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The problems count as marked. The total number of points available is 135.

Throughout this test, **show your work.**

1. (40 points) Evaluate each of the limits indicated below.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4 - x^2}{x^2}$

Solution: Factor and eliminate the x^2 to get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^2 - 1 = -1$$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2}}{x-1}$

Solution: The limit of the numerator is 0 and the limit of the denominator is not zero, so $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2}}{x-1} = 0$.

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{x^2-3x-10}$

Solution: Factor and cancel $x - 5$ to get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{x+2} = 1/7$$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2-3}}{11-5x}$

Solution: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2-3}}{11-5x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2/x^2-3/x^2}}{11/x-5x/x} = \frac{3}{-5} = -3/5$ because the degree of the denominator is essentially the same as that of the numerator.

For problems (e) through (j), let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 7-x & \text{if } x > 2 \\ 10 & \text{if } x = 2 \\ 2x+1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 2 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$

Solution: -1

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$

Solution: 1

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$

Solution: DNE

(h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$

Solution: 5

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$

Solution: 5

(j) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$

Solution: 5

2. (21 points) Consider the function whose properties are displayed.

a	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$	DNE	1	1	4	2	3
$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$	1	2	1	3	2	DNE
$f(a)$	1	2	-1	1	2	3
$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} g(x)$	4	1	3	3	1	0
$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} g(x)$	1	2	0	3	1	DNE
$g(a)$	1	-1	3	3	DNE	0

Using the table above calculate the limits below. Enter 'DNE' if the limit doesn't exist OR if limit can't be determined from the information given.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} [f(x) + g(x)]$

Solution: 6

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} [f(x) + g(x)]$

Solution: 7

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [f(x) + g(x)]$

Solution: DNE

(d) $(f + g)(4)$

Solution: $3 + 0 = 3$.

(e) $f \circ g \circ f(-1)$

Solution: $f \circ g \circ f(-1) = f \circ g(1) = f(3) = 2$

- (f) Find all points (in the table) at which f is continuous.

Solution: $x = 3$

- (g) Find all points (in the table) at which g is continuous.

Solution: $x = 2$

3. (7 points) Compute the exact value of $|2 - 4\pi| + |8 - 2\pi| + |6 - 6\pi|$. No points for a decimal approximation.

Solution: $|2 - 4\pi| + |8 - 2\pi| + |6 - 6\pi| = -(2 - 4\pi) + (8 - 2\pi) - (6 - 6\pi) = -2 + 4\pi + 8 - 2\pi - 6 + 6\pi = 8\pi$.

4. (10 points) Find the (implied) domain of

$$f(x) = \sqrt{(x - 2)(x^2 - 9)},$$

and write your answer in interval notation.

Solution: Note that the domain must include those values of x for which the value inside the radical is at least zero. First factor $(x - 2)(x^2 - 9)$ completely into $g(x) = (x - 2)(x - 3)(x + 3)$. Then use the test interval technique to solve $(x - 2)(x - 3)(x + 3) \geq 0$. You see that $g(x)$ is positive between -3 and 2 and to the right of 3 . So the domain D of f is $D = [-3, 2] \cup [3, \infty)$.

5. (25 points) Let $f(x) = \sqrt{3x-2}$. Notice that $f(6) = \sqrt{18-2} = 4$.

(a) Find the slope of the line joining the points $(6, 4)$ and $(6+h, f(6+h))$, where $h \neq 0$. Note that $(6+h, f(6+h))$ is a point on the graph of f .

Solution: $\frac{\sqrt{3(6+h)-2}-4}{6+h-6} = \frac{\sqrt{3(6+h)-2}-4}{h}$.

(b) Compute $f(a+h)$, $f(a)$, and finally $\frac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h}$.

Solution:

(c) Finally compute the limit as h approaches 0 to find $f'(a)$.

Solution: Since we get zero over zero, we recall that, in this case, we should rationalize the numerator.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3(a+h)-2} - \sqrt{3a-2}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3(a+h)-2} - \sqrt{3a-2}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3(a+h)-2} + \sqrt{3a-2}}{\sqrt{3(a+h)-2} + \sqrt{3a-2}} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3(a+h) - 2 - (3a-2)}{h(\sqrt{3(a+h)-2} + \sqrt{3a-2})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3h}{h(\sqrt{3(a+h)-2} + \sqrt{3a-2})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{(\sqrt{3(a+h)-2} + \sqrt{3a-2})} \\ &= \frac{3}{2(\sqrt{3a-2})} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Replace the a with 6 to find $f'(6)$.

Solution: $f'(6) = 3 \cdot 16^{-1/2} / 2 = 3/8$

6. (32 points) Given three functions, $h(x) = 2x$,

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 1 & \text{if } x > 6 \\ 4 - x & \text{if } x \leq 6 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x+3} & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Note that $f \circ g \circ h(-2) = f \circ g(h(-2)) = f \circ g(-4) = f(8) = \sqrt{11}$.

(a) Complete the following table.

x	$h(x)$	$g \circ h(x)$	$f \circ g \circ h(x)$
-2	-4	8	$\sqrt{11}$
4			
	10		
		-2	
			0

Solution:

x	$h(x)$	$g \circ h(x)$	$f \circ g \circ h(x)$
-2	-4	8	$\sqrt{11}$
4	8	23	$\sqrt{26}$
5	10	29	$4\sqrt{2}$
3	6	-2	4
2	4	0	0

(b) Find all solutions to $f \circ g \circ h(x) = 3$.

Solution: $g(2x)$ could be 6 since $f(6) = \sqrt{9} = 3$. Also, $g(2x)$ could be $-\sqrt{3}$. These two equations lead to $x = -1$ and $4 - 2x = -\sqrt{3}$ from which it follows that $x = \sqrt{3}/2 + 2$.

(c) Find a symbolic representation of $g \circ h(x)$.

Solution:

$$g \circ h(x) = \begin{cases} 6x - 1 & \text{if } x > 3 \\ 4 - 2x & \text{if } x \leq 3 \end{cases}$$