

MATH 251
PRACTICE MIDTERM

1. Solve the following inequality:

$$(a) |x - 2| < 1, \quad (b) x - 2 \leq \frac{-1}{x + 1}.$$

2. Find all horizontal and vertical asymptotes of

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x - 1} - \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1}, \quad (b) f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + x + 5}}{x + 2}.$$

3. Find the following limits:

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^8 - 3x^5 + 2}{2x^8 + x^5 - 3}, \quad (b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 4}, \quad (c) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{2x^2 + 3x + 1}{x^3 + x^2 + 4},$$
$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x - 3| - 3}{2x}, \quad (e) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x - \cos x}{x}, \quad (f) \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\tan x - \tan \frac{\pi}{4}}{x - \frac{\pi}{4}},$$
$$(g) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x}, \quad (h) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x}, \quad (i) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}.$$

4. Determine $k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the function $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4k & \text{if } x \leq 1, \\ x^3 + k^2 + 4 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$ is continuous.

5. Differentiate the following functions. If possible, simplify your answers.

$$(a) y = 3x^4 - 10x^{6/5}, \quad (b) y = \frac{-2}{x^3 + 2}, \quad (c) y = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^3 - x + 5},$$
$$(d) y = |2x|, \quad (e) y = x^2 \sin(3x) + \cot^2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), \quad (f) y = \frac{\tan(3x)}{x + 7},$$
$$(g) y = \frac{\cos x + 1}{\sin x + 1}, \quad (h) y = \cos^3(x) \cos(x^3), \quad (i) y = \sec^2(x^2 + 5x),$$
$$(j) y = \csc(\sqrt{x^2 + x}), \quad (k) y = \sin^3(\cos x).$$

6. (a) Estimate $\sqrt{103}$ using differentials.

(b) Find the linear approximation to $f(x) = -x^2 + \cos x$ at $x_0 = \pi$. Find the Error of this linear approximation at $x = -\pi$.

7. Find all intervals where the function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 6x + 2$ is increasing or decreasing.

8. Given the data in the following table, determine $(g \circ f)'(2)$

x	-1	0	2	5
$f(x)$	2	1	-1	7
$g(x)$	5	2	0	4
$f'(x)$	0	2	3	-1
$g'(x)$	4	5	2	5

9. Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of

(a) $\tan(xy) + \sin y = x^2y + 2x - 2$ at the point $(1, 0)$;

(b) $y^2 + \sin y = x$ at the point (π^2, π) .

10. Answer TRUE or FALSE for questions (a)–(m). **Do not write “T, F”.**

(a) If x_1, x_2 are any non-zero numbers and $x_1 < x_2$ then it follows that $\frac{1}{x_1} > \frac{1}{x_2}$.

(b) $2.\bar{9} < 3$

(c) If f, g are discontinuous at $x = a$ then $f + g$ is discontinuous at $x = a$.

(d) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$ then f can not be continuous at $x = a$.

(e) If $g(x) = (f(x))^2$ is continuous then $f(x)$ must also be continuous.

(f) The Intermediate-Value Theorem allows us to conclude that the equation $3x^3 - x + 4 = 5$ has a solution in the interval a: $[-1, 0]$, b: $[0, 1]$, c: $[1, 2]$, d: None of these.

(g) If f is continuous then f is differentiable.

(h) If $f(x) > g(x)$ then $f'(x) > g'(x)$.

(i) $(fgh)' = f'gh + fg'h + fgh'$.

(j) The function $f(x) = \sin x$ is continuous for all x .

(k) If $\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ then $\tan x > 1$.

(l) $\tan(\frac{21\pi}{4}) > 0$

(m) $\tan(3.24) > 0$

(n) If $f(x) = \frac{2x-3}{x-2}$ for $x \neq 2$ then the range of f is

(o) If $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$ for $x \neq -2$ and $(f \circ g)(x) = x$ then $g(x) =$
