

MATH 100 (Winter, 2026)
Test 1

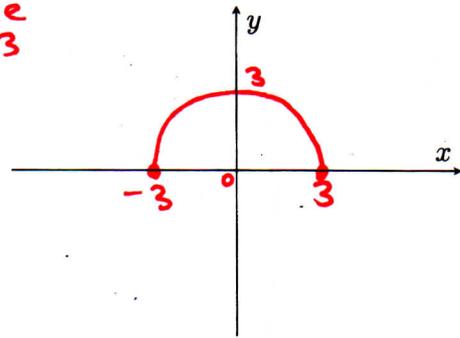
1. (2 marks) Find the equation of the line, in general form, that passes through the point $(-3, 2)$ and is perpendicular to the line $x + y = 7$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{y = -x + 7}_{\text{has slope } -1} \\
 & \therefore \perp \text{ line has slope } 1 \\
 & y - 2 = 1(x + 3) \Rightarrow x - y = -5
 \end{aligned}$$

2. (2 marks) Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$ and state its domain and range using interval notation.

Domain = $[-3, 3]$

Range = $[0, 3]$

 Semicircle
radius 3


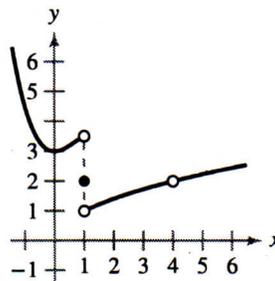
3. (2 marks) Solve the equation $\cos^2 \theta + \sin \theta = 1$ for θ , where $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 - \sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta &= 1 \\
 \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta &= 0 \\
 \sin \theta (\sin \theta - 1) &= 0 \\
 \sin \theta = 0 &\quad \text{or} \quad \sin \theta = 1 \\
 \theta = 0, \pi, 2\pi &\quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. (1 mark) Given the graph of the function $f(x)$, evaluate the following limits. Answer "dne" if the limit does not exist.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \underline{\text{d.n.e.}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = \underline{2}$$



5. Evaluate the limits. If they do not exist, then determine whether they are ∞ , $-\infty$ or neither.

(a) (2 marks) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x+5} - 3}{x - 4}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x+5} - 3}{x - 4} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+5} + 3}{\sqrt{x+5} + 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x+5-9}{(x-4)(\sqrt{x+5}+3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-4}{(x-4)(\sqrt{x+5}+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+5}+3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

(b) (1 mark) $\lim_{x \rightarrow (1/2)^-} x \sec \pi x = \lim_{x \rightarrow (1/2)^-} \frac{x}{\cos \pi x} = \frac{1/2}{\cos(\pi/2)^-} = \frac{1/2}{0^+} = \infty$

(d.n.e.)

6. (3 marks) Verify that the Intermediate Value Theorem applies to $f(x) = x^2 + x - 1$ on the interval $[0, 5]$ for $k = 11$, and then find the value of c in the interval satisfying $f(c) = k$ guaranteed by the theorem.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(0) = -1 < 11 \\ f(5) = 29 > 11 \end{array} \right\} f(0) < 11 < f(5) \text{ and } f \text{ is continuous on } [0, 5]. \therefore \text{IVT applies}$$

$$f(x) = 11 \Rightarrow x^2 + x - 1 = 11 \Rightarrow x^2 + x - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow (x+4)(x-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -4 \text{ or } x = 3$$

discard
(not in $[0, 5]$)

$$\therefore c = 3$$

7. (3 marks) Use the **limit definition** of a derivative to find $f'(x)$, where $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x+\Delta x-1} - \frac{1}{x-1}}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x-1) - (x+\Delta x-1)}{(x+\Delta x-1)(x-1)\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\Delta x}{(x+\Delta x-1)(x-1)\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(x+\Delta x-1)(x-1)} = \frac{-1}{(x-1)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

8. Find and simplify the derivatives of the following functions.

(a) (1 mark) $f(t) = t^2 \sin t$

$$f'(t) = t^2 \cos t + 2t \sin t$$

(b) (3 marks) $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y' &= \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1} \cdot 1 - x \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+1}} \cdot 2x}{(\sqrt{x^2+1})^2} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}}{x^2+1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} \\
 &= \frac{x^2+1-x^2}{(x^2+1)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{(x^2+1)^{3/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

9. (3 marks) Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = \tan^2 x$ at the point $(\frac{\pi}{4}, 1)$. Write your answer in slope-intercept form.

$$f'(x) = 2 \tan x \sec^2 x$$

$$f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 2(1)(\sqrt{2})^2 = 4 \text{ (slope)}$$

$$y - 1 = 4(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$y = 4x - \pi + 1$$

10. (2 marks) Prove $\frac{d}{dx}[\cot x] = -\csc^2 x$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}[\cot x] &= \frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}\right] = \frac{\sin x(-\sin x) - \cos x(\cos x)}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= -\frac{(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)}{\sin^2 x} = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} = -\csc^2 x. \end{aligned}$$