

**Math 16A** Short Calculus  
**Practice Final Exam**

**1. Continuity**

For each of the following functions, state the domain and the interval(s) on which the function is continuous.

(a)  $y = x^2 + 4$

(b)  $y = \frac{x+2}{x^2-4}$

(c)  $y = 2[x]$

(d)  $y = 4 \cos(\theta) + 1$

## 2. Slope and Derivative

(a) Find an equation of the line tangent to  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  with slope  $-2$ .

(b) Use the limit definition to find the derivative of the following functions.

i.  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$

ii.  $h(t) = 2\sqrt{t}$

### 3. Rates of Change

(a) The profit  $P$  from selling  $x$  units of a product is given by

$$P = 15 + 12\sqrt{x} - \frac{81}{x}.$$

i. Find the average rate of change of  $P$  on the interval  $[1, 9]$ .

ii. Find a formula for the marginal profit. What is the marginal profit for  $x = 9$ ?

(b) A sphere of radius 3 has its radius changing at a rate of 4 inches per second. How quickly is the volume of the sphere changing? (You may use the fact the volume of a sphere with radius  $r$  is  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ )

4. **Rules of Differentiation** (40 points)

(a) For each of the following functions, find the derivative. (30 points; 10 points each)

i.  $f(x) = \frac{2\sqrt{x+1}}{\sqrt{x}}$

ii.  $g(t) = t^3 + 3t^2 - 5$

iii.  $h(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x+2}$

(b) At which values for  $x$  does the graph of  $y = -x^3 + 9x$  have a horizontal tangent line? (10 points)

5. **Rates of Change** (30 points)

(a) The profit  $P$  from selling  $x$  units of a product is given by

$$P = 30 + 12\sqrt{x} - \frac{81}{x}.$$

Find a formula for the marginal profit. What is the marginal profit for  $x = 9$ ? (10 points)

(b) Consider  $f(x) = (x^2 - x + 2)(x^2 + x)$ .

i. What is the average rate of change of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$ ? (10 points)

ii. What is the instantaneous rate of change of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 0$ , and at  $x = 1$ ? (10 points)

6. **True/False** (30 points, 5 points each)

Mark each question as (**T**)rue or (**F**)alse.

- a. \_\_\_ The derivative of  $\sqrt{x}$  is always non-negative.
- b. \_\_\_  $\pi$  radians = 180 degrees.
- c. \_\_\_ A derivative of a position function with respect to time is a velocity.
- d. \_\_\_ To apply the Quotient Rule to  $f(x)/g(x)$ , we must have that  $g(x)$  is always positive.
- e. \_\_\_  $\cos(\pi - \theta) = \cos \theta$ .
- f. \_\_\_ If a function is continuous at a point, then it is differentiable at that point.

## 7. Derivative Tests

(a) Apply the Second-Derivative Test to find and classify the relative extrema of  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 1$ . Show all of your work.

(b) Apply the First-Derivative Test to find and classify the relative extrema of  $g(t) = t^4 - 4t^3 - 4$ . Show all of your work.

## 8. Optimization

(a) Find two positive numbers such that their product is 75, and so that the first plus three times the second is a minimum.

(b) A rectangular page is to contain 18 square inches of print. The margins at the top and bottom are .5 inches and on each side are 1 inch. What dimensions minimize the amount of paper used?

## 9. Sketching Graphs (60 points)

Sketch the graphs of the following functions, showing all work. In particular you should: state the domain; find and label all asymptotes; find and show all intercepts; find and show relative extrema and points of inflection.

(a)  $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2-1}$

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6. Sketching Graphs (continued)

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2-2}{x^2-x-2}$

## 10. True/False

Mark each question as (**T**)rue or (**F**)alse.

- a. \_\_\_ The absolute maximum of a function on a closed interval never occurs at the endpoints.
- b. \_\_\_ The derivative of  $\sec(x)$  is  $-\sec(x)\tan(x)$ .
- c. \_\_\_ A function can only change from increasing to decreasing at a critical number.
- d. \_\_\_ A function cannot intersect its horizontal asymptotes.
- e. \_\_\_ If  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x$ , then  $f$  is concave upward for all  $x$ .
- f. \_\_\_ The Product Rule states:  $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] = g(x)f'(x) + f(x)g'(x)$ .
- g. \_\_\_ A point of inflection of  $f$  can occur *only* at a critical number of  $f'$ .

11. **Chain Rule** (40 points)

- (a) The number of bacteria in a culture after  $t$  days is modeled by

$$N(t) = 400 \left( 1 - \frac{4}{(t^2 + 3)^2} \right).$$

How many bacteria are there when  $t = 1$ ? What is the rate of change of the bacteria population when  $t = 1$ ? (15 points)

- (b) Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x) = (9 - x^3)^{\frac{-1}{2}}$  when  $x = 2$ . (15 points)

- (c) Compute the derivative of  $f(t) = \sqrt{t^2 + 4} - \sqrt{t^2 - 4}$ . (10 points)

12. **Trig Functions** (40 points)

(a) Show that, if  $y = \frac{5 - \cos x}{x}$ , then  $xy' + y = \sin x$ . (10 points)

(b) Find the derivatives of the following functions. (30 points; 10 points each)

i.  $y = x \tan(5x)$

ii.  $T = x - 4 \csc(\pi x + 1)$

iii.  $f(t) = \sqrt{\sin^2 t - \cos^2 t}$

13. **Higher-Order Derivatives and Implicit Differentiation** (30 points)

(a) Find  $dy/dx$  if  $\sec(xy) = 5$ . (15 points)

(b) What is the rate of change of  $t$  with respect to  $y$  (*not*  $y$  with respect to  $t$ !) if  $y = \sqrt{t + 1}$ ? (15 points)

14. **Related Rates** (40 points)

(a) You are given that the instantaneous rate of change for  $x$  with respect to time is 5 when  $x = 3$ . If  $y = 1 + 2xy$ , what is the corresponding value of  $\frac{dy}{dt}$ ? (15 points)

(b) The radius  $r$  of a sphere is increasing by 3 feet per minute.

i. What is the rate of change of the volume  $V$  when  $r = 10$  feet? ( $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ ) (15 points)

ii. What is  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  when  $V = 36\pi$ ? (10 points)

15. **True/False** (20 points, 5 points each)

Mark each question as (**T**)rue or (**F**)alse.

- a. \_\_\_ The surface area of a sphere of radius  $r$  is  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^2$ .
- b. \_\_\_ Acceleration is the second derivative of velocity.
- c. \_\_\_ We used the Chain Rule to prove that  $\frac{d}{dt}[\sin(t)] = \cos(t)$ .
- d. \_\_\_  $\csc(2t) = \frac{2}{\sin(t)}$ .