

**MATH 16A MIDTERM 1(PRACTICE 3)
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**DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL
INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED

**YOU MAY USE YOUR OWN BLANK
PAPER FOR ROUGH WORK**

**SO AS NOT TO DISTURB OTHER
STUDENTS, EVERYONE MUST STAY
UNTIL THE EXAM IS COMPLETE**

**REMEMBER THIS EXAM IS GRADED BY
A HUMAN BEING. WRITE YOUR
SOLUTIONS NEATLY AND
COHERENTLY, OR THEY RISK NOT
RECEIVING FULL CREDIT**

**THIS EXAM WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY
SCANNED. MAKE SURE YOU WRITE ALL
SOLUTIONS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.
YOU MAY WRITE SOLUTIONS ON THE
BLANK PAGE AT THE BACK BUT BE
SURE TO CLEARLY LABEL THEM**

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This exam consists of 5 questions. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. Describe in words, how, starting with the graph $y = \sqrt{x}$, one can draw the graph

$$y = -\sqrt{2-x} + 1$$

Solution:

1/ $y = \sqrt{x} \rightarrow y = \sqrt{2+x}$
 Translate to left by 2

2/ $y = \sqrt{2+x} \rightarrow y = \sqrt{2-x}$
 Reflect in y -axis

3/ $y = \sqrt{2-x} \rightarrow y = -\sqrt{2-x}$
 Reflect in x -axis

4/ $y = -\sqrt{2-x} \rightarrow y = -\sqrt{2-x} + 1$
 Translate up by 1

2. (25 points) A bank has a saving account in which interest is compounded continuously. If the amount in the account doubles every 30 years determine what the annual interest rate is. How long will it take for the balance to triple? You do not need to simplify your answers.

Solution:

P = initial deposit

r = annual interest rate

$f(t) = P e^{rt}$ = balance at time t .

$$f(30) = 2f(0) \Rightarrow P e^{30r} = 2P$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{30r} = 2 \Rightarrow r = \frac{\ln(2)}{30}.$$

$$f(t) = 3P \Rightarrow P e^{\frac{\ln(2)}{30} t} = 3P$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln(3)}{\left(\frac{\ln(2)}{30}\right)} = \frac{30 \ln(3)}{\ln(2)}$$

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3. Calculate the following limits. If they do not exist determine if they are ∞ or $-\infty$.

(a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2^{x^2+x^3+1}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^2 + x^3 + 1 &= 1^2 + 1^3 + 1 = 3 \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2^{x^2+x^3+1} &= 2^3 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{6x^3 + 1}{x + 3}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{6x^3 + 1}{x + 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{6x^3}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} 6x^2 = \infty \quad (\text{DNE})$$

(c)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\ln(x^2 + 1)}{(x - 2)^3}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \ln(x^2 + 1) = \ln(\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 + 1)) = \ln(5) > 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x - 2)^3 = 0$$

$$\frac{2}{(x-2)^3 < 0} \quad \frac{2}{(x-2)^3 > 0} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (x-2)^3 &= 0^- \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (x-2)^3 &= 0^+ \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{\ln(x^2 + 1)}{(x - 2)^3} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{\ln(x^2 + 1)}{(x - 2)^3} = -\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\ln(x^2 + 1)}{(x - 2)^3} \quad \text{DNE and is neither } \pm \infty.$$

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4. (25 points) Using limits, calculate the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)^{1/2}}{2}$ for $x > 1$. Using this, or otherwise, determine the equation of the tangent line to $y = f(x)$ at $x = 2$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h-1} - \sqrt{x-1}}{2h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{x+h-1} - \sqrt{x-1})(\sqrt{x+h-1} + \sqrt{x-1})}{2h(\sqrt{x+h-1} + \sqrt{x-1})} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h-1) - (x-1)}{2h(\sqrt{x+h-1} + \sqrt{x-1})} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2(\sqrt{x+h-1} + \sqrt{x-1})} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2(\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x-1})} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{x-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(2) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad f(2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

\Rightarrow Tangent at $x=2$ has equation

$$y - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}(x-2)$$

