

MATH 151, FALL 2021  
COMMON EXAM I - VERSION **A**

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**PART I: Multiple Choice. 3 points each**

- Find the vector  $\mathbf{a}$  that has magnitude  $|\mathbf{a}| = 6$  and makes an angle of  $300^\circ$  with the positive  $x$ -axis.
  - $3\mathbf{i} + 3\sqrt{3}\mathbf{j}$
  - $3\sqrt{3}\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$
  - $3\mathbf{i} - 3\sqrt{3}\mathbf{j}$  ← correct
  - $3\sqrt{3}\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$
  - $-3\sqrt{3}\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$
- For points  $A(1, 3)$ ,  $B(-3, 1)$ , and  $C(2, 1)$ , Which of the following statements is **false**?
  - $\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle -4, -2 \rangle$ .
  - The magnitude of  $\overrightarrow{AC}$  is  $\sqrt{5}$ .
  - The magnitude of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  is  $\sqrt{20}$
  - $\overrightarrow{AB}$  is perpendicular to  $\overrightarrow{AC}$
  - $\cos \theta = \frac{\langle 5, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle -4, -2 \rangle}{5\sqrt{20}}$ , where  $\theta = \angle ABC$ . ← correct
- A force  $\vec{F} = 2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$  moves an object from the point  $P(2, 2)$  to the point  $Q(4, 6)$ . How much work is done if the force is measured in pounds and the distance is measured in feet?
  - 19 foot pounds
  - 28 foot pounds ← correct
  - 32 foot pounds
  - 45 foot pounds
  - 68 foot pounds
- Which of the following vectors is parallel to the line  $2x + 4y = 11$ ?
  - $\langle 4, 2 \rangle$
  - $\langle 2, 4 \rangle$
  - $\langle -4, 2 \rangle$  ← correct
  - $\langle -2, 4 \rangle$
  - $\langle 2, -4 \rangle$
- Find a vector equation for the line which passes the point  $(2, -1)$  and is perpendicular to  $\langle 3, 4 \rangle$ 
  - $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2 - 4t, -1 + 3t \rangle$  ← correct
  - $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2 + 4t, -1 + 3t \rangle$
  - $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2 + 3t, -1 + 4t \rangle$
  - $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2 - 3t, -1 - 4t \rangle$
  - $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 1 - 4t, -2 + 3t \rangle$

6. Find the distance from the point  $(1, 5)$  to the line  $y = 2x + 1$ .

- (a)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$
- (b)  $\frac{6}{\sqrt{5}}$
- (c)  $\frac{9}{\sqrt{5}}$
- (d)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$  ← correct
- (e)  $\frac{9}{\sqrt{3}}$

7. The motion of a particle is given by the vector function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2 \cos t, -3 \sin t \rangle$ . Which of the following describes the motion of the particle as  $t$  increases?

- (a) Clockwise around a circle
- (b) Counterclockwise around an ellipse
- (c) Counterclockwise around a circle
- (d) Clockwise around an ellipse ← correct
- (e) None of these

8. Find the intersection point of this pair of lines.

$$L_1(t) = \langle 1 + t, 2 + t \rangle$$

$$L_2(s) = \langle 5 - 2s, 3 + s \rangle$$

- (a)  $(1, 2)$
- (b)  $(1, 5)$
- (c)  $(2, 3)$
- (d)  $(3, 4)$  ← correct
- (e)  $(2, 1)$

9. Simplify  $\cos\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)\right)$  to an algebraic expression.

- (a)  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{9 - x^2}}$
- (b)  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}}$
- (c)  $\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}}{3}$
- (d)  $\frac{3 - x}{3}$
- (e)  $\frac{\sqrt{9 - x^2}}{3}$  ← correct

10. Find the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} \frac{x}{x+4}$

- (a)  $-\frac{1}{4}$
- (b) 0
- (c)  $\frac{1}{4}$
- (d)  $-\infty$
- (e)  $\infty$  ← correct

11. Evaluate  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-t^2}{1-\sqrt{t}}$

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4 ← correct
- (e) Does not exist

12. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + 12x - 7}}{-2x + 2}$

- (a)  $-\frac{9}{2}$
- (b)  $-\frac{3}{2}$
- (c) 0
- (d)  $\frac{3}{2}$  ← correct
- (e)  $\frac{9}{2}$

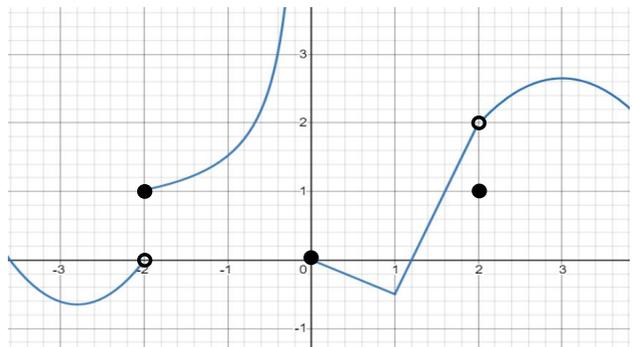
13. Given  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ , find the equation of tangent line of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 2$ .

