

Name: SOLUTIONS

Math 1830- Midterm Exam #1 - September 22, 2006

1. (15 points) True or false:

- F a. Every bounded sequence converges.  
T b. If  $\sum a_n$  converges then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .  
F c. A function can have 5 horizontal asymptotes.  
F d.  $f(x) = x + 1$  is an odd function.  
T e.  $1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4 + 1/5 + \dots$  diverges.  
T f. The graph of  $y = f(x - 7)$  is just the graph of  $y = f(x)$  shifted 7 units to the right.

2. (10 points)

a. Give the formal definition for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$

so  $0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

b. Use the definition to prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (2x + 5) = 3.$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given.

Choose  $\delta = \epsilon/2$  and assume  $0 < |x - (-1)| < \delta$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - L| &= |2x + 5 - 3| = |2x + 2| \\ &= 2|x + 1| \\ &< 2\delta = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$  as desired!

3. (25 points) Use the graph of  $y = f(x)$  to answer the following. If a limit does not exist then write DNE.

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$  1

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x)$  3

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  1

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$  2

e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  .8

f. Give the equations for any horizontal or vertical asymptotes.

$y = 1, y = -1, x = -2$

g. Is  $f(x)$  continuous on the closed interval  $[-1, 2]$ ? yes

h. Estimate the value of  $f(0)$  and of the derivative  $f'(0)$ .  $f(0) \approx .8, f'(0) \approx -1$

i. Using your answer from h., give an equation of the tangent line to  $y = f(x)$  at  $x = 0$ .

$y - .8 = -1(x)$

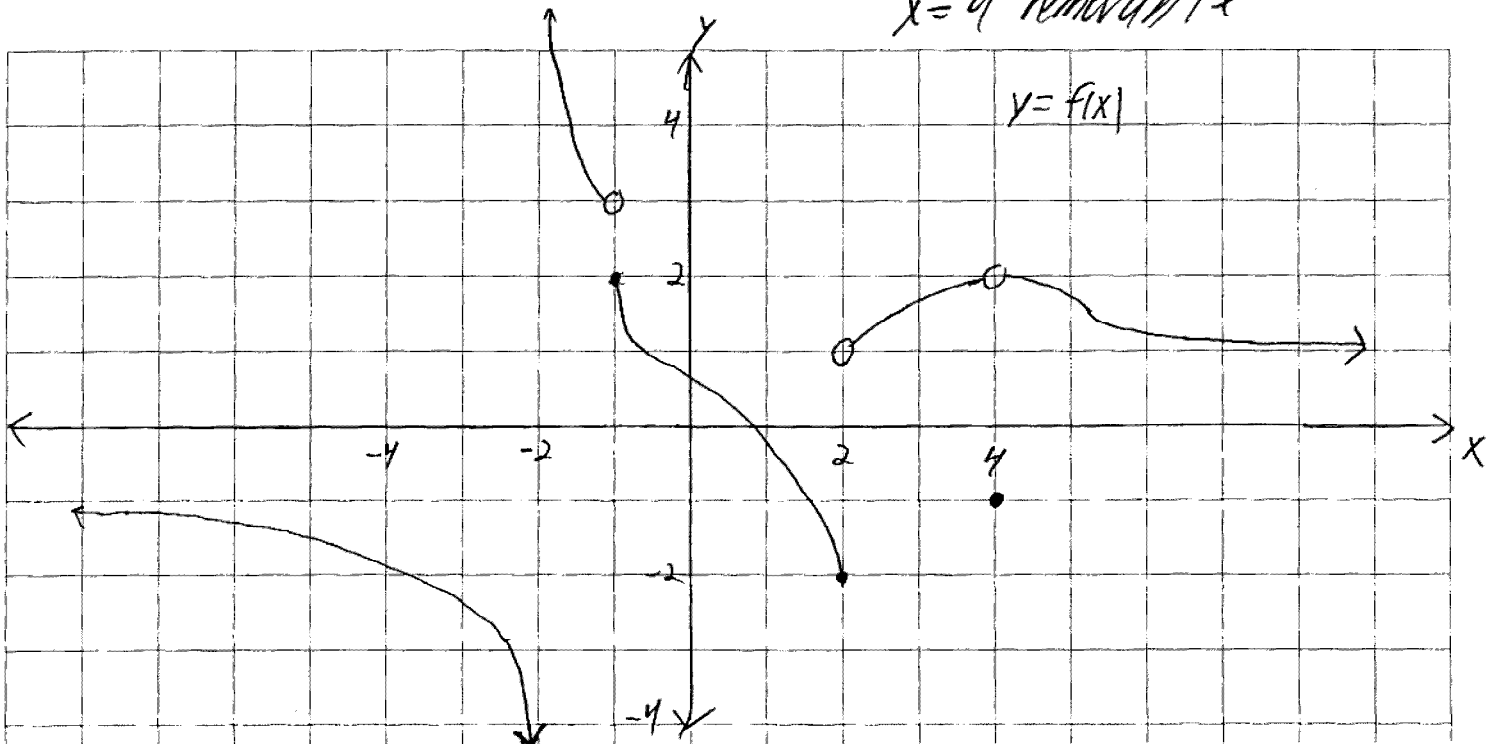
j. Find each  $x$  value where  $f(x)$  is discontinuous and describe each discontinuity as "removable", "jump" or "other".

$x = -2$  other

$x = -1$  jump

$x = 2$  jump

$x = 4$  removable



4. (15 points) Evaluate the following limits. If the limit does not exist then write DNE.

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{x^3 + 1}$   
 $= \sqrt{9} = 3$

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$  DNE

c.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 16} \frac{\sqrt{t}-4}{t-16}$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow 16} \frac{\sqrt{t}-4}{(\sqrt{t}-4)(\sqrt{t}+4)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 16} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}+4} = \frac{1}{8}$

d.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2h)}{h} = 2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2h)}{2h} = 2$

e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2-4}{6x^2-2x+3} = \frac{1}{6}$

5. (10 points)  
 Evaluate the sum:

$$1 - \frac{2}{7} + \frac{4}{49} - \frac{8}{343} + \frac{16}{2401} - \dots$$

$$a=1 \quad r=-2/7$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - (-2/7)} = \frac{1}{9/7} = \frac{7}{9}$$

6. (15 points) Determine whether the sequence converges or diverges. If it converges, find its limit.

a.  $a_n = \frac{3n+2}{n+1}$

converges to 3

b.  $\{0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, \dots\}$

diverges

c.  $\{3, 3.3, 3.33, 3.333, 3.3333, \dots\}$

converges to  $3\frac{1}{3}$

7. (10 points) Let  $f(x) = x^2$ .

a. Use the definition of the derivative to show that  $f'(x) = 2x$ .

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x^2}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x + h = 2x$$

b. Find the equation of the tangent line to  $y = x^2$  at  $x = -2$ .

point  $(-2, 4)$

$$\text{slope} = f'(-2) = -4$$

$$y - 4 = -4(x + 2)$$