

**Math 129: Pre-Calculus**  
**Fall 2020**  
**Practice Problems for Cumulative**  
**Algebra Exam**

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**Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Simplify the expression  $\left(\frac{2x^3y^{-1}}{y^2}\right)^{-2}$  by eliminating any negative exponents.
2. Write the expression  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{8x^2}}{\sqrt{x}}$  using rational exponents and simplify.
3. Write the expression  $\frac{8}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$  with a rational denominator.
4. Find the product  $(x + 3y)(2x - y)$  and simplify.
5. Find the product  $(x + 2)(x^2 + 2x + 3)$  and simplify.
6. Factor  $3x^3 - x^2 - 12x + 4$  completely.
7. Factor  $8x^2 + 10x + 3$  completely.
8. Factor  $6x^2 - 5x - 6$  completely.
9. Compute  $\frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 + 4x - 12} \div \frac{x + 3}{x - 1}$  and write your answer in lowest terms.
10. Compute  $\frac{4x}{x + 2} - \frac{2 + 3x}{x + 2}$  and write your answer in lowest terms.
11. Compute  $\frac{2x}{x^2 - 16} - \frac{3}{x^2 + 8x + 16}$  and write your answer in lowest terms.
12. Solve the equation  $6 - 4x = 10$ .

13. Find the distance between the points  $(6, -2)$  and  $(-4, 5)$ .
14. Find the midpoint of the segment that joins the points  $(5, -1)$  and  $(3, 5)$ .
15. Find an equation of the circle of radius 5 centered at  $(-2, 3)$ .
16. Find the center and radius of the circle with equation  $x^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 36$ .
17. Find the center and radius of the circle with equation  $x^2 + y^2 + 6y + 2 = 0$ .
18. Find an equation of the line with slope 7 that passes through  $(4, -1)$ .
19. Find an equation of the line that passes through  $(6, 2)$  and  $(-4, 3)$ .
20. Find an equation of the line that passes through  $(3, -1)$  that is parallel to  $y = 6x + 1$ .
21. Find an equation of the line that passes through  $(1, 1)$  that is perpendicular to  $2x + y = 4$ .
22. Find all real and complex solutions to  $x^2 + 14x = 32$ .
23. Find all real and complex solutions to  $2x^2 + 6x - 5 = 0$ .
24. Find all real and complex solutions to  $3x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$ .

25. Find all real solutions to  $\frac{6}{x^2 - 1} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{x - 1}$ .

26. Find all real solutions to  $\frac{2}{x + 3} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{5}{4x + 12}$ .

27. Find all real solutions to  $x^6 - 2x^3 - 3 = 0$ .

28. Find all real solutions to  $x^{3/2} - 10x^{1/2} + 25x^{-1/2} = 0$ .

29. Find all real solutions to  $x^2\sqrt{x + 3} = (x + 3)^{3/2}$ .

30. Find all real solutions to  $x^5 - x^3 - 2x = 0$ .

31. Solve the inequality  $2 - 5x < 7$ .

32. Solve the inequality  $-4 < 2x - 4 \leq -2$ .

33. Solve the equation  $|8 - 3x| = 1$ .

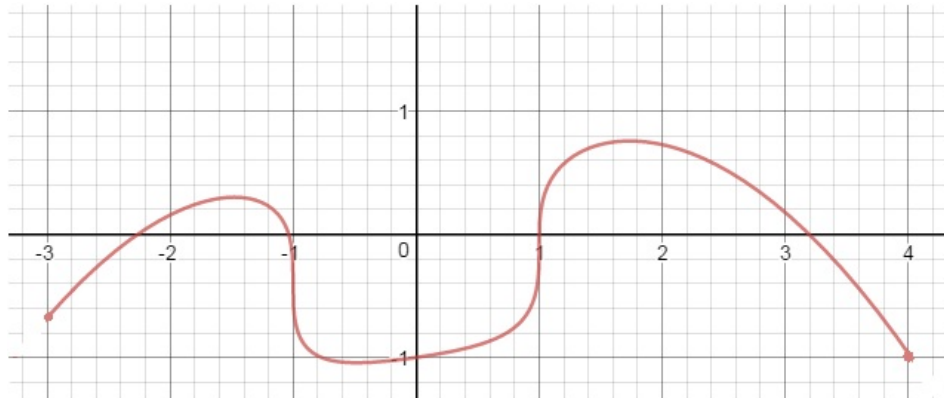
34. Solve the inequality  $|4x + 1| \geq 21$ .

