

## Homework #1: Warming up for Calculus

Note: Your work can only be assessed if it is legible. You do not need a calculator to complete this assignment.

1. Simplify the following algebraic expressions. Be sure to show the algebraic steps required to find the final answer.

(a) Simplify  $\frac{1}{3^{-2}} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4^{-1}}$ .

$$\frac{1}{3^{-2}} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4^{-1}} = 9 + 4 - \frac{1}{3} = 13 - \frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{38}{3}}$$

(b) Simplify  $\frac{(x^2y^{-3})^2}{(y^{-3}x^{-2})^{-2}}$ .

$$\frac{(x^2y^{-3})^2}{(y^{-3}x^{-2})^{-2}} = \frac{x^4y^{-6}}{x^4y^6} = \boxed{\frac{1}{y^{12}}}$$

(c) Simplify  $(4x^6)^{3/2}$ .

$$(4x^6)^{3/2} = (2x^3)^3 = \boxed{8x^9}$$

(d) Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$  and  $h \neq 0$ . Simplify  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ , the difference quotient of  $f(x)$ .

$$f(x+h) = (x+h)^2 + 2(x+h) = x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 2x + 2h,$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(x+h) - f(x) = 2xh + h^2 + 2h$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \boxed{2x + h + 2}$$

(e) Rationalize  $\frac{3}{x - \sqrt{x}}$ .

$$\frac{3}{x - \sqrt{x}} \cdot \left( \frac{x + \sqrt{x}}{x + \sqrt{x}} \right) = \boxed{\frac{3(x + \sqrt{x})}{x^2 - x}}$$

2. Factor the following expressions fully.

(a)  $x^2 - 9$

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

(b)  $x^2 - 2x - 35$

$$b) \quad x^2 - 2x - 35 = (x-7)(x+5)$$

(c)  $x^3 - a^2x$

$$c) \quad x^3 - a^2x = x(x-a)(x+a)$$

3. Simplify the following exponential functions.

(a)  $\frac{2^{5x}}{2^x}$

$$\frac{2^{5x}}{2^x} = 2^{5x} \cdot 2^{-x} = 2^{5x-x} = \boxed{2^{4x}}$$

(b)  $e^{2x}e^{-3x}$

$$e^{2x} \cdot e^{-3x} = e^{2x-3x} = e^{-x} = \boxed{\frac{1}{e^x}}$$

(c)  $\frac{e^{2x}-1}{e^x-1}$

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

(d)  $\sqrt[3]{5^{9x}}$

$$\sqrt[3]{5^{9x}} = (5^{9x})^{\frac{1}{3}} = \boxed{5^{3x}}$$

4. Evaluate  $\log_4\left(\frac{1}{64}\right)$ .

$$\log_4\left(\frac{1}{64}\right) = \log_4\left(\frac{1}{4^3}\right) = \log_4(4^{-3}) = \boxed{-3}$$

5. Solve for  $x$  exactly:

(a)  $\log_2(x) + \log_2(x-2) = 3$

$$\log_2(x) + \log_2(x-2) = 3 \Rightarrow 2^{\log_2(x) + \log_2(x-2)} = 2^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\log_2(x)} \cdot 2^{\log_2(x-2)} = 8 \Rightarrow x(x-2) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

(b)  $\ln x - \ln(x^2) = 5$

$$\ln x - \ln x^2 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\ln x - \ln x^2} = e^5$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\ln x} \cdot e^{-\ln x^2} = e^5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^{\ln x}}{e^{\ln x^2}} = e^5$$

$$\frac{x}{x^2} = e^5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = e^5$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = e^{-5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-4)(x+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x=4, -2}$$

6. Write the following sets of numbers in interval notation

(a) the open interval with endpoints 2 and 3  $(2, 3)$

(b)  $2 \leq x \leq 3$   $[2, 3]$

(c) all real numbers  $x$  such that  $x < -2$  and  $x \geq 2$ .  $(-\infty, -2) \cup [2, \infty)$

7. Evaluate the following trigonometric functions exactly.

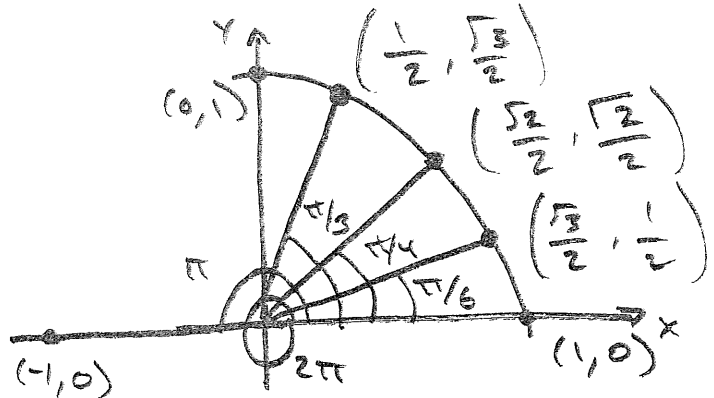
(a)  $\sin(\pi/3)$   
 $= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(b)  $\cos(\pi/3)$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}$

