

# Math 108 Practice for Exam 1

1. Demonstrate that the decimal  $3.6\overline{12}$  is rational by rewriting it as an integer divided by another integer.

$$\text{Let } x = 3.6\overline{12}$$

$$100x = 361.21212\dots$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Subtract } 100x = 361.21212\dots \\ - x = 3.6\overline{12} \\ \hline 99x = 357.6 \end{array}$$

(Here,  $10x = 36.1212\dots$  doesn't line up to cancel  $\overline{12}$ )

$$x = \frac{357.6}{99} = \frac{3576}{990}$$

2. Simplify each of the exponential expressions as completely as possible. Write all answers such that there are no negative exponents.

$$\text{a) } \left(\frac{-2a^4b}{a^{-3}b^2}\right)^3 = \frac{(-2)^3(a^4)^3 b^3}{(a^{-3})^3 (b^2)^3} = \frac{-8 \cdot a^{12} \cdot b^3}{a^{-9} b^6} = \frac{-8a^{12} b^3}{b^3}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{-8a^{12}}{b^3}}$$

$$\text{b) } (2x^{-4}y^3)^3 (3x^2y^{-2})^{-2} =$$

$$= 2^3 x^{-12} y^9 \cdot 3^{-2} x^{-4} y^4 = \boxed{\frac{8}{9} \cdot \frac{y^{13}}{x^{16}}}$$

3. Simplify each of the radical expressions as completely as possible. Combine like terms where possible.

$$\text{a) } \sqrt[3]{72a^4b^5} = \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 9 \cdot a^3 \cdot a \cdot b^3 \cdot b^2} = \boxed{2ab\sqrt[3]{9ab^2}}$$

$$\text{b) } 9a\sqrt{20a^3b^2} + 7b\sqrt{45a^5} = 9 \cdot 2 \cdot a^2 \cdot b\sqrt{5a} + 7 \cdot 3 \cdot a^2 b\sqrt{5a}$$

$$= 18a^2 b\sqrt{5a} + 21a^2 b\sqrt{5a}$$

$$= \boxed{39a^2 b\sqrt{5a}}$$

1. Multiply each of the following expressions. Combine like terms where possible.

a)  $(2x^2 + 3x - 5)(x^2 - 7x + 2)$

$$= \begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 3x - 5 \\ \cdot x^2 - 7x + 2 \\ \hline 2x^4 + 3x^3 - 5x^2 \\ -14x^3 - 21x^2 + 35x \\ + 4x^2 + 6x - 10 \\ \hline 2x^4 - 11x^3 - 22x^2 + 41x - 10 \end{array}$$

b)  $(\sqrt{x} - y)(\sqrt{x} + y)$

$$2x^4 - 11x^3 - 22x^2 + 41x - 10$$

$$= \sqrt{x}\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x}y - \sqrt{x}y - y \cdot y$$

$$= x - y^2 = \boxed{x - y^2}$$

2. Factor completely.

a)

$$12x^3y - 22x^2y + 8xy$$

$$= 2xy(6x^2 - 11x + 4)$$

$$= 2xy(6x^2 - 8x - 3x + 4)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \cdot 8 = 96 \\ 6 \cdot 4 = 24 \\ - 8 \quad - 3 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{2xy(3x-4)(2x-1)}$$

\* b)  $(4x^3 + 12x^2) - (9x + 27)$

$$= 4x^2(x+3) - 9(x+3)$$

$$= (x+3)(4x^2 - 9) = \boxed{(x+3)(2x+3)(2x-3)}$$

c)  $125x^6 + 27y^3$

$$= \boxed{(5x^2 + 3y)(25x^4 - 15x^2y + 9y^2)}$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$a^3 = 125x^6 \quad b^3 = 27y^3$$

$$a = 5x^2 \quad b = 3y$$

$$a^2 = 25x^4 \quad b^2 = 9y^2$$

Key  $\Rightarrow$





\* (d) at bottom: It comes down to algebra when you compare  $f(-x)$  to  $f(x)$  for even,  $-f(x)$  for odd.

$$f(-x) = \frac{-7x-1}{-x+3}; \quad -f(x) = -\left(\frac{7x-1}{x+3}\right) = \frac{-7x+1}{x+3} \neq f(-x)$$

(not odd)

$\neq f(x)$  (not even)

3. Suppose  $f(x) = \frac{7x-1}{x+3}$

a) Use the definition of one-to-one to demonstrate that  $f$  is a one-to-one function.

① Suppose  $f(a) = f(b)$       ③ Cross-multiply to combine like terms:

② So  $\frac{7a-1}{a+3} = \frac{7b-1}{b+3}$

$$(7a-1)(b+3) = (a+3)(7b-1)$$

$$7ab + 21a - b - 3 = 7ab - a + 21b - 3$$

$$21a - b = -a + 21b$$

$$22a = 22b$$

④  $a = b$       So  $f(x)$  is 1-1.

b) Find  $f^{-1}$ , the inverse function of  $f$ .

