

**The University of British Columbia**  
Midterm Examination (Version 1) - November 8, 2012

Closed book examination

Time: 60 minutes

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

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**MATH 104 or MATH 184** (Circle one)    **Section Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Instructions:**

No memory aids, calculators, or electronic devices of any kind are allowed on the test. Show all your work; little or no credit will be given for a numerical answer without the correct accompanying work. Numerical answers should be left in calculator-ready form, unless otherwise indicated. If you need more space than the space provided, use the back of the previous page. Where boxes are provided for answers, put your final answers in them.

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Total		50

1. (a) (5 points) Consider the function

$$f(x) = e^{(x-1)^2}$$

Find the critical points of  $f(x)$ , and determine the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[-1, 2]$ .

(b) (4 points) Consider the curve

$$2x^3y + xy^2 = 8$$

Determine the equation of the tangent line to the curve at the point  $(1, 2)$ .

2. Beer flows out the bottom of a funnel (a right circular cone with tip pointing downwards) with radius 10 cm and height 20 cm. You measure the volume and depth of the beer in the funnel as it flows. Let  $V$  be the volume of beer in the funnel and  $h$  its depth at time  $t$ .

- (a) (3 points) Express  $V$  as a function of  $h$ , then use this to express  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  in terms of  $h$  and  $\frac{dh}{dt}$ .

- (b) (2 points) For some constant  $C$  it is known that the beer flow satisfies

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = C\sqrt{h}. \quad (\text{Torricelli's Law})$$

Is  $C$  positive or negative (explain)? If  $h$  is measured in centimeters and  $t$  is measured in seconds, what are the units of  $C$ ?

(c) (3 points) Show that

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{4C}{\pi} h^{-3/2}.$$

(d) (1 point) In an experiment to determine the value of  $C$ , you measure the beer level in the funnel to be falling at a rate of  $5 \text{ cm/s}$  when  $h = 4 \text{ cm}$ . Determine the value of  $C$ .

3. The price  $p$  (in dollars) for a bag of cat treats and the hourly number of sales  $q$  are related by  $q = \sqrt{36 - 9p}$ . Currently, you charge \$3 per bag.

(a) (3 points) Compute the elasticity of demand  $\epsilon$  for the cat treats at this price.

(b) (2 points) Suppose the price is raised from \$3 and this yields a 3% decrease in demand. Estimate the percentage by which the price was changed.

(c) Now suppose  $\epsilon = -1/104$  at a certain price for the cat treats. For part (iv) *include an explanation or no credit will be given.*

- i. (1 point) State whether the cat treats are price elastic, price inelastic or price unit elastic at this price.

Answer:

- ii. (1 point) If this price is raised slightly, state whether the revenue will increase, decrease, stay constant, or whether there is insufficient information to determine this.

Answer:

- iii. (1 point) If this price is raised slightly, state whether the demand will increase, decrease, stay constant, or whether there is insufficient information to determine this.

Answer:

- iv. (2 points) If this price is raised slightly, state whether the profit will increase, decrease, stay constant, or whether there is insufficient information to determine this. Assume here that the cost function  $C(q)$  is increasing.

Answer:

*provide an explanation in the space below*

4. In the year 2000, a student takes out a \$20 000 loan at an annual interest rate of  $r$  (interest compounded continuously). The student makes one loan payment of \$40 000 in 2015, then one more loan payment of  $L$  in 2020 after which the student owes nothing.
- (a) (3 points) If the student's debt is \$40 000 in 2005, what is  $r$ ?
- (b) (2 points) At what rate (in dollars per year) is the student's debt increasing in 2010? (use the value of  $r$  from part (a))
- (c) (3 points) What is  $L$ ? (use the value of  $r$  from part (a))



5. Consider the following function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 9}$$

You may assume that

$$f'(x) = \frac{-10x}{(x^2 - 9)^2}; \quad f''(x) = \frac{30(x^2 + 3)}{(x^2 - 9)^3}.$$

(a) (1 point) Find the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts of the graph of the function.

