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- Your exam should contain 5 pages total and 4 problems. Please check your test for completeness.
- You **must explain how you get your answers using techniques developed in this class so far**. Answers with no supporting work, obtained by guess-and-check, or via methods you learned in high school or in other classes will result in little or no credit, even if correct.
- Indicate your **final answer** by placing a box around it.
- Unless otherwise indicated, **leave your answers in exact form** instead of a decimal approximation. That is, $\sqrt{2}$ instead of 1.4142, and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ instead of 1.57. Simplify all you can.
- If you need more room use the backs of pages, but indicate to the reader that you have done so.
- Raise your hand if you have any questions.

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1.(12 points) Evaluate the following limits, if they exist:

$$\text{a) } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+h} - 1}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{1+h} - 1)(\sqrt{1+h} + 1)}{h(\sqrt{1+h} + 1)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+h) - 1}{h(\sqrt{1+h} + 1)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+h} + 1)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-x^2 + 2x + 2}{3x + 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-x^2 + 2x + 2) \frac{1}{x}}{(3x + 5) \frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-x + 2 + \frac{2}{x}}{3 + \frac{5}{x}} = \frac{-\infty + 2 + 0}{3 + 0} = -\infty$$

$$\text{c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(e^x \arccos\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \right) = e^2 \arccos\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = e^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

2. (12 points) Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} -3 \sin x, & x \leq 0 \\ \ln x, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ (x-1)^2, & x > 1 \end{cases}$

a) Does $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ exist? If it does, evaluate it. If it doesn't, justify why not.

Compute the one-sided limits and see if they exist and match each other:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-3 \sin x) = -3 \sin 0 = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\ln x) = -\infty$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -\infty$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist.

b) Does $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exist? If it does, evaluate it. If it doesn't, justify why not.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (\ln x) = \ln 1 = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x-1)^2 = (1-1)^2 = 0$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 0$, the limit exists and it's 0.

c) At what values of x is $f(x)$ discontinuous? Justify your answer and state what type of discontinuity does it have at each point of discontinuity: removable, jump, or infinite?

Since $f(x)$ is defined and equal to one of the functions we know are continuous whenever defined, the only possible discontinuities are at the points between the different cases, that is at $x=0$ and $x=1$.

We saw in part (a) that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -\infty$. This shows that $f(x)$ has an infinite discontinuity at $x=0$.

We saw in part (b) that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 0$. Since $f(1) = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$, the function is continuous at $x=1$.

3. (12 points) Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$

a) What is the domain of $f(x)$?

Since $f(x)$ is a rational function, it is defined for all x except at the roots of the denominator.

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 3)(x - 2) = 0 \text{ when } x=3 \text{ or } x=2.$$

The domain is of $f(x)$ is all x , except $x=2$ & $x=3$.

c) Find all the vertical asymptotes of $f(x)$. Show all work.

Vertical asymptotes are the vertical lines $x=a$, where $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \pm\infty$. Since $f(x)$ is a rational function, the only such possible points are the values of x for which the denominator is zero ($x=2$, $x=3$). We need to check these two limits to see if the function has or not vertical asymptotes at these two values of x .

$$\text{First, since } f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 5x + 6} = \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{(x-3)(x-2)}, \text{ we see that at all } x \text{ except at } x=2, f(x) = \frac{x+3}{x-3}.$$

We can then compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+3}{x-3} = \frac{2+3}{2-3} = \frac{5}{-1} = -5$. Since the limit is finite, $x=2$ is not a vertical asymptote.

$$\text{On the other hand, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) \text{ does not exist, and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x+3}{x-3} = -\infty, \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x+3}{x-3} = +\infty$$

Since at least one of the one-sided limit is infinite, the line $x=3$ is a vertical asymptote.

d) Find all the horizontal asymptotes of $f(x)$. Show all work.

Horizontal asymptotes are lines $y=L$ such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = L$. Hence we have to check the limits at infinity and see if they're finite.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^2 + x - 6) \frac{1}{x^2}}{(x^2 - 5x + 6) \frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{6}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{5}{x} + \frac{6}{x^2}} = \frac{1+0+0}{1+0+0} = 1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{(x^2 + x - 6) \frac{1}{x^2}}{(x^2 - 5x + 6) \frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{6}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{5}{x} + \frac{6}{x^2}} = \frac{1+0+0}{1+0+0} = 1.$$

So the line $y=1$ is a horizontal asymptote at both positive and negative infinity.

4. (14 points=4+4+3+3) According to US Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/statab/www/statepop.html>), the resident population of Washington State was about 5.89 million people in 2000, and about 6.29 million people in 2005. Let $W(t)$ denote the resident population of Washington State t years after the year 2000. Assume that the population can be modeled by an exponential function of the form $W(t)=Ce^{at}$.

a) Find this function $W(t)$. Compute the constants C and a to at least 5 decimal digits.

We're given two points on this function: $W(0)=5.89$ & $W(5)=6.29$. We use them to compute our constants:

$$W(0)=C= 5.89$$

$$W(5)=5.89e^{a5}=6.29, \text{ so } a=\ln(6.29/5.89)/5 \approx 0.01314$$

$$\text{Hence } \boxed{W(t) \approx 5.89 e^{0.01314t}}$$

b) According to this model, in what year will the state's resident population be double that of the year 2000?

Set up the equation: $W(t)=2W(0)$ and solve for t :

$$2(5.89)= 5.89 e^{0.01314(t)}$$

$$2= e^{0.01314(t)}$$

$$\ln(2) =0.01314 t$$

$$t \approx 52.75, \text{ i.e. } \boxed{\text{in the year 2052}}$$

(We also accepted 2053 as correct, since the question is ambiguous as to whether the census is done at the beginning or at the end of the year.)

c) Find a formula in terms of h for the average rate of population growth (average rate of change of $W(t)$) from the year 2000 until h years later.

$$\frac{W(0+h) - W(0)}{h} = \frac{5.89e^{0.01314(0+h)} - 5.89e^{0.01314(0)}}{h} = \frac{5.89(e^{0.01314h} - 1)}{h}$$

d) Draw the graph of $3W(1-t)$. Label the coordinates of at least one point on the graph.

$$3W(1-t) = 17.67e^{0.01314(1-t)}$$

