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## MIDTERM EXAMINATION

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**Question 1 (Two parts, total 40 points)**

(i) Write out in words what the following mathematical symbols mean and then give a precise definition:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L.$$

As  $x$  approaches minus infinity,  $f(x)$  approaches  $L$ .

Defn  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists B < 0$  such that

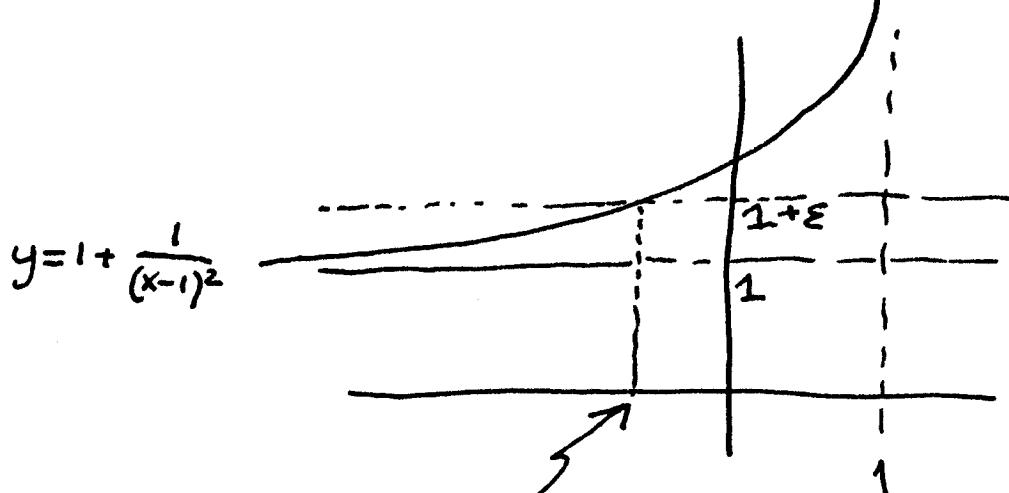
$$x < B \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

(ii) Use your definition in (i) to prove

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2 - 2x + 2}{x^2 - 2x + 1} = 1.$$

Scratch:

$$\frac{x^2 - 2x + 2}{x^2 - 2x + 1} = 1 + \frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$$



$$1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \text{ This is our } B \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{I solved} \\ 1 + \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} = 1 + \varepsilon \end{array} \right)$$

Working for question 1

Proof Let  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\text{Suppose } x < 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 > \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{ex. } -3 < -2 \\ \Rightarrow 9 > 4 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow -\varepsilon < \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \varepsilon < \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} + 1 < 1 + \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{x^2 - 2x + 2}{x^2 - 2x + 1} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon \quad \underline{\text{QED}}$$

**Question 2 (Three parts, total 30 points)**

(i) Define what it means for  $f(x)$  to be continuous at  $x_0$ .

$x_0$  is in the domain of  $f(x)$   
and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$$

(Don't be picky about endpoints,  
" $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$ " should get  
close to full credit)

(ii) Suppose  $x_0$  is not in the domain of  $f(x)$  but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$  exists. Explain how to define the continuous extension of  $f(x)$  to  $x_0$ .

Define a new continuous  
function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) & x = x_0 \\ f(x) & x \neq x_0 \end{cases}$$



This is the continuous extension  
of  $f(x)$  to  $x_0$

(iii) Find the continuous extension of

$$\frac{x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6}{(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)}$$

to the points  $x = -1, x = -2$  and  $x = -3$ .

Notice 
$$\frac{x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6}{(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)}$$

$$= \frac{(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)}{(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)}$$

$\Rightarrow 1$  whenever  $x \neq -1, -2, -3$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The continuous extension to  $-1, -2, -3$

is  $g(x) = 1$  ("canceling common factors")

**Question 3 (Three parts, total 30 points)** Find the following *three* limits

(i)

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \sqrt{2} \theta}{\sqrt{2} \theta}$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \sqrt{2} \theta}{\sqrt{2} \theta} = 1$$

(ii)

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin 2\theta}$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin 2\theta} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{2\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\theta \sin \theta}{\theta \sin 2\theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\theta}{\sin 2\theta} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

(iii)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\cancel{e^{-x}}(e^{2x} - 1)}{\cancel{e^{-x}}(e^{2x} + 1)} \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (e^{2x} - 1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (e^{2x} + 1)} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1 \end{aligned}$$