






**MATH 1: INTRODUCTION TO CALCULUS  
MIDTERM EXAM #2**

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- (1) Write your name *legibly* and circle your section above.
- (2) This exam is closed book. You may not use notes, calculators, or any other external resource. It is a violation of the honor code to give or receive help on this exam.
- (3) You must explain what you are doing, justify your answer, and show your work. You will be *graded on your work*, not just on your answer. Please write clearly.
- (4) It is fine to leave your answer in a form such as  $14\sqrt{239}$ . However, if an expression can be easily simplified (such as  $\cos(\pi/2)$  or  $2 + 3$ ), please simplify it.
- (5) If you use the backside of a page or the scratch paper at the end of the exam, and you want us to look at it, please write on a problem “Continued on back/page...”.

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 **Problem 1.**[10 points] Mark the following statements as true or false.

\_\_\_\_\_  $f'(a)$  is the slope of the tangent line to  $f(x)$  at  $a$ .

\_\_\_\_\_  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is continuous on its domain.

\_\_\_\_\_  $2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, \dots$  is a geometric sequence.

\_\_\_\_\_ The sequence  $a_n = \sin(n)$  is bounded.

\_\_\_\_\_  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln x = -\infty$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ If  $h(x) = 2x$ , then  $h'(x) = x^2$ .

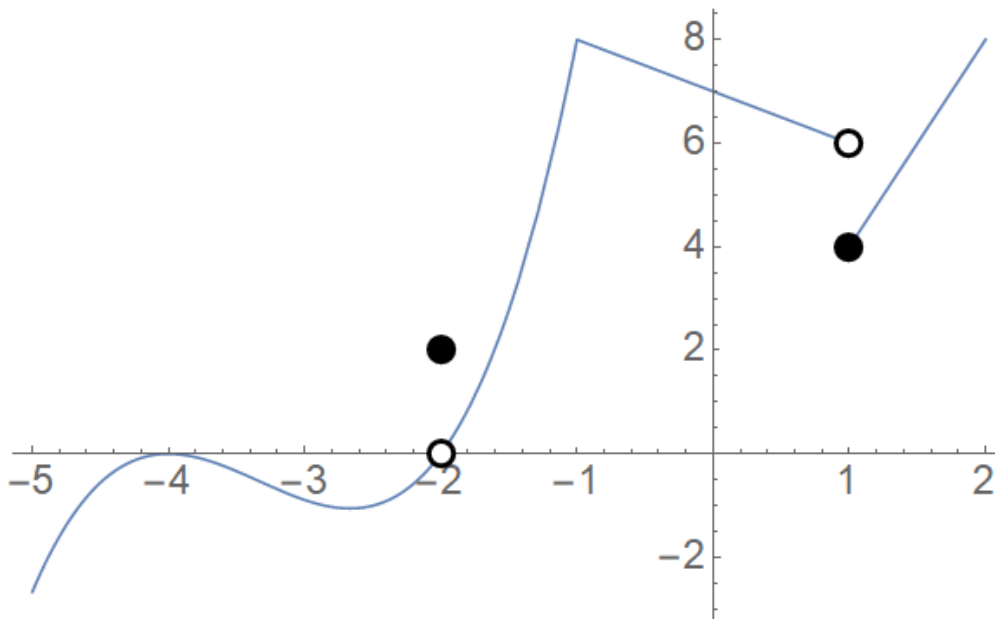
\_\_\_\_\_ If  $j(x)$  is a continuous function such that  $j(0) = 0$  and  $j(1) = 1$ , then  $j(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ A monotonic sequence is either bounded above or bounded below.

\_\_\_\_\_ The value of a continuous function cannot approach  $\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ The derivative of  $g(x) = |x|$  at  $x = 0$  is 0.

Problem 2. [8 points] Use the graph of  $y = f(x)$  below to answer the following questions.



(a) Find the following limits. Write DNE if the limit does not exist.

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} f(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$


(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(v)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(b) At what values of  $x$  is  $f(x)$  not differentiable?

 **Problem 3.** [8 points]

(a) Use the Squeeze Theorem to find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin(\ln|x|)$

(b) Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that  $f(x) = x + 2^x$  has a zero.

**Problem 4.** [10 points]

(a) State the three requirements for  $f(x)$  to be continuous at a point  $a$ .

(b) List the three types of discontinuities a function can have.

(c) Find and classify all discontinuities of  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2-1}$ .

 **Problem 5.** [12 points] Consider the piecewise function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & x < 2 \\ a, & x = 2 \\ \frac{c(x^2 - b^2)}{x - 2}, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are some constants.

(a) Let  $c = 1$ . Solve for  $a$  and  $b$  so that this function is continuous everywhere.

(b) Let  $a = 4, b = 3, c = 1$ , so we get

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & x < 2 \\ 4, & x = 2 \\ \frac{(x^2 - 9)}{x - 2}, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Is  $f(x)$  continuous at  $x = 2$ ? If not, what type of discontinuity does it have?

(c) Let  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $c = 1$ , so we get


$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & x < 2 \\ 3, & x = 2 \\ \frac{(x^2-4)}{x-2}, & x > 2 \end{cases}.$$

Is  $f(x)$  continuous at  $x = 2$ ? If not, what type of discontinuity does it have?

(d) Let  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $c = 3$ , so we get

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & x < 2 \\ 1, & x = 2 \\ \frac{3(x^2-4)}{x-2}, & x > 2 \end{cases}.$$

Is  $f(x)$  continuous at  $x = 2$ ? If not, what type of discontinuity does it have?

