

Exam 1 Review  
Math 170 - Calculus I

Exam I will be based on the material from Chapters 0 and 1.

**You will be expected to know:**

- what a **function** is and how to determine if a graph is a function
- what is meant by the **domain** and **range** of a function, and how to find them
- the various transformations of functions (how does adding a constant to  $f(x)$  change its graph, etc)
- how to **compose** functions, and whether or not this is a commutative operation
- how to graph some simple functions, including lines and  $x^2$
- what the **inverse of a function** is, and how to decide if a function has an inverse
- how to find the inverse of some simple functions
- the graphs of  $e^x$  and  $\ln(x)$ , and the relationship between these functions
- how to solve equations involving exponentials and logarithmic functions
- whether the **limit** of a function  $f(x)$  exists as  $x$  approaches  $a$ ,  $\infty$ , and  $-\infty$
- what is meant by a **one-sided limit**
- how to find the limit of a polynomial or rational function at a point, or at  $\pm\infty$
- the “limit laws” of Theorem 1.2.2
- when a function has a **vertical or horizontal asymptote**, and how to find it
- what it means for a function to be **continuous** at a point and on an interval
- the different types of **discontinuities** that may occur (jump, infinite, removable)
- the properties of continuous functions in Theorem 1.5.3
- that all polynomials are continuous everywhere, as are  $\sin(x)$  and  $\cos(x)$
- where rational functions are continuous
- that the composition of continuous functions is continuous
- that if  $f(x)$  is continuous and it has an inverse  $f^{-1}(x)$ , then  $f^{-1}(x)$  is continuous

**Some sample problems** - please note that these are just some of the types of problems you may see on the exam; this list is **not** exhaustive

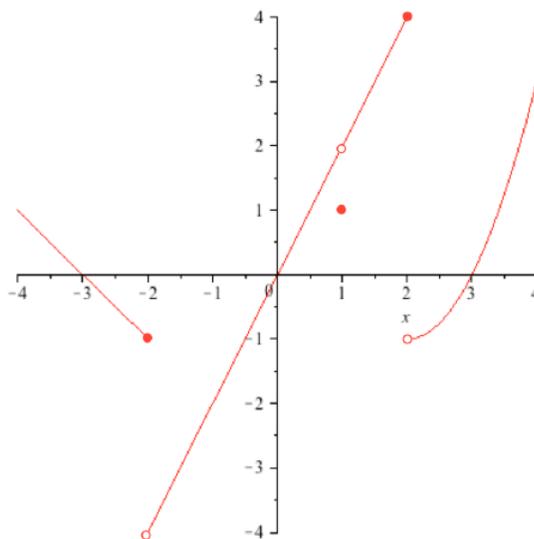
- Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$  and  $(g \circ f)(x)$  if  $f(x) = 3x$  and  $g(x) = 2x + 5$
- Decide if the function  $f(x) = 6x - 8$  has an inverse and, if so, find it. Verify that you have found the inverse of  $f(x)$ .
- Simplify (write as a single expression):  $6 \log_4 3 - 4 \log_4 5x$
- Expand  $\ln \left( \frac{5x^3 \sin(x+1)}{6\sqrt{x+3}} \right)$  as a sum and difference of logarithms.
- Solve the equations for  $x$ :
  - $e^x - 2xe^x = 0$
  - $\ln(1/x) = 10$

- Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes, if any, of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x}{2x - 2}$

7. Find the limits:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{4x - 12}{x^2 - x - 6}$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x^2} + 3$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7x^2 + 2x - 3}{4x^2 + 5x + 11}$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(4x)}{5x}$

8. Refer to the graph of the function  $f(x)$  below:



- Find  $f(-2)$ ,  $f(0)$ ,  $f(1)$ , and  $f(4)$
- Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$
- Find any points  $x$  where  $f(x)$  is discontinuous, and classify the type of discontinuity

- Where is the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 + 8x + 15}$  discontinuous?

10. Which of the following functions are continuous everywhere?

- $\sin(x^3 + 2x)$
- $3x^2 + \tan(x)$
- $\sqrt{5x + 3}$