35. Solve the inequality  $x^2 + 5x + 6 > 0$ .

36. Solve the inequality  $2x^2 + x \geq 1$ .

37. Consider the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x$ . Evaluate  $f(x - 3)$  and simplify.
38. Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$ .
39. Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x - 1}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$
40. Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{5x}{\sqrt{x - 1}}$ .
41. Find the average rate of change of the function  $f(x) = 6x - x^2$  from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 4$ .
42. If  $f(x) = 3\sqrt{x - 4}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$ , find the formula for  $(f \circ g)(x)$ .
43. If  $f(x) = 3\sqrt{x - 4}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$ , find the formula for  $(g \circ f)(x)$ .
44. If  $f(x) = 13x^{5/3} - 1$ , find the formula for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .
45. If  $f(x) = \frac{2x + 1}{3x - 7}$ , find the formula for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .
46. Sketch a graph of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2 - 1}$  by making a table of values and plotting some points.

Consider the following graph of a function,  $y = f(x)$ .



47. Find the domain of  $f$ .
48. Find, approximately, the range of  $f$ .
49. Find, approximately, the intervals where  $f$  is increasing.
50. Find, approximately, the intervals where  $f$  is decreasing.
51. Find, approximately, the intervals on which  $f(x) > 0$ .
52. Find the approximate coordinates of any local maxima of  $f$ .
53. Find the approximate coordinates of any local minima of  $f$ .
54. Is  $f$  a one-to-one function?
55. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(2 - x) + 1$ .

56. Solve the inequality  $\frac{x^2 - 9}{x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4} > 0$ .
57. Write the standard form of the quadratic function  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 4$ .
58. Find the coordinates of the vertex of the graph of  $y = x^2 - 5x + 2$ .
59. Find the maximum or minimum value of  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 8x + 4$ .
60. Determine the end behavior of the function  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 10x - 1$ .
61. Consider the function  $f(x) = x^4 + x^3 - 2x^2$ . Find all real zeros of  $f$ , state their multiplicities, and sketch the graph of  $f$ .
62. Consider the function  $f(x) = x - x^3$ . Find all real zeros of  $f$  and their multiplicities, determine the end behavior of  $f$ , and sketch the graph of  $f$ .
63. Find the quotient and remainder of the division  $\frac{x^4 - 2x^2 + 7x}{x^2 - x + 3}$ .
64. Find the quotient and remainder of the division  $\frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x - 3}$ .
65. Let  $f(x) = x^5 - 2x^4 - 9x^3 + 22x^2 + 4x - 24$ . Suppose that you know that 2 is a zero of  $f$  of multiplicity 3. Use this information to completely factor  $f$ .
66. Find a polynomial of degree 3 with integer coefficients and zeros at  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-1$ , and  $2$ .

67. Let  $f(x) = 4e^{4-x}$ . Use a calculator to find  $f(-1)$ , rounded to three decimal places.
68. Write the equation  $\log_6(36) = 2$  in exponential form.
69. Write the equation  $4^x = 20$  in logarithmic form.
70. Let  $f(x) = 7\log_3(x + 2)$ . Use the change of base formula and a calculator to find  $f(2)$ , rounded to three decimal places.
71. Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \ln(8 - 2x)$ .
72. Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\log_2(x)}$ .
73. Use the log laws to expand  $\log_3\left(\frac{(x + 4)\sqrt{2x}}{(x + 1)^7}\right)$ .
74. Write as a single logarithm using the log laws:  $\ln(4x) - 2\ln(x - 1) - 6\ln(x + 2)$ .
75. Solve the equation  $3^{x-4} = 27$ .
76. Solve the equation  $e^{4x} + 4 = 9$ .
77. Solve the equation  $2^{2x} - 2^x - 12 = 0$ .

78. Solve the equation  $4^{5x-3} = 3^{4x-5}$ .

79. Solve the equation  $\log_{10}(2x - 3) + 1 = 0$ .

80. Solve the equation  $\log_3(x^2 - 4) + \log_3(x) = \log_3(x - 2)$ .

81. Solve the equation  $\log_8(x + 5) - \log_8(x - 2) = 1$ .

82. You invest \$500 into an account with an annual interest rate of 8% that compounds monthly. How much money will be in your account after 2 years?

83. You invest \$800 into an account with an annual interest rate of 10% that compounds continuously. How much money will be in your account after 3 years?

84. You and your friend are each investing \$1000 into bank accounts. Your account has an annual interest rate of 6% and compounds continuously. Your friend's account compounds monthly, but you don't know the interest rate. At the end of 1 year, you end up with the exact same amount of money in your account as your friend has in her account. Find the annual interest rate of your friend's account.