

Exam 1

Math 0220 (evening)

Spring 2011

100 points total

Student's name: _____

1. Find the limit, if it exists. If the limit does not exist explain why. Show all the necessary steps. You can use any method.

(a) [5 points] $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 4} - x}{2x}$

(b) [5 points] $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \pi^-} \cot \theta$

(c) [5 points] $\lim_{h \rightarrow 2} \frac{h - 2}{2|h - 2|}$

(d) [5 points] $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \sin x}{x^2 + 1}$

2. [10 points] Calculate y'' if $y^2 - x^2 = 2x$. Do not leave y' in your answer.

3. [15 points] A ladder 10 feet long rests against a vertical wall. If the bottom of the ladder slides away from the wall at the rate of 0.75 ft/sec. At what rate is the top of the ladder changing when the bottom of the ladder is 8 feet from the wall?

4. [15 points] Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x+1}$ at the point $(4, 0.4)$. Write the answer in the form $y = mx + b$.

5. [10 points] Find the derivative of the function $y = \sin t + \pi \cos(3t^2)$.

6. [10 points] Find the derivative of the function using the definition(!) of derivative (no credit will be given if you do not use the definition) if $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - 1$.

7. Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos(\pi x), & \text{when } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ -2x + 1, & \text{when } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

(a) [10 points] Show that $f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$

(b) [10 points] Using the Intermediate Value Theorem prove that there is a number c in the interval $(0, 1)$ such that $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Bonus problem. [10 points extra] A particle moves according to a law of motion $s = t^3 - 12t^2 + 36t$, where t is measured in seconds and s in feet, and $t \geq 0$. Find the total distance traveled during the first 8 seconds if $s(8) = 32$.