

College Algebra

**The Final Exam is cumulative.** Problems will be similar to those you have seen on previous exams. The exam is worth 120 points. Formulas provided on Exam 4 will also be provided on the Final.

**Part I.** Multiple Choice. The exam will have 15 multiple choice questions which will cover concepts, definitions, and symbolism. The questions will be similar to the MC questions on previous exams.

**Part II.** The remaining questions will be graded on partial credit. Graphs should be clearly labeled.

Some of the vocabulary and skills to review are included in the following table:

Vocabulary (concepts)		Skills (some)
function	logarithm	long division
zero of a function	exponential	synthetic division
domain	difference quotient	interpreting a graph
range	slope	factoring
matrix	transformations	factoring a polynomial
row echelon form	composition	quadratic formula
discriminant	piecewise function	u-substitution
asymptote	inverse function	squaring a binomial
rational function	polynomial function	composing functions
systems of equations:	end behavior	interval notation
- dependent	increasing/decreasing/constant	sign test for inequalities
- independent	maximum/minimum	
- consistent	rate of change	
- inconsistent	basic function families	

1.  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$        $g(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$        $h(x) = 3x + 5$

- (a) Find and simplify  $f(-2)$
- (b) Find and simplify  $(g \circ h)(x)$
- (c) Find and simplify (i)  $(f - h)(x)$       (ii)  $(f - h)(-1)$
- (d) Simplify the difference quotient:  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

2. Use the tables for  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  to find:

$x$	1	3	5	7
$f(x)$	5	7	1	3

(a)  $(f \circ g)(3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(b)  $(g \circ f)(3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$x$	1	3	5	7
$g(x)$	3	5	7	8

3. Write the equation of the line through the points  $(3, 7)$  and  $(-3, 4)$ . Give your answer in slope-intercept form.

4. Write the equation of the line through  $(-4,5)$  that is perpendicular to the line  $2x + 3y + 6 = 0$ . Give your answer in slope-intercept form.

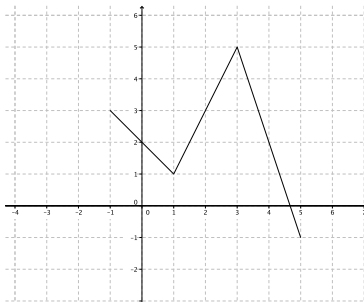
5. Complete the square to find the center and radius of the circle defined by  $x^2 + y^2 + 14x - 4y - 19 = 0$

6. Describe each transformation. Use the graph of  $y = f(x)$  given to sketch each transformation.

(a)  $y = f(x - 1) + 2$

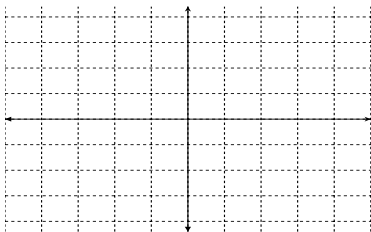
(b)  $y = \frac{1}{2}f(x)$

(c)  $y = -f(x)$

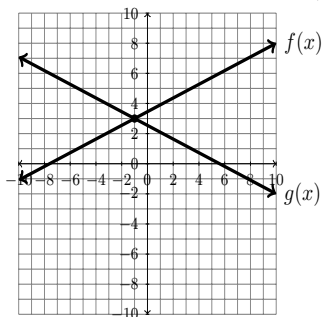


7. Graph the piecewise function:

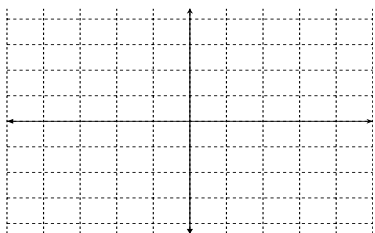
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x + 2)^2 & -3 \leq x < 0 \\ -2x & 0 \leq x < 2 \end{cases}$$



8. Use the graph to solve  $f(x) < g(x)$



9. Graph the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 6$ . [Label the scale clearly.]



- What is the vertex?
- State the domain and range.
- Write the equation for the axis of symmetry.
- Over what interval(s) is  $f(x)$  increasing?
- Over what interval(s) is  $f(x)$  decreasing?
- Find the real zero(s) for  $f(x)$ .

10. A cell phone company develops a pay-as-you-go cell phone plan in which the monthly cost varies directly as the number of minutes used. If the company charges \$17.70 in a month when 236 minutes are used, what is the constant of variation? What should it charge for a month in which 500 minutes are used?

