

**Math 171 - Test 1**  
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Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations where necessary. When evaluating limits, you may need to use  $+\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ , or DNE (does not exist).

1. (6 points) Use a table of values to estimate the following limit. Your table must show function values at six or more points.

$x$	$(5^x - 1) / \sin x$
0.1	1.7491
0.01	1.6225
0.001	1.6107
0.0001	1.6096
-0.01	1.5966
-0.001	1.6081
-0.0001	1.6093

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5^x - 1}{\sin x}$$

IT LOOKS LIKE

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5^x - 1}{\sin x} \approx 1.61$$

2. (5 points) Determine whether each statement is true (T) or false (F).

(a) F  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x} = 0$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} = 0$

(b) F If  $g(2) = 1$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = 1$ .

(c) T If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} f(x) = f(7)$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 7$ .

(d) F If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = -10$ , then  $f(0) = -10$ .

(e) F If  $f$  is not defined at  $x = c$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  does not exist.

3. (4 points) Explain why  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - x}{|x - 1|}$  fails to exist.

$$\frac{x^2 - x}{|x - 1|} = \frac{(x-1)(x)}{|x-1|} = \begin{cases} -x, & x < 1 \\ x, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x(x-1)}{|x-1|} = -1 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x(x-1)}{|x-1|} = +1$$

LIMIT AT  $x = 1$  DNE

4. (10 points) The table below gives values of the **continuous** functions  $f$  and  $g$  at selected points.

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$f(x)$	1.5	2.75	2	-1.75	-3.4
$g(x)$	-4	-6.1	-2	1.5	2.25

- (a) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$ . Explain your reasoning.

SINCE  $f$  IS CONTINUOUS AT  $x=2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2).$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = f(2) = \boxed{-3.4}$$

- (b) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(g(x))$ .

$$\text{CONTINUITY} \Rightarrow \text{LIMIT} = f(g(0)) = f(-2) = \boxed{1.5}$$

- (c) Find  $g(3)$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = 4.9$ .

$$g(3) = \boxed{4.9}$$

- (d) Find an interval on which you can be sure the equation  $f(x) = 2.25$  has at least one solution. Explain your reasoning.

$f(x) = 2.25$  SOMEWHERE BETWEEN  $x = -1$ , WHERE  $f(-1) > 2.25$ ,

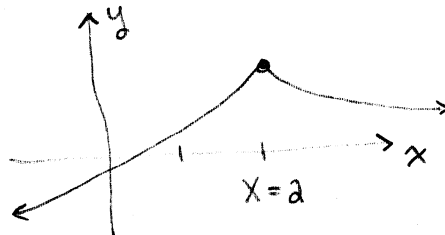
AND  $x = 0$ , WHERE  $f(0) < 2.25$ . SINCE  $f$  IS CONT, IT TAKES ON EVERY VALUE BETWEEN  $f(-1)$

- (e) (Bonus: 1 point) What is the name of the theorem you used in part (d)? AND  $f(0)$ .

INTERMEDIATE VALUE THM

5. (4 points) Suppose you have the graph of the continuous function  $f$ . Explain what the graph might look like at  $x = 2$  if  $f'(2)$  does not exist.

THE GRAPH WOULD HAVE A SHARP POINT.



6. (6 points) Find and classify the discontinuities of  $R(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 - x - 2} = \frac{(x+4)(x-2)}{(x+1)(x-2)}$

R IS DISCONT WHERE IT IS

NOT DEFINED:  $x = -1, x = 2$

INFINITE

REMOVABLE

DISCONT AT

$x = -1$  IS AN

INFINITE DISCONT  
(NON REMOVABLE)

SINCE  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} R(x)$  DNE

DISCONT AT

$x = 2$  IS

REMOVABLE

SINCE

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} R(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+4}{x+1}$$

$$= \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

7. (24 points) Determine each limit analytically, or explain why the limit does not exist.

You may need to use  $+\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ , or DNE.

(a)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3t}{5t} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{1} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3t}{3t} = \frac{3}{5}$

% More work

(b)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{2+r} - \sqrt{2}}{r} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2+r} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2+r} + \sqrt{2}} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2+r-2}{r(\sqrt{2+r} + \sqrt{2})}$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2+r} + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \left( \frac{x-4}{x^2 - 8x + 16} \right)$

% UNBOUNDED

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{1}{x-4} = \frac{+}{-} = -$$

LIMIT IS  $-\infty$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{(x-4)^2 + 2(x+1)}{x+3}$

$$= \frac{2^2 + 2(7)}{9} = \frac{18}{9} = 2$$

8. (6 points) Is  $g$  continuous everywhere? Carefully explain your reasoning.

BECAUSE  $g$  IS MADE UP  
OF CONT FUNCS,  
IT IS CONT EVERYWHERE  
EXCEPT POSSIBLY AT  $x=0$   
AND  $x=\pi$ .

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2, & x \leq 0 \\ 1 + \cos x, & 0 < x < \pi \\ 1 + x \sin x, & x \geq \pi \end{cases}$$

$$x = 0$$

$$g(0) = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = 1 + \cos 0 = 2$$

$\Rightarrow$  CONT AT  $x=0$

$$x = \pi$$

$$g(\pi) = 1 + \pi \sin \pi = 1$$

$$\neq \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} g(x) = 1 + \cos \pi = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  NOT CONT AT  $x = \pi$

9. (15 points) Differentiate. Use the differentiation rules. Do not simplify.

$$(a) \frac{d}{dt} \left( 6t^4 + \frac{8}{t^2} - \sqrt[3]{t^2} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( 6t^4 + 8t^{-2} - t^{2/3} \right)$$

$$= 24t^3 - 16t^{-3} - \frac{2}{3}t^{-1/3}$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} [5 \cdot \tan x \cdot \sec x] = 5 \tan x (\sec x \tan x) + 5 (\sec^2 x) (\sec x)$$

$$(c) \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x^2 \sin x}{x+2} \right) = \frac{(x+2)(2x \sin x + x^2 \cos x) - (x^2 \sin x)(1)}{(x+2)^2}$$

10. (12 points) Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4$ . Use the limit definition of the derivative to find  $f'(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(x+\Delta x)^2 - 4(x+\Delta x) + 4] - [x^2 - 4x + 4]}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2 - 4x - 4\Delta x + 4 - x^2 + 4x - 4}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x\Delta x + \Delta x^2 - 4\Delta x}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (2x + \Delta x - 4) \\
 &= \boxed{2x - 4}
 \end{aligned}$$

11. (8 points) Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + 5x - 2x^2$ . Use basic differentiation rules to find  $f'(x)$ . Then find an equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 4$ .

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} + 5 - 4x$$

$$m = f'(4) = \frac{1}{2}(4)^{-1/2} + 5 - 4(4) = \frac{1}{4} + 5 - 16 = -\frac{43}{4}$$

$$x = 4 \Rightarrow y = f(4) = \sqrt{4} + 20 - 2(16) = -10$$

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$$y + 10 = -\frac{43}{4}(x - 4)$$