) Find all vertical asymptotes of the graph  $y = f(x)$ .
- (c) Find all numbers  $x$  at which  $f(x)$  is discontinuous. Categorize each discontinuity as a removable, jump, or infinite discontinuity.

Similar to V1. Removable @  $x=1$  and infinite @  $x=-1$   
and  $x = \frac{2}{3}$ .

### 3. (6 points)

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(V1) Let  $f(x) = 7 + \ln(x + 6)$ .

(a) Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ , the inverse function of  $f$ .

(b) Find the domain and range of  $f$ .

$$y = 7 + \ln(x+6)$$

$$y - 7 = \ln(x+6)$$

$$e^{y-7} = x+6$$

$$x = e^{y-7} - 6$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = e^{x-7} - 6$$

domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

range:  $(-6, \infty)$

You can also determine domain and range by considering the range and domain of  $f$ .

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(V2) Let  $f(x) = e^{x+4} - 3$ .

(a) Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ , the inverse function of  $f$ .

(b) Find the domain and range of  $f$ .

$$y = e^{x+4} - 3$$

$$y + 3 = e^{x+4}$$

$$\ln(y+3) = x+4$$

$$x = \ln(y+3) - 4$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \ln(x+3) - 4$$

domain:  $(-3, \infty)$

range:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

As above, double check by considering range and domain of  $f$ .

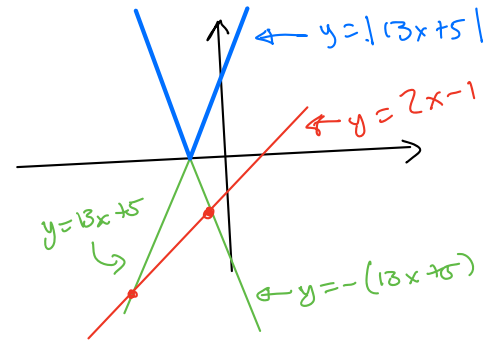
4. (8 points)

(a) Solve for  $x$ :

Case 1  
 Pf  $13 + 5x > 0$   
 $2x - 1 = 13 + 5x$   
 $-3x = 14$   
 $x = -\frac{14}{3}$

Case 2  $2x - 1 = |13 + 5x|$   
 If  $13 + 5x < 0$   
 $2x - 1 = -(13 + 5x)$   
 $7x = -12$   
 $x = -\frac{12}{7}$

Neither of these is a solution, however, as  $2x - 1 < 0$  in either case.



(b) (V1) Solve for  $x$ :

$$5^{2x-1} = 25.$$

$$5^{2x-1} = 5^2$$

$$2x - 1 = 2$$

$$2x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

(b)(V2) Solve for  $x$ :

$$\log_5(2x + 1) = 2.$$

$$5^{\log_5(2x+1)} = 5^2$$

$$2x + 1 = 25$$

$$2x = 24$$

$$x = 12$$

5. (16 points) Compute the derivative of the following functions.

(a)  $f(x) = e^{e^{e^x}}$

$$f'(x) = e^{e^{e^x}} e^{e^x} e^x$$

(b)  $f(x) = \cos(x \ln(x))$

$$f'(x) = -\sin(x \ln(x)) \left( x \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + \ln(x) \right)$$

(c)  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{x^4}}$

$$= \left[ (x^4)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = (x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

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

(d)  $f(x) = \frac{\tan(x)}{x^2 + 1}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x^2 + 1) \sec^2(x) - (\tan(x))(2x)}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$$

6. (20 points) Evaluate the following limits. If a limit is infinite, say whether it is  $+\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ , or neither.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4x + 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{(x-2)(x+4)}{(x-2)(x-2)}$  gives  $\frac{6}{0}$  by direct substitution,  
 So this limit is infinite. Since  $x \rightarrow 2^-$ ,  $x < 2$ , so  $x-2 < 0$ .  
 Since the numerator is positive and the denominator is negative,  
 we get  $-\infty$ . *Caution!* Try using L'Hopital's rule.

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{2x+2}{2x-4} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{2}{2}$   
 $\rightarrow$  not indeterminate

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x$

Set  $y = x^x$   
 $\ln y = x \ln x$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{\frac{1}{x}}$ , which has the indeterminate form  $-\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ .  
 By L'Hopital's rule,  $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -x = 0$ . Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{\ln y} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} y = e^0 = 1$ .

