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MATH 171 Exam 1 Spring 2004  
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Multiple Choice: (5 points each. No part credit.)

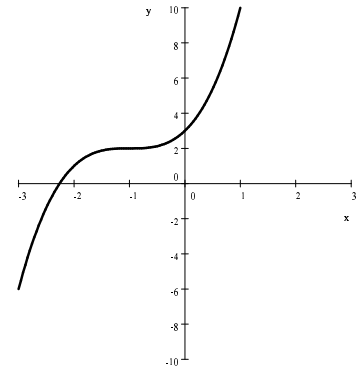
1. Compute:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{x^2-25}$
- a.  $\frac{1}{10}$  correctchoice
  - b.  $\frac{1}{5}$
  - c. 0
  - d. 5
  - e. Does Not Exist

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{x^2-25} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{(x-5)(x+5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{x+5} = \frac{1}{10}$$

2. Compute:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+1)^2 - (x-1)^2 - 8}{x-2}$
- a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 4 correctchoice
  - d. 8
  - e. Does Not Exist

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+1)^2 - (x-1)^2 - 8}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^2 + 2x + 1) - (x^2 - 2x + 1) - 8}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{4x - 8}{x-2} = 4$$

3. Which of the following is the function whose graph is  $\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow$



- a.  $f(x) = (x - 2)^3 - 1$
- b.  $f(x) = (x - 1)^3 + 2$
- c.  $f(x) = (x + 1)^3 + 2$       correctchoice
- d.  $f(x) = (x + 1)^3 - 2$
- e.  $f(x) = (x + 2)^3 + 1$

$x^3$  is shifted left by 1 and up by 2. So  $f(x) = (x + 1)^3 + 2$

4. A triangle has vertices  $A = (-3, 13)$ ,  $B = (2, 1)$  and  $C = (6, 4)$ . Find  $\cos\theta$  where  $\theta$  is the angle at vertex  $B$ .

- a.  $\frac{17}{\sqrt{13} \sqrt{178}}$
- b.  $\frac{16}{845}$
- c.  $\frac{845}{16}$
- d.  $\frac{16}{65}$       correctchoice
- e.  $\frac{65}{16}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{BA} &= A - B = (-3, 13) - (2, 1) = (-5, 12) & |\vec{BA}| &= \sqrt{25 + 144} = 13 \\ \vec{BC} &= C - B = (6, 4) - (2, 1) = (4, 3) & |\vec{BC}| &= \sqrt{16 + 9} = 5 \\ \vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC} &= -20 + 36 = 16 & \cos\theta &= \frac{\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC}}{|\vec{BA}| |\vec{BC}|} = \frac{16}{5 \cdot 13} = \frac{16}{65} \end{aligned}$$

5. A wagon is pulled along the ground by exerting a 4 Newton force along the handle which makes a  $30^\circ$  angle with the horizontal. How much work is done in pulling the wagon 5 meters?
- 10 Joules
  - $10\sqrt{3}$  Joules     correctchoice
  - 5 Joules
  - $5\sqrt{3}$  Joules
  - $20\sqrt{3}$  Joules

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{D} = |\vec{F}| |\vec{D}| \cos \theta = 4 \cdot 5 \cdot \cos 30^\circ = 20 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 10\sqrt{3}$$

6. Find the parametric equations of the line through the points  $A = (-3, 13)$  and  $B = (2, 1)$ .
- $x = -3 + 5t, \quad y = 13 - 12t$      correctchoice
  - $x = 5 - 3t, \quad y = -12 + 13t$
  - $x = -3 + 2t, \quad y = 13 + t$
  - $x = 2 - 3t, \quad y = 1 + 13t$
  - $x = 5 + 2t, \quad y = -12 + t$

$$\vec{AB} = B - A = (2, 1) - (-3, 13) = (5, -12)$$

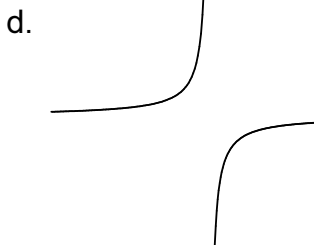
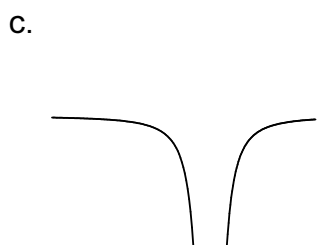
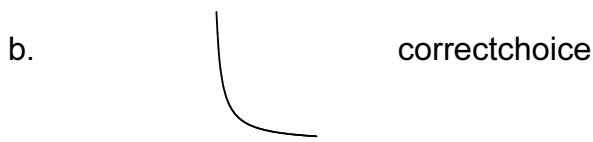
$$X = A + t\vec{AB} \quad (x, y) = (-3, 13) + t(5, -12) = (-3 + 5t, 13 - 12t)$$

