

# PRACTICE EXAM 1

## KEY

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3. No notes, books, or classmates may be used as resources for this exam. YOU MAY USE A CALCULATOR ON THIS EXAM.
4. Read directions to each problem carefully. Show all work for full credit. In most cases, a correct answer with no supporting work will receive little or no credit. What you write down and how you write it are the most important means of your getting a good score on this exam. Neatness and organization are also important.
5. Make sure that you have 7 pages, including the cover page.
6. You may NOT use L'Hopital's Rule on this exam.
7. You may NOT use the shortcuts for finding limits to infinity.
8. Using only a calculator to determine limits will receive little or no credit.
9. You will be graded on proper use of limit notation.
10. You have until 9:40 a.m. sharp to finish the exam.

1.) (7 pts. each) Determine the following limits.

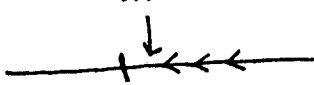
$$\text{a.) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - x}{x^2 + x - 2} \stackrel{\frac{0}{0}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x \cancel{(x-1)}}{(x+2) \cancel{(x-1)}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{b.) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{x}}{x - 3} \stackrel{\frac{0}{0}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\cancel{x-3}}{3x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{x-3}} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\text{c.) } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5h}{2h} \stackrel{\frac{0}{0}}{=} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{\sin 5h}{5h} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5 \cdot 1 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{d.) } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x^2 - 12}{x + 3} = \frac{-3}{0^+} = -\infty$$

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$x = -3$

$$\text{e.) } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{2 - \sqrt{x+5}}{x+1} \cdot \frac{2 + \sqrt{x+5}}{2 + \sqrt{x+5}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{4 - (x+5)}{(x+1)(2 + \sqrt{x+5})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{-\cancel{(x+1)}}{\cancel{(x+1)}(2 + \sqrt{x+5})} = \frac{-1}{2+2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

2.) (7 pts.) Use the Squeeze Principle to evaluate the following limit :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x + \cos^2(3x+1)}{7-4x} ; \quad -1 \leq \cos(3x+1) \leq +1 \rightarrow 0 \leq \cos^2(3x+1) \leq 1$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{0}{x} \leq \frac{\cos^2(3x+1)}{x} \leq \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0}{x} = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} ;$$

so by Squeeze Principle  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos^2(3x+1)}{x} = 0 ;$  then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x + \cos^2(3x+1)}{7-4x} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 + \frac{\cos^2(3x+1)}{x}}{\frac{7}{x} - 4} = \frac{3+0}{0-4} = \frac{-3}{4}$$

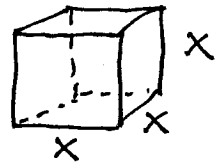
3.) (8 pts.) Determine the domain and range for  $f(x) = 5 + \sqrt{2x-8}$ .

$$2x-8 \geq 0 \rightarrow 2x \geq 8 \rightarrow \text{Domain : } x \geq 4 ;$$

since  $0 \leq 2x-8 < \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (2x-8) = \infty \rightarrow$

$$\text{Range : } y \geq 5$$

4.) Consider a three-dimensional cube with side length  $x$ .



a.) (2 pts.) Write the volume  $V$  of the cube as a function of  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume } V &= (\text{length})(\text{width})(\text{height}) \\ &= x \cdot x \cdot x = x^3 \rightarrow V = x^3 \end{aligned}$$

b.) (2 pts.) Write the surface area  $S$  of the cube as a function of  $x$ .

$$\text{Surface Area } S = 6 \cdot x^2$$

c.) (4 pts.) Write the surface area  $S$  of the cube as a function of the volume  $V$ .

$$S = 6x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad V = x^3 \rightarrow x = V^{1/3}, \quad \text{so that}$$

$$S = 6(V^{1/3})^2 \rightarrow S = 6 \cdot V^{2/3}$$

5.) Consider the following function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - 4}, & \text{if } x \neq 2, -2 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x = 2 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = -2. \end{cases}$

a.) (4 pts.) Determine if  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ .

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

ii.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - 4} \stackrel{\frac{0}{0}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$   
 $= \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$

iii.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \frac{1}{2} = f(2)$ , so  $f$  is  
 continuous at  $x = 2$ .

b.) (4 pts.) Determine if  $f$  is continuous at  $x = -2$ .

i.)  $f(-2) = 0$

ii.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{8}{0^\pm} = \pm \infty$ ,

so  $f$  is not continuous at  $x = -2$ .

c.) (4 pts.) For what  $x$ -values is  $f$  continuous? Explain.

$y = x^2 - 2x$  and  $y = x^2 - 4$  are continuous for all values of  $x$  (since both are polynomials). Thus  $y = \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - 4}$  is continuous (quotient of continuous functions) for all  $x$ -values except where  $x^2 - 4 = (x-2)(x+2) = 0$ , i.e., except  $x = 2, x = -2$ . So  $f$  is continuous for all  $x$ -values except  $x = -2$ .



