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Multiple Choice: (5 points each. No part credit.)

1-10	/50	12	/25
11	/ 5	13	/25
		Total	/105

1. Write  $\langle 1, 5 \rangle$  as a linear combination of  $\langle 2, 3 \rangle$  and  $\langle 3, 1 \rangle$  or type "impossible" in both boxes.

$$\langle 1, 5 \rangle = \underline{\quad} \langle 2, 3 \rangle + \underline{\quad} \langle 3, 1 \rangle$$

**Solution:** Let  $\langle 1, 5 \rangle = a\langle 2, 3 \rangle + b\langle 3, 1 \rangle$ . Then  $1 = 2a + 3b$  and  $5 = 3a + b$ .

So  $b = 5 - 3a$  and  $1 = 2a + 3(5 - 3a) = 15 - 7a$  or  $7a = 14$  or  $a = 2$ .

Then  $b = 5 - 3(2) = -1$  So  $\langle 1, 5 \rangle = \underline{2} \langle 2, 3 \rangle + \underline{-1} \langle 3, 1 \rangle$ .

2. Find the angle between the vectors  $\langle 2, 3 \rangle$  and  $\langle 5, 1 \rangle$ .

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| a. $0^\circ$                 | f. $120^\circ$ |
| b. $30^\circ$                | g. $135^\circ$ |
| c. $45^\circ$ Correct Choice | h. $150^\circ$ |
| d. $60^\circ$                | i. $180^\circ$ |
| e. $90^\circ$                |                |

**Solution:** Let  $\vec{a} = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{b} = \langle 5, 1 \rangle$ . Then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{10 + 3}{\sqrt{4+9} \sqrt{25+1}} = \frac{13}{\sqrt{13} \sqrt{26}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

So  $\theta = 45^\circ$

3. Write  $\vec{v} = \langle 10, 5 \rangle$  as the sum of two vectors  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{q}$  where  $\vec{p}$  is parallel to  $\vec{u} = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$  and  $\vec{q}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{u}$ .

$$\langle 10, 5 \rangle = \vec{p} + \vec{q}$$

where

$$\vec{p} = \langle \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad} \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{q} = \langle \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad} \rangle$$

**Solution:**  $\vec{p} = \text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}|^2} \vec{u} = \frac{30+20}{9+16} \langle 3, 4 \rangle = \frac{50}{25} \langle 3, 4 \rangle = \langle 6, 8 \rangle$

$$\vec{q} = \text{proj}_{\perp \vec{u}} \vec{v} = \vec{v} - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v} = \langle 10, 5 \rangle - \langle 6, 8 \rangle = \langle 4, -3 \rangle$$

Check:  $\vec{p} + \vec{q} = \langle 6, 8 \rangle + \langle 4, -3 \rangle = \langle 10, 5 \rangle$

$\vec{p} = \langle 6, 8 \rangle$  is a multiple of  $\vec{u} = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$        $\vec{q} \cdot \vec{u} = \langle 4, -3 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 4 \rangle = 12 - 12 = 0$

4. Find the smallest interval with integer endpoints in which there is a solution of the equation  $x^3 + 3x = 40$ .

There is a solution in the interval  $I = [ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \underline{\hspace{2cm}} ]$ .

**Solution:** Let  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x$ . We plug in values:

$$f(0) = 0 \quad f(1) = 4 \quad f(2) = 14 \quad f(3) = 36 \quad f(4) = 76$$

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous and  $36 < 40 < 76$ , the Intermediate Value Theorem guarantees there is a solution to  $f(x) = 40$  in the interval  $I = [3, 4]$ .

5. For the piecewise defined function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 & \text{for } x = 4 \\ 9 - x & \text{for } x > 4 \\ 2 + x & \text{for } x < 4 \end{cases}$  identify

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

Then enter T or F to say if each statement is true or false:

- a.  $f(x)$  is continuous        (T or F)
- b.  $f(x)$  is continuous from the right        (T or F)
- c.  $f(x)$  is continuous from the left        (T or F)
- d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$  exists        (T or F)

**Solution:**  $f(4) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} 5 \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} 6 \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} 5 \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

- a.  $f(x)$  is continuous       F
- b.  $f(x)$  is continuous from the right       T
- c.  $f(x)$  is continuous from the left       F
- d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$  exists       F

6. Find the interval on which  $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} + \sqrt{x}$  is continuous.

- a.  $-2 < x \leq 0$
- b.  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$
- c.  $2 < x < \infty$
- d.  $0 \leq x < 2$       Correct Choice
- e.  $0 < x \leq 2$

**Solution:** Since  $\sqrt{4-x^2}$  is in the denominator, it cannot be 0. Further,  $4-x^2$  must be non-negative. So  $4-x^2 > 0$  or  $x^2 < 4$  or  $-2 < x < 2$ . Also  $x \geq 0$  for  $\sqrt{x}$  to be defined. Together, they say  $0 \leq x < 2$ .