(c)  $\sin(\pi)$   
 $= 0$

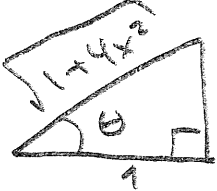
(d)  $\sin(3\pi) = \sin(\pi)$   
 $= 0$

(e)  $\cos(100\pi) = \cos(2\pi)$   
 $= 1$



8. Simplify the following trigonometric expression:  $\sin(\arctan(2x))$ .

Let  $\theta = \arctan(2x)$



so  $\tan(\theta) = 2x$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\theta) = \sin(\arctan(2x))$$

$$= \frac{2x}{\sqrt{1+4x^2}}$$

9. Find the inverse of the following function and state its domain:  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+2x}$ .

Let  $y = \frac{x}{1+2x} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1+2x}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{x} + 2$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} - 2 = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{1-2y}{y} = \frac{1}{x}$  so  $x = \frac{y}{1-2y}$ .

Hence,  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x}{1-2x}$  which has domain  $(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}) \cup (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$

10. Below is a graph of  $y = f(x)$ . Sketch and label the following graphs.

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

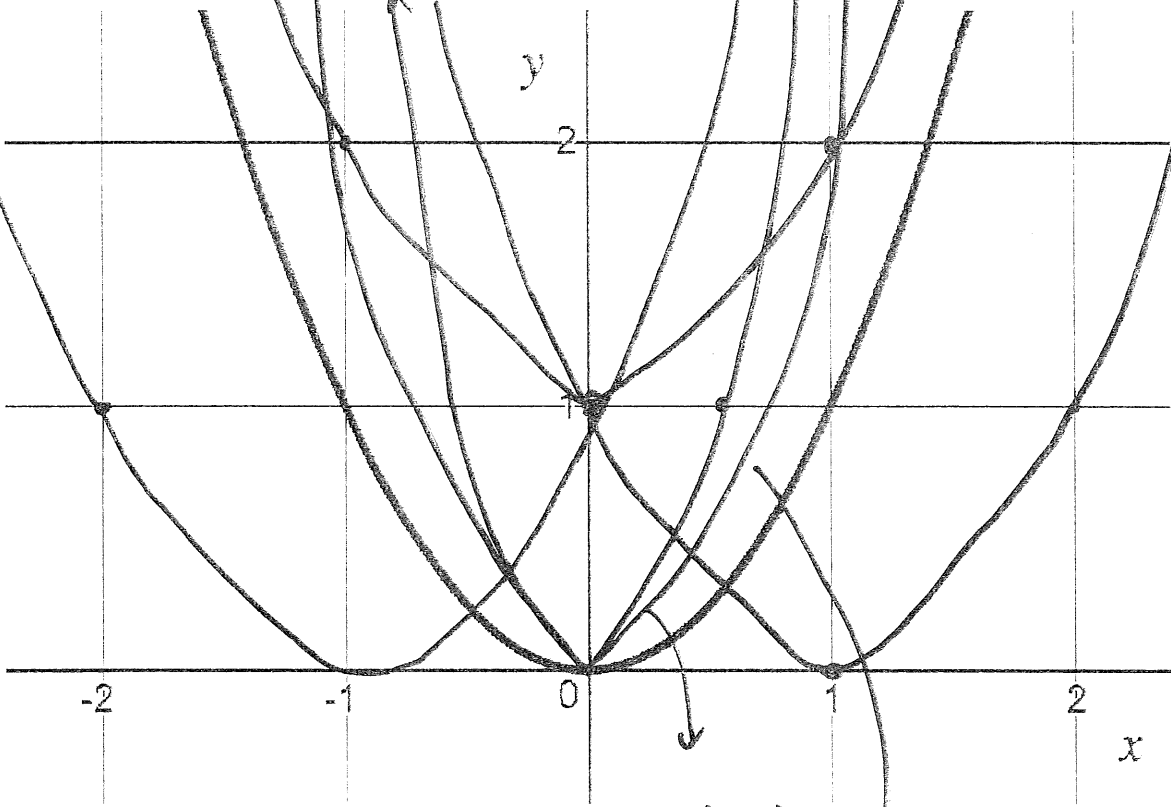
(b)  $y = f(x - 1)$

(c)  $y = f(2x)$

(d)  $y = 2f(x)$

(e)  $y = f(x) + 1$

$y = f(x+1)$



$y = f(2x)$

$y = 2f(x)$