8.) (10 pts.) Use intercepts and horizontal, vertical, and tilted asymptotes to sketch a

graph of  $y = \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^2 - 4}$ .  $X=0 : Y = \frac{1}{4}$  ;  $Y=0 : X^3 - 1 = 0 \rightarrow X=1$  ;

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} y = \frac{7}{0^+} = +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} y = \frac{7}{0^-} = -\infty \end{array} \right\} \text{V.A. : } \boxed{X=2}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} y = \frac{-9}{0^+} = +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} y = \frac{-9}{0^-} = -\infty \end{array} \right\} \text{V.A. : } \boxed{X=-2}$$

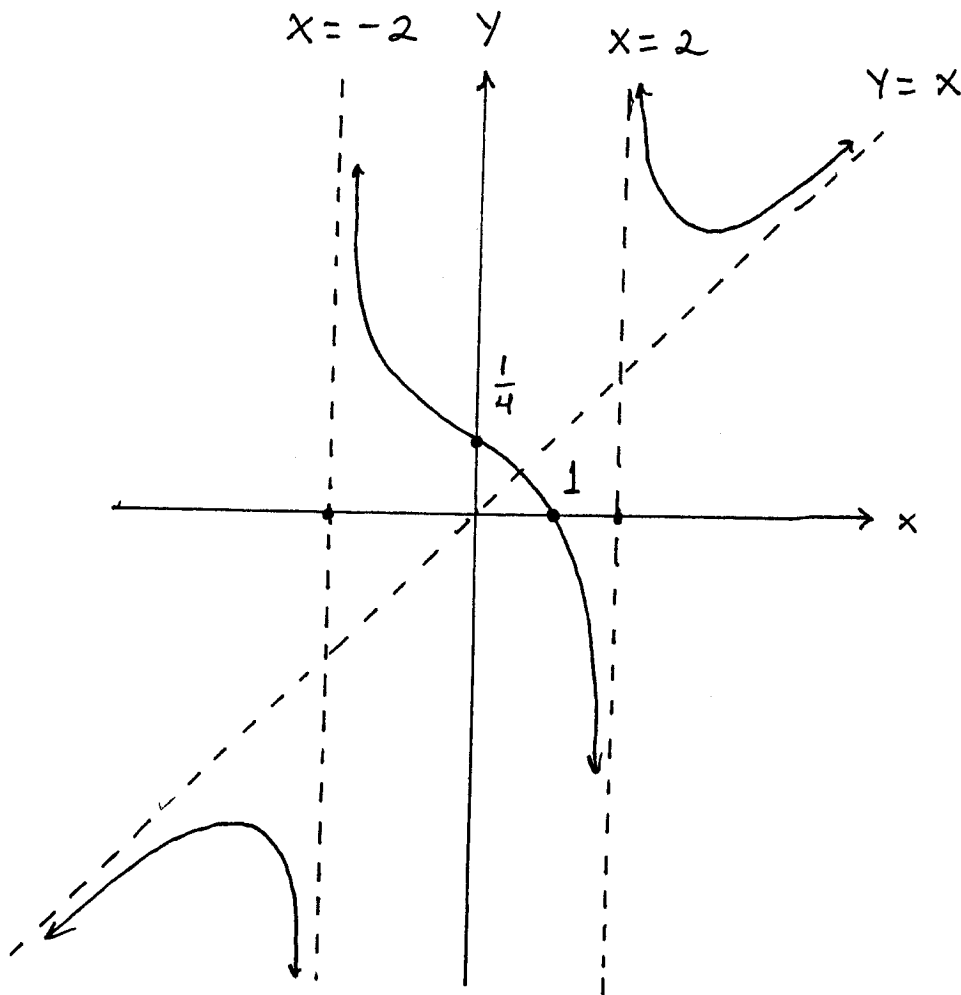
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^2 - 4} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x - \frac{1}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{4}{x^2}} = +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^2 - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x - \frac{1}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{4}{x^2}} = -\infty \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{No} \\ \text{H.A.} \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 4 \overline{) x^3 - 1} \quad \text{so}$$

$$\frac{-(x^3 - 4x)}{4x - 1}$$

$$y = \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^2 - 4} = x + \frac{4x - 1}{x^2 - 4}$$

so that  $\boxed{Y=X}$  is tilted asymptote.



The following EXTRA CREDIT PROBLEM is worth 10 points. This problem is OPTIONAL.

1.) Determine the domain for  $f(x) = \frac{555}{3 - \sqrt{x^2 - 8x}}$ .

$$x^2 - 8x = x(x - 8) \geq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & + & & 0 & - & & 0 & + \\ & & & | & & & | & \\ \hline & & & x=0 & & & x=8 & \end{array}$$

and

$$3 - \sqrt{x^2 - 8x} \neq 0 \rightarrow$$

$$3 \neq \sqrt{x^2 - 8x} \rightarrow$$

$$9 \neq x^2 - 8x \rightarrow$$

$$0 \neq x^2 - 8x - 9 = (x - 9)(x + 1) \rightarrow$$

$$x \neq 9, \quad x \neq -1$$

Domain :  $x \geq 8, x \leq 0$  but  $x \neq 9, x \neq -1$ .