7. Find the horizontal asymptotes for  $g(x) = \frac{5 \cdot 3^x + 4}{3^x + 2}$ .

As  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , the horizontal asymptote is  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ , the horizontal asymptote is  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

**Solution:** As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , we know  $3^x \rightarrow \infty$  but  $3^{-x} \rightarrow 0$ . So:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 \cdot 3^x + 4}{3^x + 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 + 4 \cdot 3^{-x}}{1 + 2 \cdot 3^{-x}} = \frac{5 + 4 \cdot 0}{1 + 2 \cdot 0} = 5 \quad y = 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5 \cdot 3^x + 4}{3^x + 2} = \frac{5 \cdot 0 + 4}{0 + 2} = 2 \quad y = 2$$

8. The function  $f(x) = \frac{x-4}{(x-2)^2}$  has a vertical asymptote at  $x = 2$ . Near  $x = 2$ , its graph looks like:

a.



b.



c.



d.



e. None of these

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x-4}{(x-2)^2} = \frac{2^- - 4}{(2^- - 2)^2} = \frac{-2}{(0^-)^2} = -\infty$  down on left

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x-4}{(x-2)^2} = \frac{2^+ - 4}{(2^+ - 2)^2} = \frac{-2}{(0^+)^2} = -\infty$$
 down on right      Answer a

9. Find the average velocity between  $t_1 = 1$  and  $t_2 = 1.1$  if the position is  $x(t) = t^2$ .

a. 12.01

b. 12.1

c. 2

d. 2.01

e. 2.1      Correct Choice

**Solution:**  $v_{\text{ave}} = \frac{x(t_2) - x(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{x(1.1) - x(1)}{1.1 - 1} = \frac{1.1^2 - 1}{.1} = \frac{1.21 - 1}{.1} = \frac{.21}{.1} = 2.1$

10. Find the tangent line to the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$  at  $x = 2$ . It can be written in slope intercept form as  $y = mx + b$ , where

$$m = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**Solution:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m = f'(2) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{(2+h)^2} - \frac{1}{4}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{4 - (2+h)^2}{4(2+h)^2} \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{4 - (4+4h+h^2)}{4(2+h)^2} \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{-(4h+h^2)}{4(2+h)^2} \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{-(4+h)}{4(2+h)^2} \right] = \frac{-(4)}{4(2)^2} = \frac{-1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, since  $f(x) = x^{-2}$ , the power rule says  $f'(x) = -2x^{-3} = \frac{-2}{x^3}$ . So:

$$m = f'(2) = \frac{-1}{4}$$

To find the equation of the line we use the point-slope form:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_0 + m(x - x_0) = f(2) + f'(2)(x - 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}(x - 2) = -\frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{4}x + \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$b = \frac{3}{4}$$

Work Out: (Points indicated. Part credit possible. Show all work.)

11. (5 points) Write out the definition of the statement  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x^3 = 64$ .

Your answer must consist of words, phrases and formulas from the following list:

For	and	$\varepsilon > 0$	$\delta > 0$
such that	or	$ x - 4  < \varepsilon$	$ x - 4  < \delta$
there exists	if	$0 <  x - 4  < \varepsilon$	$0 <  x - 4  < \delta$
there does not exist	then	$ x^3 - 64  < \varepsilon$	$ x^3 - 64  < \delta$
some	all	$0 <  x^3 - 64  < \varepsilon$	$0 <  x^3 - 64  < \delta$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x^3 = 64 \quad \text{means:}$$

**Solution:** For all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $0 < |x - 4| < \delta$  then  $|x^3 - 64| < \varepsilon$ .