 **Problem 6.** [6 points]

(a) Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3$ . Use the algebraic limit laws to compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{10 - (f(x))^2}$ .

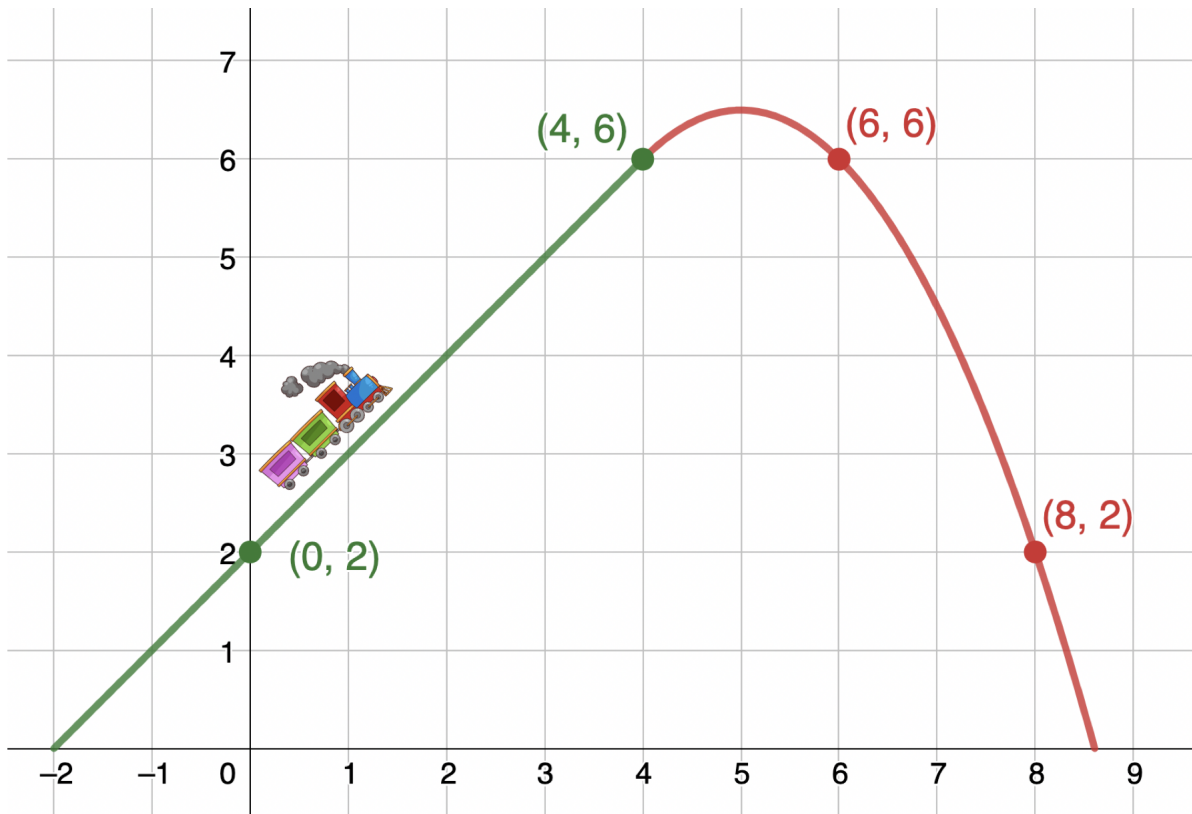
(b) Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = 4$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} h(x) = 1$ . Use the algebraic limit laws to compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{4g(x)}{1+h(x)}$ .

(c) Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} s(x) = -3$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} s(x) = 3$ . Use the algebraic limit laws to compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} s(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (s(x))^2$ .



**Problem 7.** [12 points] As you may still remember from the First Midterm, the figure below shows a track of the Green-Red Mountain. Suppose the figure depicts the entire mountain, modeled by the function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & x \leq 4 \\ -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 5x - 6 & x > 4 \end{cases}$$



(a) Let  $f(x)$  be a function. State the limit definition of the derivative function  $f'(x)$ .

- (b) Compute the derivative of  $x+2$  at  $x=4$  and the derivative of  $-\frac{1}{2}x^2+5x-6$  at  $x=4$  using the limit definition. Verify that they are the same, and the track smoothly transitions from the green to the red. [Hint: compute the derivative function and plug in, as the derivative function will be used again in the next part.]

- (c) Engineers are working to decide if it is safe for a train to travel on the mountain or if they need to build a tunnel through the mountain. Compute the slope of the tangent line to the mountain at the foot of the mountain, the point  $(8,2)$ , using the limit definition. If the absolute value of the slope is greater than 2, then it is too dangerous and the engineers need to build a tunnel. Do they need to build a tunnel? [Work must be shown to receive credit on this problem.]

⊗ **Problem 8.** [8 points]

(a) For each of the following sequences, state whether they are arithmetic, geometric, neither, or both. Write down an **explicit** formula for each.

(i)  $\{a_n\} = \{3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, \dots\}$

(ii)  $\{b_n\} = \{2, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{4}{49}, \frac{5}{343}, \frac{6}{2401}, \dots\}$  (hint:  $7 = 7^1$ ,  $49 = 7^2$ ,  $343 = 7^3$ ,  $2401 = 7^4$ )

(b) Suppose  $c_n = \frac{3n^3+n-100}{2n^2-23n}$ . Evaluate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n$ .

(c) Give an example of a sequence that is monotone but is not convergent.

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