- (a)  $y - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{4}(x - 2)$  ← correct
- (b)  $y - 2 = -\frac{1}{4}(x - 2)$
- (c)  $y + \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{4}(x - 2)$
- (d)  $y - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}(x - 2)$
- (e)  $y + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}(x - 2)$

14. Find the average rate of change of  $f(t) = \sqrt{2t + 3}$  from  $t = 1$  to  $t = 3$ .

- (a)  $3 - \sqrt{5}$
- (b)  $\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$
- (c)  $\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$  ← correct
- (d)  $3 + \sqrt{5}$
- (e)  $\frac{\sqrt{5} - 3}{2}$

Use the graph of  $f$  to the right to answer Questions 15 and 16.



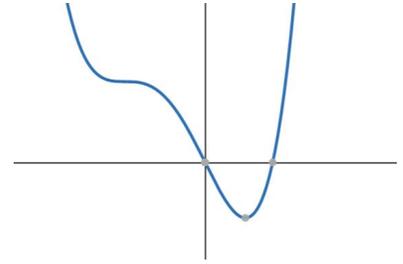
15. Which of the following statements is **false** concerning the limit of  $f$ ?

- (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = 0$
- (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = 1$
- (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$  ← correct
- (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$
- (e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 2$

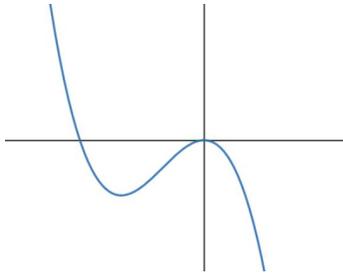
16. Which of the following statements is **false** concerning the graph of  $f$ ?

- (a)  $f$  is continuous from the right at  $x = -2$ .
- (b)  $f$  has a jump discontinuity at  $x = -2$ .
- (c)  $f$  is continuous from the right at  $x = 0$ .
- (d)  $f$  has a removable discontinuity at  $x = 2$ .
- (e)  $f$  is continuous and differentiable at  $x = 1$  ← correct

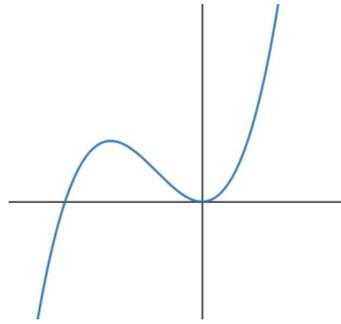
17. Consider the graph of  $f(x)$  to the right.  
Which of the following is the graph of the derivative, i.e.,  $f'(x)$ ?



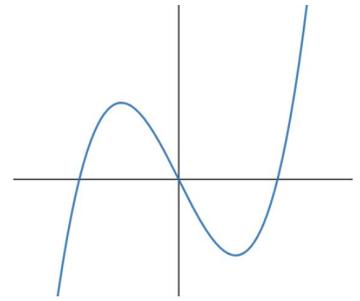
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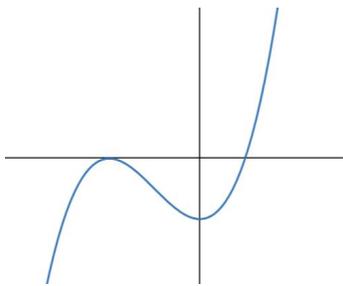
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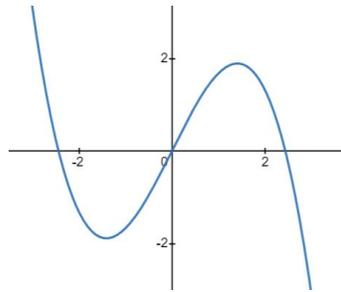
(c)



(d) ← correct



(e)



18. Find the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} e^{1/(x-2)}$ .

- (a) 0 ← correct  
 (b) -2  
 (c) 2  
 (d)  $-\infty$   
 (e)  $\infty$

19. Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes for  $f(x) = \frac{(2-x)(3x+1)}{x^2-4}$

- (a)  $y = -3, x = -2$  ← correct  
 (b)  $y = -3, x = -2, x = 2$   
 (c)  $y = -2, y = 2, x = -3$   
 (d)  $y = -2, x = -3$   
 (e)  $y = 3, x = -2$