12. (25 points) Compute each of the following limits.

a.  $\lim_{k \rightarrow 4} \frac{k-4}{k^2 - k - 12} =$

**Solution:** Factor and Cancel:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 4} \frac{k-4}{k^2 - k - 12} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 4} \frac{k-4}{(k-4)(k+3)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{k+3} = \frac{1}{7}$$

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-10)^2 - 25}{x-5} =$

**Solution:** Expand and Cancel:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-10)^2 - 25}{x-5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x^2 - 20x + 100) - 25}{x-5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 20x + 75}{x-5} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-5)(x-15)}{x-5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x-15) = -10 \end{aligned}$$

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{12+x} - \sqrt{20-x}} =$

**Solution:** Multiply by the Conjugate

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{12+x} - \sqrt{20-x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{12+x} - \sqrt{20-x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{12+x} + \sqrt{20-x}}{\sqrt{12+x} + \sqrt{20-x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-4)(\sqrt{12+x} + \sqrt{20-x})}{(12+x) - (20-x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-4)(\sqrt{12+x} + \sqrt{20-x})}{2x-8} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{12+x} + \sqrt{20-x}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{16} + \sqrt{16}}{2} = \frac{8}{2} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( x - \frac{x^2+3}{x+4} \right) =$

**Solution:** Put the Limit over a Common Denominator

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( x - \frac{x^2+3}{x+4} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x(x+4)}{x+4} - \frac{x^2+3}{x+4} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x^2+4x-x^2-3}{x+4} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{4x-3}{x+4} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{4 - \frac{3}{x}}{1 + \frac{4}{x}} \right) = 4 \end{aligned}$$

e.  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^4 \theta}{\theta^2} =$

**Solution:** Factor and use the limit  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^4 \theta}{\theta^2} &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos^2 \theta)(1 + \cos^2 \theta)}{\theta^2} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 \theta (1 + \cos^2 \theta)}{\theta^2} \\ &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \right)^2 (1 + \cos^2 \theta) = (1)^2 (1 + 1) = 2 \end{aligned}$$

13. (25 points) Compute the derivative of each of the following functions.

a.  $f(x) = 5x^4 - 3x^2 + 7x - \frac{2}{x^3}$

**Solution:** Note  $\frac{1}{x^3} = x^{-3}$ . By the sum, constant multiple and power rules:

$$f'(x) = 5 \cdot 4x^3 - 3 \cdot 2x^1 + 7 \cdot 1x^0 - 2(-3)x^{-4} = 20x^3 - 6x^1 + 7x^0 + \frac{6}{x^4}$$

b.  $g(y) = y^3 \cos(y)$

**Solution:** By the product and trig rules:

$$g'(y) = \frac{d}{dy}(y^3) \cos(y) + y^3 \frac{d}{dy}[\cos(y)] = 3y^2 \cos(y) + y^3[-\sin(y)] = 3y^2 \cos(y) - y^3 \sin(y)$$

c.  $h(t) = \frac{\sin(t)}{t}$

**Solution:** By the quotient and trig rules:

(bottom times the derivative of the top minus the top times the derivative of the bottom over the bottom squared.)

$$h'(t) = \frac{t \frac{d}{dt}[\sin(t)] - \sin(t) \frac{d}{dt}(t)}{t^2} = \frac{t \cos(t) - \sin(t)}{t^2}$$

d.  $k(x) = 2x^e + 3e^x$

**Solution:** By the sum, constant multiple, power rules and exponential rules:

$$k'(x) = 2 \frac{d}{dx}(x^e) + 3 \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = 2ex^{e-1} + 3e^x$$

e. If  $f(x) = \frac{p(x) + q(x)}{r(x)}$ , find  $f'(1)$ , given that

$$p(1) = 7, \quad p'(1) = 6, \quad q(1) = 5, \quad q'(1) = 4, \quad r(1) = 3, \quad r'(1) = 2$$

**Solution:** By the quotient and sum rules:

$$f'(x) = \frac{r(x) \frac{d}{dx}[p(x) + q(x)] - [p(x) + q(x)] \frac{d}{dx}[r(x)]}{[r(x)]^2} = \frac{r(x)[p'(x) + q'(x)] - [p(x) + q(x)]r'(x)}{[r(x)]^2}$$

$$f'(1) = \frac{r(1)[p'(1) + q'(1)] - [p(1) + q(1)]r'(1)}{[r(1)]^2} = \frac{3[6+4] - [7+5]2}{[3]^2} = \frac{30 - 24}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$$