

Math 131  
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Midterm 3  
Form A

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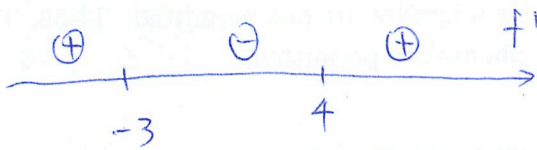
**Instructions:**

- You have **48 minutes** to complete this exam. It consists of 7 problems on 7 pages including this cover sheet. It is worth a total of 100 points. The value of each question is listed below.
- You may not use any books or notes during this exam.
- Calculators are permitted EXCEPT those calculators that have symbolic algebra or calculus capabilities. In particular, the following calculators and their upgrades are not permitted: TI-89, TI-92, and HP-49. In addition, neither PDAs, laptops nor cell phones are permitted.
- Make sure to read each question carefully.
- Please **write clearly** and make sure to **justify your answers**. Correct answers with no supporting work may receive no credit.
- Please write your answers on the indicated lines.
- A random sample of graded exams will be xeroxed before being returned.

Problem	Point Value	Score
1	10	
2	10	
3	26	
4	18	
5	16	
6	10	
7	10	
Total	100	

(1.) Let  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 72x$ . Use derivatives and a sign graph to determine the interval(s) on which  $f(x)$  is increasing and on which  $f(x)$  is decreasing. (If there are none, please say so).

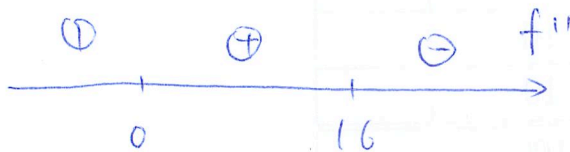
$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 6x^2 - 6x - 72 \\ &= 6(x^2 - x - 12) \\ &= 6(x-4)(x+3) \\ x &= 4 \quad x = -3. \end{aligned}$$



Answer (1.): increasing:  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (4, \infty)$   
 decreasing:  $(-3, 4)$

(2.) Let  $f(x) = -x^6 + 24x^5 - 24x + 17$ . Use derivatives and a sign graph to determine the interval(s) on which  $f(x)$  is concave up and on which  $f(x)$  is concave down. (If there are none, please say so).

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= -6x^5 + 120x^4 - 24 \\ f''(x) &= -30x^4 + 480x^3 = -30x^3(x-16) \end{aligned}$$



Answer (2.): concave up:  $(0, 16)$   
 concave down:  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (16, \infty)$

(3.) Let  $f(x) = 10x^6 - 13x^5 + 13$ .

(a.) Find  $y$ -intercept of  $f(x)$ .

Answer (3a.):  $y$ -intercept: 13

(b.) Use derivatives and a sign graph to determine the interval(s) on which  $f(x)$  is increasing and on which  $f(x)$  is decreasing AND indicate where  $f(x)$  has local maximum and local minimum points. (If there are none, please say so).

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 60x^5 - 65x^4 \\ &= 60x^4 \left(x - \frac{65}{60}\right) \\ &= 60x^4 \left(x - \frac{13}{12}\right) \end{aligned}$$



Answer (3b.): increasing:  $\left(\frac{13}{12}, \infty\right)$

decreasing:  $(-\infty, 0) \cup \left(0, \frac{13}{12}\right)$

local max. points(s) at  $x =$  None

local min. point(s) at  $x =$   $\frac{13}{12}$

(c.) Use derivatives and a sign graph to determine the interval(s) on which  $f(x)$  is concave up and on which  $f(x)$  is concave down AND indicate where  $f(x)$  has inflection point(s). (If there are none, please say so).