① Write  $f(x)$  as  $y$ :

$$y = \frac{7x-1}{x+3}$$

② Switch  $x$  &  $y$ :  $x = \frac{7y-1}{y+3}$

③ Solve for  $y$ :

$$xy + 3x = 7y - 1$$

$$xy - 7y = -3x - 1$$

$$y(x-7) = -3x-1$$

$$y = \frac{-3x-1}{x-7} = f^{-1}(x)$$

④ Rename

c) Find the range of  $f$ .

Since Dom of  $f^{-1} = \text{Range } f$ , and it's clear  $D_{f^{-1}}$  is  $\text{all } x \neq 7$  then  $R_f$  is  $\text{all } y \neq 7, (-\infty, 7) \cup (7, \infty)$

d) Demonstrate that  $f$  is neither an odd function nor an even function. (There are many possible ways to do this.)

① Write  $f(-x)$ :  $f(-x) = \frac{7(-x)-1}{-x+3}$

② Simplify:  $f(-x) = \frac{-7x-1}{-x+3}$

③ Compare to  $f(x)$ :  $\frac{-7x-1}{-x+3} \neq \frac{7x-1}{x+3}$

④ Compare to  $-f(x)$ :  $f(-x) \neq f(x)$  so  $f$  is ~~not~~ not even

$$-\left(\frac{7x-1}{x+3}\right) = \frac{-7x+1}{x+3} \neq f(-x)$$

So  $f(x)$  is not odd.

(Why not? Factor out (-1) in  $f(-x)$ )

3. Solve each of the following quadratic equations for  $x$ .

a)  $2x^2 - 9x = -9 \rightarrow 2x^2 - 9x + 9 = 0$   
 $(2x - 3)(x - 3) = 0$   
 $2x - 3 = 0 \quad x - 3 = 0$   
 $x = 3/2 \quad x = 3$

b)  $(3x - 7)^2 = 71$

$\sqrt{(3x - 7)^2} = \pm \sqrt{71}$   
 $3x - 7 = \pm \sqrt{71}$   
 $3x = 7 \pm \sqrt{71}$   
 $x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{71}}{3}$

c)  $x^2 - 2x = 4$

$x^2 - 2x - 4 = 0$  Does not factor. Use QF.

$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-4)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 16}}{2}$

d)  $4x^2 + 7x - 9 = 0$

Try "magic" or "ac" method

~~(4)(-9)~~  $(4)(-9) = -36$

There are no factors of  $(-36)$

which add up to 7 (of  $7x$ ), so we need QF.

$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 4(4)(-9)}}{2(4)} = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{49 + 144}}{8} = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{193}}{8}$

$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2}$   
 $= \boxed{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}$

1. Find the domain of each of the following functions.

a)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9x - 36}{2x + 7x + 3}$  ← only this matters

Dom(f) =  $2x^2 + 7x + 3 \neq 0$   
 $(2x + 1)(x + 3) = 0$

$x \neq -\frac{1}{2}, -3$   
 $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, -\frac{1}{2}) \cup (-\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$

b)  $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x - 5}$   $x - 5 = \text{all reals, so } x = \text{all reals } (-\infty, \infty)$

Dom(g) =  $(-\infty, \infty)$

c)  $h(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \text{ is an even integer} \\ x - 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is an odd integer} \end{cases}$  This is domain

Dom(h) =  $\mathbb{Z}$  set of integers  $\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

2. Suppose  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^4 - 9}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x - 1}$ .

a) Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$ .  $= f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x - 1}) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x - 1})^4 - 9}$   
 $= \frac{1}{(x - 1)^2 - 9}$

b) Find the domain of  $f \circ g$ .

First, look at  $D_g$ , since  $g(x)$  is the input for  $f(g(x))$ .

$D_g: x - 1 \geq 0, \text{ or } x \geq 1$   $[1, \infty) = D_g$

Now, look at  $f$  for  $f(g(x)) = \frac{1}{(x - 1)^2 - 9}$ . What is its dom?

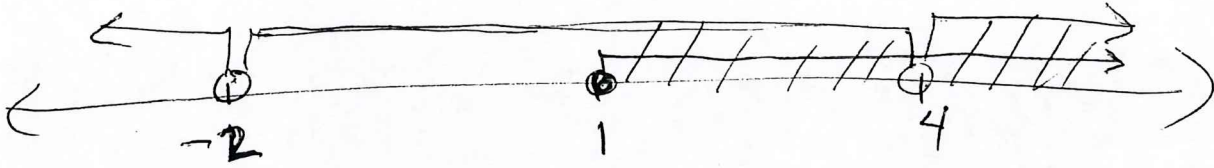
$(x - 1)^2 - 9 \neq 0, \text{ or } (x - 1)^2 \neq 9, \text{ so } x - 1 \neq \pm 3.$

and  $x \neq 1 \pm 3$  or  $x \neq 4$  or  $-2$ .

$D_{f \circ g}: (-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$

→ continued

Graph these two domains + determine their intersection. This is the dom  $f \circ g$ :



$$D_{f \circ g} : [1, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$$