11. Demand for a product varies inversely with the price per unit of the product. Demand for the product is 10,000 units when the price is \$5.75 per unit. What is the constant of variation? What is the demand (to the nearest hundred units) when the price is \$6.50?
12. The profit that a vendor makes per day by selling  $x$  pretzels is given by the function  $P(x) = -0.002x^2 + 2.8x - 200$ . Find the number of pretzels that must be sold to maximize profit.
13. The height of a model rocket launched from a 112 foot cliff is given by  $h(t) = -16t^2 + 96t + 112$ , where  $t$  is the time, in seconds, from when the rocket is launched. Find the maximum height the rocket attains *above the cliff*.
14. Decide whether  $(x + 4)$  is a factor of  $P(x) = 2x^3 + 14x^2 + 23x - 4$ .
15. Describe the end behavior of the graph of  $f(x) = -x^4 + 2x + 5$
16. For the polynomial function  $P(x) = (x^2 - 3)(x - 2)(x + 1)^2$ , list all the zeros and their multiplicities. Determine whether the graph of  $P(x)$  touches or crosses at each zero.
17. Find all the real or complex zeros of  $f(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 - 34x + 40$  and write  $P(x)$  in factored form.
18. Use the Rational Zeros Theorem to list the *possible* rational zeros for  $f(x) = 10x^3 - 13x^2 - 103x - 20$ .
19. Give the equations for any vertical, horizontal, or oblique asymptotes of  
 (a)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{2x^2 - x - 21}$     (b)  $g(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 4x + 5}{x - 2}$     (c)  $h(x) = \frac{2x + 3}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$
20. Sketch a graph of  $f(x) = \frac{2x - 3}{x + 1}$ . Label all intercepts and asymptotes.
21. Solve each inequality analytically (sign test). Verify graphically.  
 (a)  $\frac{(x - 2)(x + 1)}{(x + 4)} \leq 0$     (b)  $x^2 - 5x + 4 < 0$
22. Find a formula for the inverse of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} - 3$   
 (a) What is the domain for  $f(x)$ ?  
 (b) What is the domain for  $f^{-1}(x)$ ?
23.  
 (a) Write in logarithmic form:  $2^{-3} = 0.125$   
 (b) Evaluate:  $\log_7 28$   
 (c) Evaluate:  $\ln e^{3.6}$
24. Solve for  $x$ :  $\log_2(6x - 4) = 4.1$
25. Solve for  $x$ :  $4^{2x-5} = \frac{1}{64}$

26. Solve for  $x$ :  $2^{x-3} = 7^{2x}$
27. Solve for  $x$ :  $e^{5x-1} = 4$
28. Solve for  $x$ :  $3x^2 - 2x + 11 = 0$
29. Solve for  $x$ :  $|4x - 3| = 9$
30. Solve for  $x$ : (a)  $|2x + 8| \leq 4$                       (b)  $|7 - 2x| + 3 > 11$
31. Solve for  $x$ :
32. Use the properties of logarithms to express the following as a sum, difference, or product of simpler logarithms:  $\log \frac{m^3 n}{\sqrt{y}}$
33. Suppose \$15,000 is invested at 3.25%. Find the total amount present at the end of 5 years if interest is compounded
- (a) quarterly
- (b) continuously
34. If Tim has \$1000 to invest at 7% compounded continuously, how long will it be before he has \$1500? How long before his investment is doubled?
35. If Seattle had a population of 2.3 million in 1990 and 1.75 million in 1950, use the continuous growth model  $A(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$  to find the rate of growth and predict the population for 2015.
36. Assume fish populations obey the exponential growth model ( $A(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$ ). There are 15 angel fish in a fish tank at the beginning of the month. Thirty days later there are 55 angel fish.
- (a) Find an exact representation for the rate of growth,  $k$ .
- (b) How many fish will there be in the tank in 2 weeks? (note the units)
- (c) Use the exact value to determine how many days will it be before there are 100 angel fish?
37. The radioactive isotope of potassium  $^{42}K$  which is used in the diagnosis of brain tumors, has a half-life of 12.4 hours. If 500 milligrams are taken, how many milligrams will remain after 24 hours?
38. A sheet of heavy-duty cardboard measuring 40 inches by 30 inches is to be made into an open box by cutting out equal-sized squares of side length  $x$  from each corner and folding up the sides.
- a) What are the restrictions on the values for  $x$ ?
- b) Write a function  $V$ , which will give the volume of the open box.
- c) Find the volume if a square that is 4.5 inches on a side is cut out.
- d) For what value of  $x$  will the volume be a maximum? What is the maximum volume?

