

MATH 16A MIDTERM 1(001)

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This exam consists of 5 questions. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. (25 points) Determine the domains of the following functions:

(a)

$$\sqrt{1-2x}$$

Solution:

$$1-2x \geq 0 \Rightarrow 1 \geq 2x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \geq x$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain is } (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}].$$

(b)

$$\ln\left(\frac{x+1}{1-x}\right)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{l} x+1 > 0 \\ 1-x > 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x > -1 \\ 1 > x \end{array} \Rightarrow -1 < x < 1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x+1 < 0 \\ -x < 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x < -1 \\ 1 < x \end{array} \Rightarrow \text{No possible values for } x$$

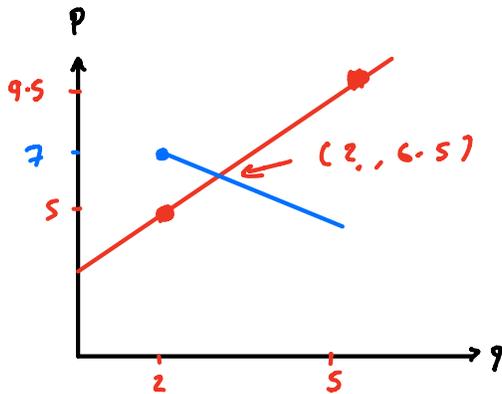
$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain is } (-1, 1)$$

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2. (25 points) A product is to be supplied and sold. If the price per unit is 5 dollars the supplier is willing to provide 2 units. If the price per unit is 9.5 dollars the supplier is willing to provide 5 units. If the price per unit is 7 dollars the demand is 2 units. If the price per unit is less than 6.5 dollars there will be a shortage. If it is more than 6.5 dollars there will be a surplus.

- (a) Determine the supply and demand equations. Hint: Determine the supply equation first.

Solution:



$$\text{Supply: } \text{slope} = \frac{9.5 - 5}{5 - 2} = \frac{4.5}{3} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow p - 5 = \frac{3}{2}(q - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{3}{2}q + 2 = S(q)$$

$$6.5 = \frac{3}{2}q + 2 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}q = 4.5$$

$$\Rightarrow q = 3$$

$$\text{Demand: } \text{slope} = \frac{6.5 - 7}{3 - 2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$p - 7 = -\frac{1}{2}(q - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 8 - \frac{1}{2}q = D(q)$$

- (b) At what price per unit will the demand be zero.

Solution:

$$D(0) = 8 \Rightarrow \$8 \text{ and above gives demand zero}$$

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3. Calculate the following limits. If they do not exist determine if they are ∞ or $-\infty$.

(a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \sqrt{\frac{x-3}{x-1}}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \sqrt{\frac{x-3}{x-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{-1-3}{-1-1}} = \sqrt{2}$$

(b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^7 + 6x^3 - x^2 + 3}{-x^6 + x^5 + 4x^3 - x - 1}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^7 + 6x^3 - x^2 + 3}{-x^6 + x^5 + 4x^3 - x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^7}{-x^6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} -2x = \infty \quad (\text{DNE})$$

(c)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{2 - x - x^2}{x^2 - 2x + 1}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{2 - x - x^2}{x^2 - 2x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{-(x+2)(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{-(x+2)}{x-1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} -(x+2) = -3 < 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ \hline \\ x-1 < 0 \quad x-1 > 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x-1 = 0^-$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{-(x+2)}{x-1} = \infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{-(x+2)}{x-1} = \infty \end{array} \right\} (\text{DNE})$$

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4. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{x}-a}{x-4} & \text{if } x \neq 4 \\ b & \text{if } x = 4 \end{cases}$ for some real numbers a and b .

Find values of a and b such that $f(x)$ continuous at $x = 4$? Carefully justify why $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 4$ for these values.

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \sqrt{x} - a = \sqrt{4} - a = 2 - a$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x - 4 = 4 - 4 = 0$$

$$2 - a \neq 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - a}{x - 4} \text{ DNE}$$

$$2 - a = 0 \Rightarrow \text{UNCLEAR QUOTIENT}$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$a = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 2}{x - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 2}{(\sqrt{x} - 2)(\sqrt{x} + 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + 2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4} + 2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\Rightarrow a = 2, b = \frac{1}{4}$ gives a continuous function

at $x = 4$.

You may assume $x \neq 3$

5. Using limits, calculate the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{x^2-9}{x^2-x-6}$. Are there any points in the graph $y = f(x)$ with horizontal tangent line?

Solution:

$$\frac{x^2-9}{x^2-x-6} = \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{(x-3)(x+2)} = \frac{x+3}{x+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x+h+3}{x+h+2} - \frac{x+3}{x+2}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+2)(x+h+3) - (x+3)(x+h+2)}{h(x+2)(x+h+2)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x^2} + \cancel{hx} + \cancel{3x} + \cancel{2a} + \cancel{2h} + \cancel{6} - \cancel{x^2} - \cancel{xh} - \cancel{2x} - \cancel{3x} - \cancel{3h} - \cancel{6}}{h(x+2)(x+h+2)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(x+2)(x+h+2)} = \frac{-1}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{-1}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{(x+2)^2} = 0 \text{ which has no solutions.}$$

\Rightarrow There are no horizontal tangent lines

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