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= 300x^4 - 260x^3 \\ &= 300x^3 \left(x - \frac{260}{300}\right) \\ &= 300x^3 \left(x - \frac{13}{15}\right) \end{aligned}$$



Answer (3c.): concave up:  $(-\infty, 0) \cup \left(\frac{13}{15}, +\infty\right)$

concave down:  $\left(0, \frac{13}{15}\right)$

inflection point(s) at  $x =$   $0, \frac{13}{15}$

(4.) Let  $f(x) = \frac{5x^2 + 10}{x^2 - 36}$

(a.) Find the  $x$ -intercept(s) and  $y$ -intercept of  $f(x)$ .

Answer (4a.):  $x$ -intercept(s): None  
 $y$ -intercept:  $-\frac{10}{36}$

(b.) Find all horizontal asymptotes of  $f(x)$ . (If there are none, please say so).

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2}{x^2} = 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x^2}{x^2} = 5$$

Answer (4b.): horizontal asymptote(s):  $y = 5$

(c.) Find all vertical asymptotes of  $f(x)$ . (If there are none, please say so).

$$x^2 - 36 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 36$$

$$x = \pm 6$$

Answer (4c.): vertical asymptote(s):  $x = 6$   $x = -6$

(5.) Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x + 13$ .

(a.) Use the Second Derivative Test to find where the local maximum(s) and the local minimum(s) of  $f(x)$  occur.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 3x^2 - 18x + 15 \\ &= 3(x^2 - 6x + 5) \\ &= 3(x-1)(x-5) \\ x &= 5 \quad x = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$f''(x) = 6x - 18$$

$$f''(1) = -12$$

$$f''(5) = 12$$

Answer (5a.): local max(s). at  $x = \underline{\quad 1 \quad}$   
local min(s). at  $x = \underline{\quad 5 \quad}$

(b.) Find where the absolute maximum and absolute minimum for  $f(x)$  occur over the interval  $[4, 7]$ .

Evaluate  $f$  at  $x = 4, 5, 7$ .

$$f(4) = -7$$

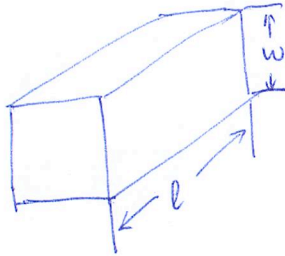
$$f(5) = -12$$

$$f(7) = 20$$

Answer (5b.): absolute max(s). at  $x = \underline{\quad 7 \quad}$   
absolute min(s). at  $x = \underline{\quad 5 \quad}$

(6.) A parcel delivery service will deliver a package only if the length plus girth (distance around) does not exceed 84 inches. Find the dimensions of a rectangular box with square ends that satisfies the delivery service's restrictions and has maximal volume.

To make the box as large as possible.



$$l + 4w = 84.$$

By default,  $l \geq 0$

$$w \geq 0.$$

So  $0 \leq w \leq 21.$

$$V = l \cdot w^2$$

$$= (84 - 4w)w^2$$

$$= 84w^2 - 4w^3$$

$$\frac{dV}{dw} = 168w - 12w^2$$

$$= -12w(w - 14)$$

$$w = 0 \quad w = 14$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(14) = 5488$$

$$f(21) = 0$$

so  $w = 14$ ,  $l = 28$

Answer (6.): dimensions:  $w = 14$ ,  $l = 28$

(7.) Use the given information to sketch a graph of  $f(x)$ :

Domain: All real except  $x = -3$  and  $x = 2$ .

$f(-4) = -2$ ,  $f(-1) = 0$ ,  $f(3) = 2$ .

$f'(x) < 0$  on  $(-\infty, -3)$  and  $(2, \infty)$ ,  $f'(x) > 0$  on  $(-3, 2)$ .

$f''(x) < 0$  on  $(-\infty, -3)$  and  $(-3, -1)$ ,  $f''(x) > 0$  on  $(-1, 2)$  and  $(2, \infty)$ .

Vertical asymptotes:  $x = -3$  and  $x = 2$ , Horizontal asymptotes:  $y = 0$ .