39. Solve the following linear systems by substitution, elimination, or matrix row operations.

$$(a) \begin{cases} 6x + 3y = 12 \\ 2x - y = -2 \end{cases}$$

$$(b) \begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 27 \\ y - x = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$(c) \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}x - 2y = 1 \\ 5x - 30y = 18 \end{cases}$$

$$(d) \begin{cases} x + 2y + 4z = -3 \\ 2x + 7y + 15z = -12 \\ 4x + 7y + 13z = -10 \end{cases}$$

40. The given matrix represents a linear system. Use matrix row operations to solve, and write the solution as an ordered triple.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & -12 \end{array} \right]$$

41. Write the augmented matrix for the linear system below. Then, perform the indicated row operations (in order) to transform the matrix.

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y + 3z = 0 \\ x + 2y - z = 5 \\ 2y + z = 1 \end{cases}$$

a)  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$

b)  $2R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$

42. Clearly define the variables and set up a system of equations to solve. Then solve by substitution, elimination, or matrix row operations.

An inheritance of \$5,000 is divided among three investments yielding \$240 in simple interest per year. The interest rates for the investments are 3%, 4%, and 6%. The difference in the amount of money invested in the fund paying 6% and the amount invested for the least return is the same as the amount invested at 4%. Find the amount of each investment.

43. Solve the following non-linear system algebraically and graphically.

$$\begin{cases} (x - 2)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 9 \\ y = -x + 4 \end{cases}$$

44. Complete the square to find the center and radius of the following equation of a circle:

$$x^2 + 6x + y^2 - 10y - 15 = 0.$$

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Answers:

1. (a) 8      (b)  $\frac{1}{3x+4}$       (c) (i)  $x^2 - 5x - 5$  (ii) 1      (d)  $2x + h - 2$

2. (a) 1      (b) 8

3.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{11}{2}$

4.  $y = \frac{3}{2}x + 11$

5.  $C : (-7, 2), r = 6\sqrt{2}$

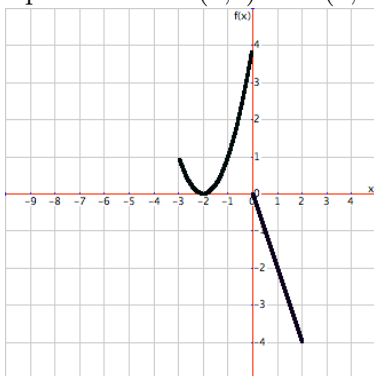
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(a) The new graph is shifted 1 unit right and 2 units up. Key points: (0, 5), (2, 3), (4, 7), (6, 1)

(b) The new graph is a vertical shrink by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Key points: (-1, 1.5), (1, .5), (3, 2.5), (5, -.5)

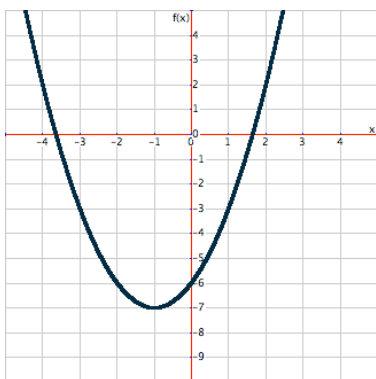
(c) The new graph is reflected over the  $x$ -axis. Key points: (-1, -3), (1, -1), (3, -5), (5, 1)

7. open circle on (0,4) and (2,-4)



8.  $(-\infty, -1)$

9.



(a) (-1, -7)

(b) D:  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ; R:  $[-7, \infty)$

