

QUEENS COLLEGE  
Department of Mathematics  
Final Examination  
 $2\frac{1}{2}$  Hours

**Instructions:**

- **Read each problem carefully.** Make sure you understand what the problem is asking.
- **You must show all your work.** No credit will be given to a problem without work. For incorrect solutions, partial credit will be given where appropriate.
- All your work and solutions must be recorded in the provided Blue Book. Additional Blue Books are available if necessary.
- You are allowed to use a calculator that is in accordance with the calculator policy set by the mathematics department. You may not share calculators during the exam.
- No notes or devices other than a writing utensil and calculator may be used during the exam.
- Unless otherwise noted, answers must be precise, not approximate (for example,  $\frac{1}{3} \neq 0.33$ ).

1. Compute the following limits or state the limit does not exist.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 9x}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 4x - 5}{x - 2}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{8x^6 - 3x^3 - 1}}{2x^3 - 10x^2 + 5}$

2. Use the limit definition of the derivative to compute the derivative of  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x}$ .

3. Suppose  $f$  is a function given by  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + c$  for some number  $c$  and suppose that the line  $y = 4x + 5$  is the tangent line to  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$ . Find the numbers  $a$  and  $c$ .

4. In each of the following, compute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ :

(a)  $y = \cos(3x^4 - 10x^2 + 5)$

(c)  $x^2y^2 = x^3 - xy$

(b)  $y = \frac{x + 1}{x^2 - 1}$

(d)  $y = \int_0^{\sin x} \sqrt{t^2 + 1} dt$

5. You have 1530 feet of fencing. You need to build two enclosures, a square enclosure and a rectangular enclosure where the length is twice the width. What is the maximum area that can be enclosed in this configuration?

6. The tension  $T$  (in Newtons) of a guitar string is related to the frequency  $f$  (in Hertz) of the note heard when plucked by the formula  $T = kf^2$  for some constant  $k$ .

- (a) When  $f = 320$  Hz,  $T$  is measured to be 60 N. Find the constant  $k$ . (This is pretty close to accurate for the high E string on a guitar.)
- (b) If the tension of the string is decreased at a constant rate of 2 Newtons per second, find the rate the frequency is decreasing (in Hertz per second) when  $T = 310$  N.

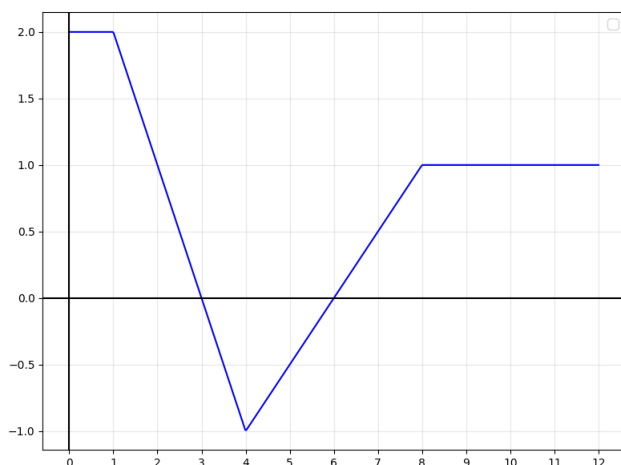
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7. Suppose  $f(x)$  is a differentiable function whose domain is all real numbers and that has the following properties:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$
- $f$  has a two-sided vertical asymptote at  $x = 0$
- $f'(x) > 0$  on  $(-\infty, -2)$  and on  $(1, \infty)$
- $f'(x) < 0$  on  $(-2, 0)$  and on  $(0, 1)$

- (a) Find the critical numbers of  $f(x)$ , if any.
- (b) Find the intervals on which  $f(x)$  is decreasing, if any.
- (c) Find the  $x$  values of the local maxima and the local minima of  $f(x)$ , if any.
- (d) Sketch the graph of  $f(x)$ .
- (e) Now assume that  $f''(x)$  exists for every value of  $x$  and that the only solution to  $f''(x) = 0$  is  $x = 2$ . Find the intervals on which  $f$  is concave up and the intervals on which it is concave down. (The graph you drew should be helpful!)

8. Below is the graph of the function  $f(x)$ . In the question below,  $A(x)$  is the function defined by  $A(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ .



- (a) Evaluate  $A(3)$ .
- (b) Evaluate  $A(8)$ .
- (c) Find the local maxima and minima of  $A$ , if any.
- (d) On the interval  $[1, 4]$ , is  $A$  concave up, concave down, or neither? Explain.

9. Find each of the following integrals:

- (a)  $\int_1^2 (8x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x) dx$
- (b)  $\int 3\theta \cos(\theta^2 + 2) d\theta$
- (c)  $\int x\sqrt{x-5} dx$

10. A particle moves with acceleration  $a(t) = \sqrt{t}$  meters per second squared and with an initial velocity of 10 meters per second. How far has the particle moved after 100 seconds?