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{e^{2x} + 1}$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x \cdot 1}{e^x(e^x + \frac{1}{e^x})} = 0$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2(1 + \frac{1}{x^2})}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}}$

Since  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x > 0$  and  $\sqrt{x^2} = x$ .

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \cdot 1}{x \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+0}} = 1$

(e)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{5+h} - \sqrt{5}}{h} = f'(5)$  when  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

$f'(5) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$



7. (6 points) (V1) Consider the function  $f(x) = |x - 3| - 2$ .

(a) Since  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f(4) = -1$ , does the Intermediate Value Theorem guarantee that there is an  $x$ -value  $c$  in  $(0, 2)$  so that  $f(c) = 0$ ? (Only answer "Yes" or "No".) *Yes*

(b) Since  $f(2) = -1$  and  $f(4) = -1$ , does the Mean Value Theorem guarantee that there is an  $x$ -value  $c$  in  $(2, 4)$  so that  $f'(c) = 0$ ? (Only answer "Yes" or "No".)

*No. (a) is yes, because  $f(0) > 0$  and  $f(4) < 0$ .*

(V2) Consider the function  $f(x) = |x + 1| - 2$ .

(a) Since  $f(-2) = -1$  and  $f(2) = 1$ , does the Intermediate Value Theorem guarantee that there is an  $x$ -value  $c$  in  $(-2, 2)$  so that  $f(c) = 0$ ? (Only answer "Yes" or "No".) *Yes*

(b) Since  $f(-2) = -1$  and  $f(0) = -1$ , does the Mean Value Theorem guarantee that there is an  $x$ -value  $c$  in  $(-2, 0)$  so that  $f'(c) = 0$ ? (Only answer "Yes" or "No".) *No*

8. (10 points) Use logarithmic differentiation to find the second derivative of the following function:

$$f(x) = x^x$$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^x \\ \ln y &= x \ln x \\ \frac{y'}{y} &= \frac{x}{x} + \ln x \\ y' &= x^x (1 + \ln x)\end{aligned}$$

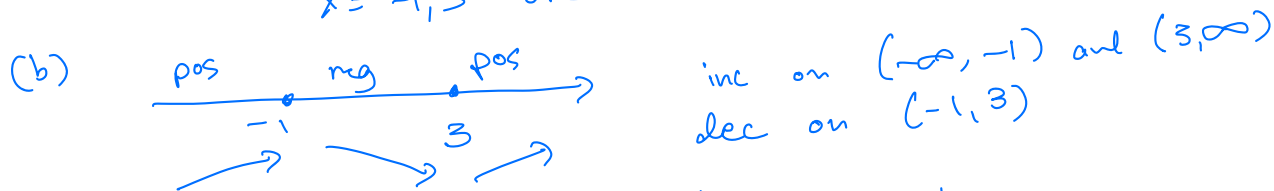
$$\begin{aligned}y'' &= \frac{d}{dx}(x^x)(1 + \ln x) + x^x \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= \underbrace{x^x (1 + \ln x)(1 + \ln x)}_{\text{from here}} + x^{x-1}\end{aligned}$$



9. (14 points)  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 4$

- (a) Find all the critical numbers of  $f$ .
- (b) Find the intervals over which  $f$  is increasing and over which  $f$  is decreasing.
- (c) Find all local maximum and minimum values of  $f$ .
- (d) Find all points of inflection of  $y = f(x)$ .
- (e) Use the information in (a) through (d) to graph  $y = f(x)$ . You must plot the points at which local maximum and minimum values occur, any inflection points, and the  $y$ -intercept.

(a)  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x - 9 = 0$   
 $3(x^2 - 2x - 3) = 0$   
 $3(x-3)(x+1) = 0$   
 $x = -1, 3$  are the critical #s.



(c)  $f(-1) = -1 - 3 + 9 + 4 = 9$  is a local max value  
 $f(3) = -27 - 27 + 27 + 4 = -23$  is a local min value

(d)  $f''(x) = 6x - 6 = 0$   
 $x - 1 = 0$   
 $x = 1$

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$(1, -7)$  is an inflection pt.

(e)  $f(0) = 4$