(c)  $x = -1$

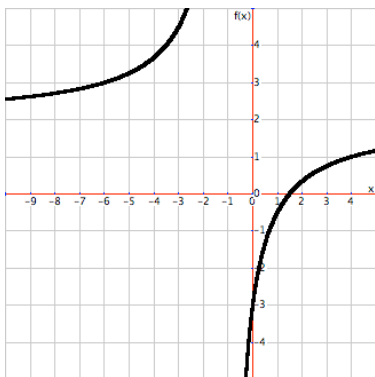
(d)  $[-1, \infty)$

(e)  $(-\infty, -1]$

(f)  $x = -1 \pm \sqrt{7}$

10.  $k = \$0.075$  charge per minute;  $\$37.50$
11.  $k = 57,500$ ;  $\approx 8800$  units
12. 700 pretzels
13. maximum height above the cliff: 144 feet
14. yes;  $P(-4) = 0$
15. falls on the left (as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ ); falls on the right (as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ )
16. crosses at  $x = \pm\sqrt{3}, 2$  (each multiplicity 1) and touches at  $x = -1$  (multiplicity 2)
17.  $f(x) = 3(x-2)(x+4)(x-\frac{5}{3})$  or  $f(x) = (x-2)(x+4)(3x-5)$ ; zeros are 2, -4, and  $\frac{5}{3}$
18.  $\pm\{1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{10}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{2}\}$
- 19.
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|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| (a)                           | (b)              | (c)                 |
| VA: $x = \frac{7}{2}, x = -3$ | VA: $x = 2$      | VA: $x = 3, x = -1$ |
| HA: $y = \frac{1}{2}$         | HA: none         | HA: $y = 0$         |
| OA: none                      | OA: $y = 3x + 2$ | OA: none            |

20.



VA:  $x = -1$   
 HA:  $y = 2$   
 y-int:  $(0, -3)$   
 x-int:  $(\frac{3}{2}, 0)$

21.

	(a)	(b)
critical values:	2, -1, -4	1, 4
test intervals:	$(-\infty, -4), (-4, -1), (-1, 2), (2, \infty)$	$(-\infty, 1), (1, 4), (4, \infty)$
work:	<i>show tests</i>	
answer:	$(-\infty, -4) \cup [-1, 2]$	(1, 4)

22.  $f^{-1}(x) = (x+3)^2, x \geq -3$       (a)  $\text{Domain}_f: [0, \infty)$       (b)  $\text{Domain}_{f^{-1}}: [-3, \infty)$
23. (a)  $\log_2 0.125 = -3$       (b) 1.712      (c) 3.6
24.  $x \approx 3.525$
25.  $x = 1$



26.  $x = \frac{3 \log 2}{\log 2 - 2 \log 7} \approx -0.65$

27.  $x = \frac{\ln 4 + 1}{5} \approx .477$

28.  $x = \frac{1 \pm 4i\sqrt{2}}{3}$

29.  $x = 3$  and  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$

30.  $[-6, -2]$

31.  $(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}) \cup (\frac{15}{2}, \infty)$

32.  $3 \log m + \log n - (\frac{1}{2}) \log y$

33. (a) \$17,635.14                      (b) \$17,646.72

34. 5.79 years; 9.9 years

35.  $k = \frac{\ln(\frac{2.3}{1.75})}{40} \approx 0.0068$ ; 2.73 million people in 2015

36. (a)  $k = \frac{\ln(\frac{55}{15})}{30} \approx 4.33\%$ ; (b)  $\approx 27.5 \rightarrow 27$  fish; (c) 43.8 days

37.  $k = \frac{\ln(.5)}{12.4} \approx -.0559$ ; 130.7 milligrams remain after 24 hours

38. a)  $0 < x < 15$       b)  $V(x) = (40 - 2x)(30 - 2x)x = 1200x - 140x^2 + 4x^3$       c) 2929.5 cu.in.  
 d)  $x \approx 5.7in.$ ,  $V(5.7) \approx 3032.2$  cu.in.

39. (a)  $(\frac{1}{2}, 3)$     ((b) (6, 5)  
 (c)  $\emptyset$     (d) (1, -2, 0)

40.  $(z + 20, \frac{1}{2}z - 3, z)$

41.

augmented matrix    (a)    (b)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 7 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

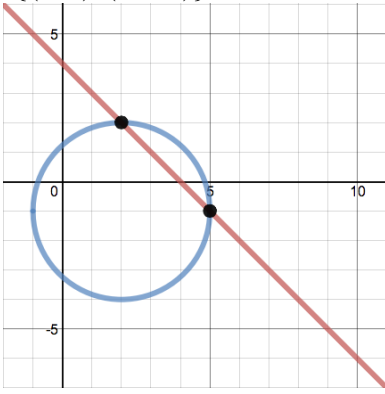
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$x$  = dollars invested at 3%  
 $y$  = dollars invested at 4%  
 $z$  = dollars invested at 6%

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 5000 \\ .03x + .04y + .06z = 240 \\ z - x = y \end{cases}$$

$x = \$1000$ ,  $y = \$1500$ ,  $z = \$2500$

43.  $\{(2, 2), (5, -1)\}$



44. Center:  $(-3, 5)$ ; Radius = 7