

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**MATH 104 (102)**  
**Mock Midterm 1**  
24 September 2008

TIME: 50 MINUTES

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This Examination paper consists of 7 pages (including this one). Make sure you have all 7.

INSTRUCTIONS:

No memory aids allowed. No calculators allowed. No communication devices allowed.

MARKING:

<b>Q1</b>	/10
<b>Q2</b>	/10
<b>Q3</b>	/10
<b>Q4</b>	/4
<b>Q5</b>	/6
<b>Q6</b>	/10
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**Q1** [10 marks]

Compute the following limits.

(a)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{t^2 - 4}{t^3 - 8}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2}}{x}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x + 3}{3x - 2}$

**Q2** [10 marks]

- (a) Use the notion of continuity to show that  $x^7 = x - 2$  has at least one real root (i.e. there is at least one value of  $x$  that solves this equation).

- (b) Find the constant  $c$  that makes

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - c^2 & \text{if } x < 4, \\ cx + 20 & \text{if } x \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

a continuous function.

**Q3** [10 marks]

- (a) Use the definition of the derivative to compute  $f'(1)$  for  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x+1}$ . No credit will be given for any other method of computing this derivative.
- (b) Use the result of (a) to find the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $y = \sqrt{3x+1}$  at  $x = 1$ .

**Q4** [4 marks]

The function  $f(x) = b/(x^2 + ax + 2)$  at  $x = 1$  has value of 2 and its derivative is 0. Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Q5** [6 marks]

Find  $a$  and  $b$  to make  $f(x)$  differentiable

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + b & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 2e^x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Q6** [10 marks]

Mondo Inc. estimates that it can sell 3400 of its premium espresso machine, the Caffeinator, at a price of \$900 each, but it will lose 100 sales for each \$50 increase in price of the machine. Let  $p$  be the price and  $q$  be the number of machines sold.

- (a) Write  $q$  as a linear function of  $p$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (b) Write the revenue  $R$  as a function of  $p$ , and find the marginal revenue,  $MR$ , with respect to  $p$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (c) Suppose it costs \$400 to manufacture the espresso machines. Write the cost  $C$  as a function of  $p$  and then find the marginal cost,  $MC$ , with respect to  $p$ .

- (d) Find the marginal profit,  $MP$ , with respect to  $p$ .
- (e) Last year, Mondo Inc. sold the Caffeinator for \$1050. If it increases its price this year, will it increase or decrease its profit? Explain your answer.