20. Which of the following intervals contains a root to the equation  $x^3 + 2x^2 - 42 = 0$ ?

- (a)  $(-2, 0)$
- (b)  $(-1, 0)$
- (c)  $(0, 1)$
- (d)  $(1, 2)$
- (e)  $(2, 3)$  ← correct

### PART II WORK OUT

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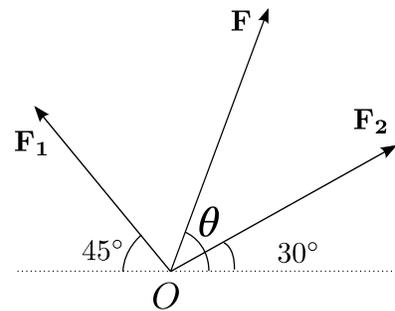
21. (10 points) Two forces act on an object as in the diagram below.  $\mathbf{F}_1$  has a magnitude of 20 pounds and  $\mathbf{F}_2$  has a magnitude of 36 lbs.

- (a) Find the vectors  $\mathbf{F}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_2$ , and the resultant force  $\mathbf{F}$ . Your answers do not need to be simplified, but all trigonometric expressions which can be evaluated must be.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_1 &= |\mathbf{F}_1| \langle \cos 135^\circ, \sin 135^\circ \rangle = 20 \langle -\cos 45^\circ, \sin 45^\circ \rangle \\ &= 20 \left\langle -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right\rangle = \langle -10\sqrt{2}, 10\sqrt{2} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = |\mathbf{F}_2| \langle \cos 30^\circ, \sin 30^\circ \rangle = 36 \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \langle 18\sqrt{3}, 18 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 = \langle -10\sqrt{2}, 10\sqrt{2} \rangle + \langle 18\sqrt{3}, 18 \rangle \\ &= \langle -10\sqrt{2} + 18\sqrt{3}, 10\sqrt{2} + 18 \rangle \end{aligned}$$



- (b) Find the resultant angle  $\theta$  as shown in the diagram. Leave your answer in terms of an inverse trigonometric expression.

Since  $\tan \theta = \frac{10\sqrt{2} + 18}{-10\sqrt{2} + 18\sqrt{3}}$  we have

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{10\sqrt{2} + 18}{-10\sqrt{2} + 18\sqrt{3}} \right).$$

22. (15 points) Evaluate these limits. Do not use the L'Hopital method.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 + x - 12}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 + x - 12} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(x-2)(x+4)}{(x-3)(x+4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x-2}{x-3} = \frac{-6}{-7} = \frac{6}{7}$$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x^2 - 9}{|x - 3|}$

Since  $x < 3$ ,  $|x - 3| = -(x - 3)$ . Thus we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x^2 - 9}{|x - 3|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x^2 - 9}{-(x - 3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{(x-3)(x+3)}{-(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} -(3+x) = -6.$$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{7x+2} - 4}{x-2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{7x+2} - 4}{x-2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(\sqrt{7x+2} - 4)(\sqrt{7x+2} + 4)}{(x-2)(\sqrt{7x+2} + 4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(7x+2) - 16}{(x-2)(\sqrt{7x+2} + 4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{7x - 14}{(x-2)(\sqrt{7x+2} + 4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{7(x-2)}{(x-2)(\sqrt{7x+2} + 4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{7}{(\sqrt{7x+2} + 4)} = \frac{7}{(\sqrt{7 \cdot 2 + 2} + 4)} = \frac{7}{4+4} = \frac{7}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

23. (7 points) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be constants. Consider the function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 4x + A, & \text{if } x < 2 \\ B & \text{if } x = 2 \\ x^2 - Ax + 1, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

(a) Determine the value of  $A$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$  exists.

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$  exists, two one sided limits  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x)$  must agree. We have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 4x + A = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x^2 - Ax + 1.$$

This implies  $8 + A = 4 - 2A + 1$  or  $A = -1$ .

(b) Determine the value of  $B$  for which  $g(x)$  is continuous everywhere.

In order for  $g(x)$  to be continuous,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = g(2)$ . With  $A = -1$  from (a) above, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 4x + A = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 4x - 1 = 7 = B$$

24. (8 points) Use the definition of the derivative to find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-3}$ . No points will be given for any shortcut formulas used.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{x+h-3} - \frac{2}{x-3}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2(x-3) - 2(x+h-3)}{(x+h-3)(x-3)}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2h}{(x+h-3)(x-3)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2h}{h(x+h-3)(x-3)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{(x+h-3)(x-3)} = \frac{-2}{(x-3)^2} \end{aligned}$$