7. Which of the following parametric curves is the parabola  $x = 2 + y^2$  ?
- $x = 2 - t, \quad y = t^2$
  - $x = t^2, \quad y = 2 + t$
  - $x = 2 + t, \quad y = t^2$
  - $x = t, \quad y = 2 + t^2$
  - $x = 2 + t^2, \quad y = t$      correctchoice

Eliminate  $t$  from each equation:

a)  $x = 2 - \sqrt{y}$     b)  $x = (y - 2)^2$     c)  $x = 2 + \sqrt{y}$     d)  $y = 2 + x^2$     e)  $x = 2 + y^2$

8. Near the point  $x = 3$ , the graph of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 - 6x + 9}$  looks qualitatively like



$$\frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 - 6x + 9} = \frac{(x-3)(x-2)}{(x-3)^2} = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x-2}{x-3} = \frac{1^-}{0^-} = -\infty \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x-2}{x-3} = \frac{1^+}{0^+} = +\infty \quad (\text{b})$$

Work Out: (Points indicated. Part credit possible.)

Start each problem on a new page of the Blue Book. Number the problem. Show all work.

9. (10 points) State the meaning of the equation  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (3x - 4) = 11$  and then prove it. Be sure to distinguish between your Definition, your Scratch work and your Proof.

Definition:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (3x - 4) = 11$  means:

For all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $0 < |x - 5| < \delta$  then  $|(3x - 4) - 11| < \varepsilon$ .

Scratch:  $|(3x - 4) - 11| < \varepsilon \quad |3x - 15| < \varepsilon \quad |x - 5| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$

Proof: Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  let  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ . If  $0 < |x - 5| < \delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ , then  $|3x - 15| < \varepsilon$  or  $|(3x - 4) - 11| < \varepsilon$ .

10. (10 points) Find an interval of width 1 in which the equation  $x^3 - x = 1$  is guaranteed to have a solution. Be sure to name the theorem you used and explain why it applies.

Let  $f(x) = x^3 - x$ . Then  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(1) = 0$  and  $f(2) = 6$ . Since  $f$  is continuous and  $0 \leq 1 \leq 6$ , the Intermediate Value Theorem guarantees that there is a number  $c$  in  $[1, 2]$  where  $f(c) = 1$ , i.e.  $c^3 - c = 1$ . So  $x = c$  is a solution and the interval is  $[1, 2]$ .

11. (20 points) A body is moving so that its position at time  $t$  is  $x(t) = \sqrt{t+2}$ .

a. What is the average velocity between  $t = 2$  and  $t = 7$ ?

$$v_{ave} = \frac{x(7) - x(2)}{7 - 2} = \frac{\sqrt{7+2} - \sqrt{2+2}}{5} = \frac{3 - 2}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

b. What is the average velocity between  $t = 2$  and  $t = 2 + h$ ?

$$v_{ave} = \frac{x(2+h) - x(2)}{(2+h) - 2} = \frac{\sqrt{2+h+2} - \sqrt{2+2}}{h} = \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - 2}{h}$$

c. What is the instantaneous velocity at  $t = 2$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} v &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - 2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - 2}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4+h} + 2}{\sqrt{4+h} + 2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4+h) - 4}{h(\sqrt{4+h} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+h} + 2} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

12. (10 points) Compute the derivative of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  from the limit definition of the derivative.

HINTS:  $\frac{a-b}{c} = \frac{1}{c}(a-b)$  Put everything over a common denominator.

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

13. (10 points) Find the horizontal asymptotes as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  of the function  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4x} - \sqrt{x^2 + 2x}}{2}$ . Be sure to state your two answers in concluding sentences, identifying which asymptote is which.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4x} - \sqrt{x^2 + 2x}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4x} + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x}}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4x} + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^2 + 4x) - (x^2 + 2x)}{2(\sqrt{x^2 + 4x} + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^2 + 4x) - (x^2 + 2x)}{2(\sqrt{x^2 + 4x} + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{2(\sqrt{x^2 + 4x} + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x})} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2}}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{x}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{x}}} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x}{2(\sqrt{x^2 + 4x} + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x})} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{-1}{\sqrt{x^2}}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{x}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{x}}} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

The horizontal asymptote as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  is  $y = \frac{1}{2}$ . The horizontal asymptote as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  is  $y = \frac{-1}{2}$ .