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The first 12 problems count 7 points each and the final one counts 40 points. The total number of points available is 124. Throughout this test, **show your work.**

1. What is the degree of the polynomial  $p(x) = (x^2 - 1)^3(x^3 + 7)$ ?

**Solution:**  $(x^2 - 1)^3$  has degree 6 and  $(x^3 + 7)$  has degree 3, so  $p(x)$  has degree  $6 + 3 = 9$ .

2. Let  $P$  denote the midpoint of the line segment joining  $(2, 3)$  and  $(8, 11)$ . What is the distance from  $P$  to the point  $(-2, 3)$ ?

**Solution:**  $P = (\frac{2+8}{2}, \frac{3+11}{2}) = (5, 7)$  so the distance is  $d = \sqrt{(5 + 2)^2 + (7 - 3)^2} = \sqrt{49 + 16} = \sqrt{65}$ .

3. Find the (implied) domain of

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x - 4}}{x - 7},$$

and write your answer in interval notation.

**Solution:** The domain  $D$  includes all real numbers greater than or equal to 4 except 7, which must be eliminated because it makes the denominator zero. Thus,  $D = [4, 7) \cup (7, \infty)$ .

4. Find all the  $x$ -intercepts of the function

$$t(x) = (2x - 1)^3(x + 1)^2 - (2x - 1)^2(x + 1)^3.$$

**Solution:** Factor the common stuff out to get  $(2x - 1)^2(x + 1)^2[2x - 1 - (x + 1)]$ . Setting each of the three factors to zero yields  $x = 1/2$ ,  $x = -1$ , and  $x = 2$ .

5. The line tangent to the graph of  $y = e^{2x}$  at the point  $(0, 1)$  has slope 2. What is the  $x$ -intercept of the line?

**Solution:** The line is  $y - 1 = 2(x - 0)$  so the  $x$ -intercept is  $-1/2$ .

6. Consider the rational function  $k(x) = \frac{(2x+1)^2(x+5)}{3x^3-5x^2}$ . Estimate the value  $k(1000)$ . Does  $k$  have a horizontal asymptote? Discuss.

**Solution:** Yes,  $k(1000) \cong 1.34$  and the horizontal asymptote is the horizontal line whose value is the ratio of the coefficients of  $x^3$  in the numerator and denominator,  $y = 4/3$

7. Find an equation for a line perpendicular to the line  $3x - 4y = 7$  and which goes through the point  $(-2, -3)$ .

**Solution:** The given line has slope  $3/4$  so the one perpendicular has slope  $-4/3$ . Hence  $y + 3 = (-4/3)(x + 2)$ . Thus  $y = -4x/3 - 17/3$ .

8. Let  $k(x) = x^2 - x$ . Evaluate and simplify  $\frac{k(x+h)-k(x)}{h}$ . Then find the limit of the expression as  $h$  approaches 0.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}k'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{k(x+h) - k(x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - (x+h) - (x^2 - x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2 \cdot xh + h^2 - x - h - x^2 + x}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{+2 \cdot xh + h^2 - h}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x + h - 1)}{h} = 2x - 1.\end{aligned}$$

9. Suppose the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are given completely by the table of values shown.

$x$	$f(x)$	$x$	$g(x)$
0	2	0	5
1	7	1	7
2	5	2	4
3	1	3	2
4	3	4	6
5	6	5	3
6	0	6	1
7	4	7	0

10. What is  $f \circ g \circ f(2)$ ?

**Solution:** Note that  $f(2) = 5$ ,  $g(5) = 3$ , and  $f(3) = 1$ , so  $f \circ g \circ f(2) = 1$ .

11. Solve  $(f \circ g)(x) = 7$ ?

**Solution:** Note that  $g(x)$  must be 1, so  $x = 6$ .

12. (10 points) The supply and demand curves are given below for digital cameras at XYZ Distributors, where  $x$  represents the number of units and  $p$  the price. Find the equilibrium quantity and price. Demand:  $p = -x^2 - 2x + 100$  and Supply:  $p = 10x + 55$ .

**Solution:** Solve  $-x^2 - 2x + 100 = 10x + 55$  by solving the quadratic  $-x^2 - 12x + 45 = 0$  to get two solutions,  $x = 3$  and  $x = -15$ , the later of which is extraneous. Thus  $x = 3$  and  $p = 85$ .

13. (40 points) Compute each of the following limits.

(a) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2 & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$

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

**Solution:** 3. Use the blotter test to see that  $f(x)$  is close to 3 when  $x$  is close (but not equal) to 1.

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x}$

**Solution:** Factor the numerator and cancel out the factor  $x$  to get  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} = -2$ .

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 + x - 12}$

**Solution:** Factor and eliminate the common factor  $x - 3$ , then set  $x = 3$  to get  $3/(3 + 4) = 3/7$ .

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} |x^2 - \sqrt{16x - 7}|$

**Solution:** Just replace all the  $x$ 's with the number 2 to get  $|2^2 - \sqrt{16 \cdot 2 - 7}| = |4 - 5| = 1$ .

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

**Solution:** Factor the denominator and cancel out the factor  $x - 1$  to get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} = 2/3.$$

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

**Solution:** Rationalize the denominator to get  $\frac{x-9}{\sqrt{x}-3} = \frac{(x-9)(\sqrt{x}+3)}{x-9}$  which has limit 6 as  $x$  approaches 9.

(g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{3x} - \frac{1}{3}}{x - 1}$

**Solution:** Do the fraction arithmetic to get  $\frac{\frac{1}{3x} - \frac{1}{3}}{x-1} = \frac{\frac{1-x}{3x}}{\frac{x-1}{1}} = -\frac{1}{3x}$  which has limit  $-1/3$  as  $x$  approaches 1.

(h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2}{(1-x)^2}$

**Solution:** We are looking for the horizontal asymptote, which by the asymptote theorem is just  $2/1 = 2$ .