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Math 131

Exam 1

October 6, 2005  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Instructions**

- **Turn off all cell phones and watch alarms!**  
Put away cell phones, iPods, etc.
- There are eight (8) questions.
- Do all work in this exam booklet. You may continue work to backs of pages and the blank page at the end, but if you do so indicate where.
- Do not use any other paper except this exam booklet and the one-page “cheat sheet” that you prepared.
- Organize your work in an unambiguous order. Show all necessary steps.
- **Answers given without supporting work may receive 0 credit!**
- Do *not* write anything in the table below.
- Be prepared to show your UMass ID card when you hand in your exam booklet.

QUESTION	PER CENT	SCORE
1	16	
2	16	
3	20	
4	16	
5	16	
6	16	
Extra credit	6	
TOTAL	106	

1. ( $4 \times 4\% = 16\%$ ) Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1-2x}{x}}$ .

(a) Determine the domain of  $f$ .

(b) Derive a formula for the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  of  $f$ .

(c) What is  $f(f^{-1}(\frac{2}{\pi}))$ ? (An exact value, *not* a numeric approximation!)

(d) If  $g(y) = y^2$  for all  $y$ , then what is  $(g \circ f)(3x)$ ?

2. ( $2 \times 8\% = 16\%$ ) During a bad storm, the height of a river was measured every two hours, starting at midnight. Here is data obtained for the height  $h$ , in feet above sea level, as a function of the elapsed time  $t$ , in hours, since midnight:

$t$	0	2	4	6	<b>8</b>	10
$h$	6.0	9.9	11.6	11.1	<b>8.4</b>	3.5

- (a) Using only this data, calculate the *best* estimate you can for the **rate**, in feet per hour, at which the river's height was changing at 8 A.M. Do *not* round your answer; do indicate how you obtained it. (Do *not* try to fit a formula to this data!)

- (b) Actually, the rate at time  $t = 8$  at which  $h$  was changing with respect to  $t$  was exactly  $-1.75$  feet per hour. Write an equation for the tangent line to the graph of the function  $h$  of  $t$  at the point where  $t = 8$ . (The variables are time  $t$  and height  $h$ .)

3. ( $4 \times 5\% = 20\%$ ) Find each of the following limits. If the limit does not exist, say so. (Do this *without* using your calculator. You may want to use your calculator to confirm your answers.)

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 4}$

(b)  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7s^3 - 4s + 2}{3 + s^2 - 6s^3}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}$

(d)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^t - 3}{5 - \cos t}$

4. ( $2 \times 8\% = 16\%$ ) Use the **definition** of the derivative in terms of limits to find:

(a)  $f'(3)$  where  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$ .

(b)  $g'(x)$  where  $g(x) = \frac{1}{3-x}$ .

5. (16%) Through decay, Chemical  $Q$  loses one-**third** of its mass every 7 years. Twenty-five years ago, a container of Chemical  $Q$  was buried. The EPA has just dug it up and found 1,000 grams remaining. How much Chemical  $Q$  was originally buried?

(Carefully identify the variables you use!)

6. ( $2 \times 8\% = 16\%$ ) A magnetic field is induced by electrical current moving through a wire. The strength  $B$  of the magnetic field at a distance  $r$  from the center of a wire is given by:

$$B(r) = \begin{cases} B_0 \frac{r}{r_0} & \text{if } r \leq r_0, \\ B_0 \frac{r_0}{r} & \text{if } r > r_0 \end{cases}$$

for certain non-zero constants  $B_0$  and  $r_0$ .

- (a) Is the function  $B(r)$  continuous at  $r_0$ ? Why or why not?

- (b) Is the function  $B(r)$  differentiable at  $r_0$ ? Why or why not?

**Extra credit (6%)** Let

$$f(x) = 3x - 5.$$

Illustrate the precise,  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ , definition that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1$$

by finding *algebraically* a suitable  $\delta$  for

$$\epsilon = 0.01.$$



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