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Background Homework – Calculus 1, Spring 2017 – due Tuesday Jan. 17

1. (2 pts) Factor.

$$x^2 - 2x - 15 =$$

2. (4 pts) Simplify as much as possible (assume  $x \neq \pm 2$ ).

$$\frac{4x}{x^2 - 4} - \frac{2}{x + 2} =$$

3. (4 pts) Simplify as much as possible.

(a)  $\left(\frac{4}{25}\right)^{-1/2} =$

(b)  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{a^7b}}{\sqrt[3]{ab^4}} =$

4. (4 pts) (a) (1 pt) Find the distance between the points  $(0, 2)$ ,  $(2, -2)$ . (OK to leave answer as a square-root.)

- (b) (3 pts) Find the equation of the line that contains the points  $(0, 2)$ ,  $(2, -2)$ .

5. (6 pts) Sketch the graph of each of the following functions and mark the coordinates of axis intercepts.

(a)  $f(x) = 3 - x^2$

(b)  $g(x) = 2x - 3$

6. (6 pts) True or False? Assume  $a, b$  are positive real numbers. Circle "True" if the equality holds for all  $a, b$ . Otherwise, circle "False".

$$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = a + b$$

True    False

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{a+b}{ab}$$

True    False

$$\frac{1}{a+b} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$$

True    False

$$\ln(a+b) = \ln a + \ln b$$

True    False

$$\ln(a^b) = b \ln a$$

True    False

$$\sec^2 a = 1 + \tan^2 a$$

True    False

7. (6 pts) Fill in the exact values:

$$\cos(\pi/3) =$$

$$\tan(5\pi/4) =$$

$$\sin^{-1}(1) =$$

$$\log_{10}(1000) =$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{e^2}\right) =$$

$$\log_3(\sqrt{3}) =$$

8. (6 pts) Consider the functions  $f(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 2$ .

(a) (2 pts) Find the domain of the function  $f(x)$ .

(b) (2 pts) Find a formula for the composition  $(g \circ f)(x)$ .

(c) (2 pts) Compute and simplify the expression for  $\frac{g(x+h)-g(x)}{h}$ .

9. (12 pts) Find all solutions of the following equations (3 pts each):

(a)  $x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x = 0$

(b)  $5 \cdot (3^{2x}) = 7$

Leave your answer as a logarithm for this one.

(c)  $2 \cos x + 1 = 0$

OK to find all solutions  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$  for this one.

(d)  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

I want to check you know the quadratic formula.

10. (4 pts) In the right-angle triangle  $\triangle ABC$  the right angle is at  $B$  and the sides  $BA$  and  $BC$  have lengths 3cm and 4cm, respectively. Let  $D$  and  $E$  be points on the sides  $BA$  and  $BC$ , respectively, so that the line  $DE$  is parallel to  $AC$  and the segment  $AD$  has length of 1cm. What is the length of the segment  $DE$ ?