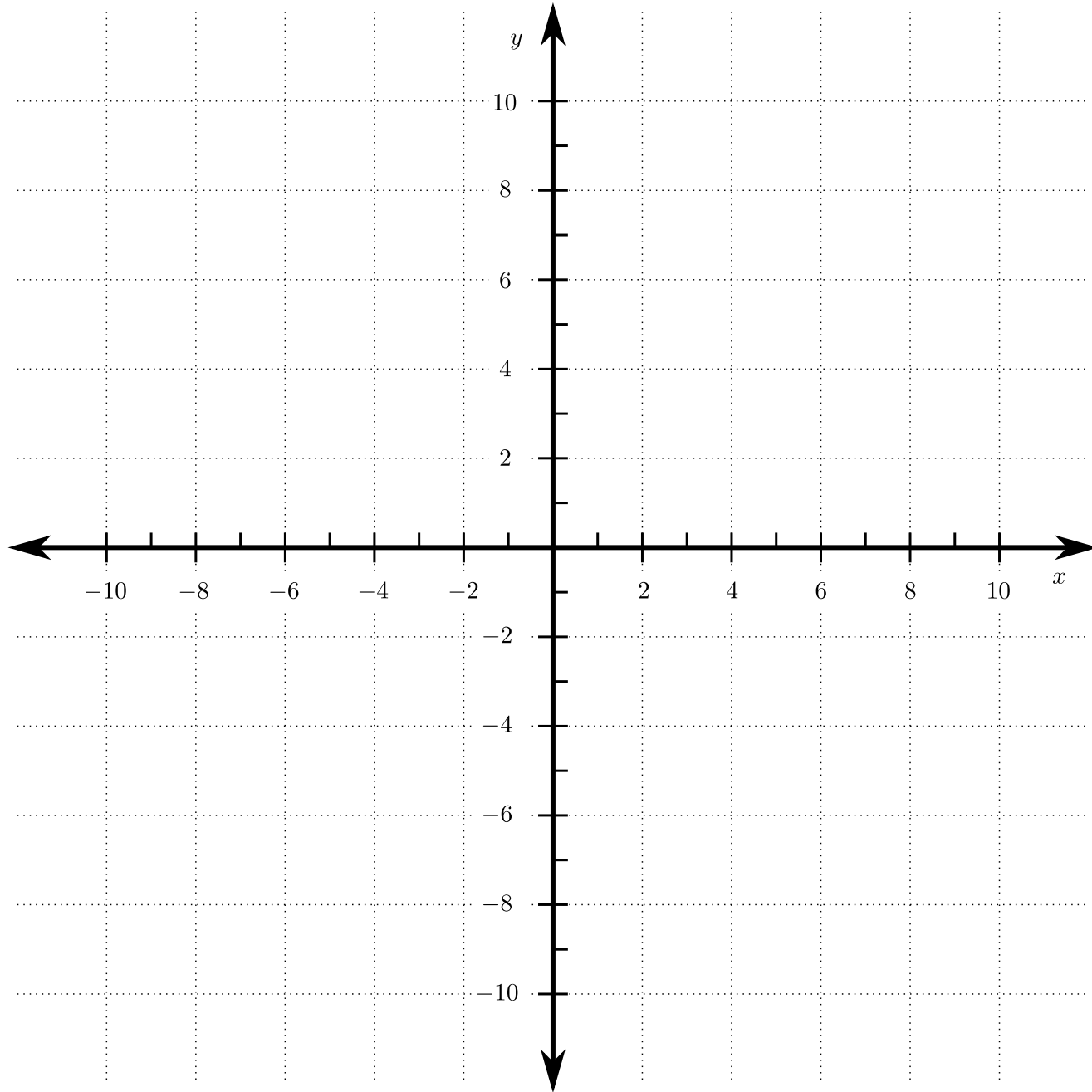
(b) (1 point) Find the domain of  $f(x)$

(c) (3 points) Find all critical points, and intervals of increase and decrease for  $f(x)$ .

(d) (3 points) Find the intervals of concavity for  $f(x)$ .

(e) (2 points) Find any horizontal or vertical asymptotes

- (f) (4 points) Sketch  $y = f(x)$  carefully and neatly in the grid provided. Your sketch should indicate where  $f(x)$  is positive and negative, and also each of the features determined in parts (a)-(e) above.



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