

QUEENS COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Final Examination  
2 ½ Hours

Mathematics 131

Fall 2024

**Instructions:** Answer all questions. Show all work.

1. Use the provided graph of  $f(x)$  to evaluate each of the following:

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

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$

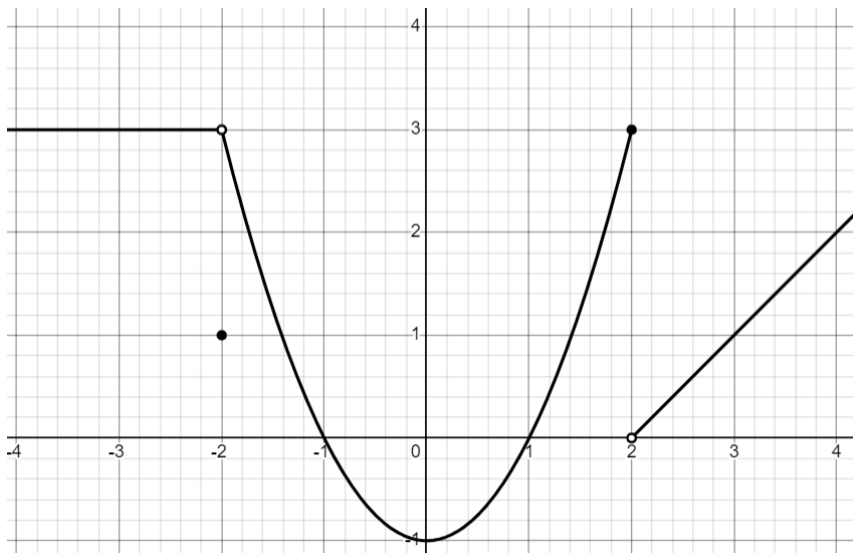
c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$

d)  $f(-2)$

e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$

f)  $f(2)$

g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$



h) For what value(s) of  $x$  does the function  $f$  have a discontinuity? Explain using the definition of continuity.

2. Evaluate each limit. ( $+\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ , and DNE are acceptable possible answers.)

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{x - 9}$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-2x^5 + x^3}{5x^2 - 1}$

d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ , given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x^2 - 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$

3. Given  $f(x) = 5x^2 + 2x - 10$ .

a) Use the definition of the derivative to find  $f'(x)$ .

b) Find an equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $f(x)$  at the point where  $x = 0$ .

4. Given  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4x + 7$ .

a) Can the Intermediate Value Theorem be used to show  $f(x) = 5$  for some value of  $x$  in the interval  $(0, 3)$ ? Justify your answer.

b) Find the absolute extrema of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ .

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5. Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for each of the following functions. You do not need to simplify.
- a)  $y = \frac{4x^2}{3} + \sqrt[5]{x^3} - 7e^x + \ln(2x^4 + x) + \pi$
- b)  $y = \frac{\sqrt{3x+1}}{e^{4x}}$
- c)  $y = 3^{x^2+5x}$  (Hint: Use logarithmic differentiation.)
- d)  $3xy^2 - y^5 + 10 = x^3$
6. a) Suppose \$2500 is invested into a bank that pays an annual interest rate of 3.5%. Compute the balance after 5 years if interest is compounded
- i) semi-annually.
- ii) continuously.
- b) How much money should be invested at an annual interest rate of 3% compounded continuously so that it will be worth \$2000 in six years?
7. A manufacturer will produce and sell  $x$  units of a product when the price is  $p = x^3 + 2x$  dollars. The total cost to produce  $x$  units is given by the function  $C(x) = 3x^3 + 2x + 500$  dollars.
- a) Use marginal analysis to estimate the cost of producing the 11th unit.
- b) Find the actual cost of producing the 11th unit.
- c) Find the average cost per unit if 10 units are produced.
- d) Find the total revenue function,  $R(x)$ .
- e) Find the total profit function,  $P(x)$ .
8. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 2$ . Using calculus (not your graphing calculator):
- a) Find the intervals of increase and decrease of  $f$ .
- b) Find the relative (local) maxima and minima of  $f$  and their coordinates.
- c) Find the intervals of upward and downward concavity of  $f$ .
- d) Find the inflection point(s) of  $f$  and their coordinates.
- e) Using the information from parts a - d, carefully sketch the graph of  $f$ . Label all relative extrema, inflection points, and the y-intercept.
- \*Be sure to clearly label each part of the problem you are working on\***
9. When Monkey D. Luffy uses his Gear 4 attack, he expands his body into an approximately spherical shape ( $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ ). If the radius of the sphere is increasing at a rate of 0.5cm/s, find the rate at which the volume of the sphere is increasing at the instant when the radius is 20cm.