

Math 108-03  
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# Midterm One

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**No Calculator allowed in this part.**

**Problem 1:** Determine the following limits analytically showing all steps. Use the symbols DNE,  $\infty$ , and  $-\infty$  where appropriate.

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + 5x}}{7x - 6} =$

Score: /2

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x+1} - 2}{x-3} =$

Score: /2

c.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{|t-2|}{t^2-4} =$

Score: /2

**Problem 2:** Answer the following using derivative rules. Do NOT simplify.

a. Find the derivative of  $h(x) = (x^3 - 2\sqrt{x} + 3\pi)^4 \csc(\sqrt[3]{x})$ .

Score: /2

b. Find  $d(g(x))/dx$  where

$$g(x) = \frac{\tan(x^2) - \log(5 - 3x)}{7^{3-x} + \sin(5x)}$$

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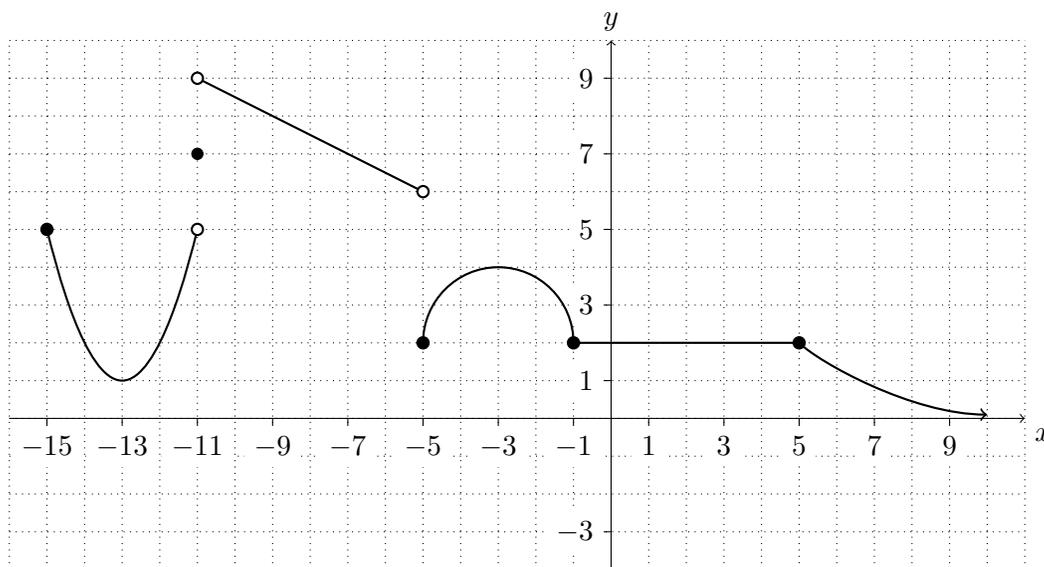
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**Calculators allowed from here on.**

**Problem 3:** The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown, piece-wise defined by lines, a parabola, a semi-circle, and a decreasing reciprocal function. Use the graph to answer the questions. Use the symbols DNE,  $\infty$ , and  $-\infty$  where appropriate.



a. In the domain of the function  $f$  on  $[-15, \infty)$ , list all  $x$  where  $f$  is discontinuous.

b. List the  $x$  value(s) where  $f$  is continuous but not differentiable.

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -11^+} f(x) =$

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -11^-} f(x) =$

e.  $f(-11) =$

f.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f'(x) =$

g.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\pi + h) - f(\pi)}{h} =$

h.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} \frac{f(x) - f(-5)}{x + 5} =$

i. In the same grid above, graph  $y = f'(x)$  for the  $x$ -interval,  $(-15, -1)$ .

Score: /10

**Problem 4:** Use the limit definition of continuity to find a value  $c$  that makes the piece-wise defined function continuous everywhere. Draw your resulting function to check. From the graph, is the function differentiable at  $x = 2$ ?

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 6 - x, & x \leq 2 \\ \sqrt{2x} - \frac{x}{2} + c, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Score: /4

**Problem 5:** Use correct notation, show all steps and leave your answer in simplified form.

a. Use the limit definition of the derivative to find the derivative of  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x - 6}$ .

b. Find an equation of the tangent line to  $f$  at  $x = 5$ .

Score: /5

**Problem 6:** The distance in metres of an object from a starting point after  $t$  seconds is given by  $s(t) = 7 + \frac{3}{t+1} + t^3$ .

a. Find the average velocity of the object over the first 5 seconds.

Score: /2

b. Use a graphing calculator (TI83, TI83+, TI84-Plus) to set up a table of values to estimate the instantaneous velocity at 5 seconds. Round your answers to 2 decimal places. Specify your  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  as part of your steps.

Score: /3

**Problem 7:** Show that the equation  $x^2 - x - 1 = \frac{1}{1+x}$  has a solution in the interval  $(1, 2)$  using the Intermediate Value Theorem.

Score: /4

**Problem 8:** Avocado seeds sprout faster in warmer temperatures. The following table shows groups of seeds and average sprouting time under each temperature.

Temperatures ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ):	20	18	23	25	31	27	33
Average number of Days to sprout:	42	55	40	25	15	20	11

Use the given data to answer the following questions:

- a. Draw a scatter plot. Provide dimensions of the window and label your axes according to the sample data.

Score: /4

- b. Use linear regression to find a model to fit your plot. Report your model to six decimal places.

Score: /1

- c. According to your model, what is the time needed for avocado seeds to sprout in  $15^{\circ}$  Celsius? Comment on the reliability of your answer.

Score: /1