

**Assigned:** Wednesday, August 25

**Due:** Wednesday, September 1

**Reading:** Ross, Chapter 1.1–1.5, Chapter 2.1–2.5 and 2.7

**Noncredit Exercises:** (Do not turn these in) Ross, p. 16: 1–5, 7, 9;  
p. 59–60: 3, 4, 9, 10, 11–14; pp. 61–64: 1–3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 16.

**Problems:** These problems are based entirely on material covered in the *prerequisites* to this course. You should have mastered this stuff already, but may need to review the material one more time before starting the course. Think of this problem set as a diagnostic aid: if you cannot solve *all* these problems correctly, you will have difficulty in comprehending the material in the latter half of this course. It is not in your best interest to discover *after* the drop date that you really don't understand calculus as well as you thought you did, and that consequently you are in some danger of failing this course.

**Do not use Mathematica or Matlab or a calculator etc. to do these problems except when you are specifically asked to do so.**

1.(a) Does the commutative law of addition:  $a + b = b + a$  imply that  $-4 + 1$  equals  $1 - 4$ ?

(b) Determine whether  $-2^2 + 1$  equals  $1 - 2^2$  and  $-2^3 + 2$  equals  $2 - 2^3$  using

(i) ordinary grade-school arithmetic.

(ii) your calculator.

(iii) the Microsoft spreadsheet program Excel. (Enter the four formulas  $= -2^2 + 1$ ,  $= 1 - 2^2$ ,  $= -2^3 + 2$ , and  $= 2 - 2^3$  into different cells in the spreadsheet)

(c) True or False? The solutions to the quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are given by

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

2. The angles in this problem are expressed in **degrees** and **not in the radians** more commonly used in mathematical circles.

(a) Use your calculator to evaluate  $\cot(10^\circ)\cot(30^\circ)\cot(50^\circ)\cot(70^\circ)$  *without writing down intermediate results such as the values of  $\cot(10^\circ)$ ,  $\cot(30^\circ)$ , etc and re-entering the numbers into your calculator*. If your calculator cannot be used in this fashion, you are urged to replace it with a more sophisticated machine.

(b) If your calculator's arithmetic unit is designed in accordance with the IEEE Standard for floating-point arithmetic, you should have obtained exactly 3 as the answer to part (a). Does it surprise you that  $\cot(10^\circ)\cot(30^\circ)\cot(50^\circ)\cot(70^\circ) = 3$ ? Find four **other** integers  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  such that  $0 < a < b < c < d < 90$  and  $\cot(a^\circ)\cot(b^\circ)\cot(c^\circ)\cot(d^\circ)$  is an integer. You will get 500% extra credit on this problem if  $\cot(a^\circ)\cot(b^\circ)\cot(c^\circ)\cot(d^\circ) = 2$ .

(c) Find the value of  $\frac{1}{1+2} + \frac{1}{2+3} + \frac{1}{3+4} + \dots + \frac{1}{99+100}$ .

3. In **this** problem, all **angles** are expressed in **radians**.

(a) Use your calculator to evaluate  $52 \cos(3^{-1} \arctan(18 \cdot 3/35))$ .

(b) Use your calculator to evaluate  $\frac{1}{[\sin x]^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}$  for *small* values of  $x$ . Does the function seem to approach a limit, and if so, what is the limit? Now, use what you have learned in calculus to find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{[\sin x]^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}$  analytically. (Hint: the answer is not 0, or 1, or )

(c) Find the maxima of  $f(x) = x^{25}(1.0001)^{-x}$  for  $x > 0$ . (If you have a graphing calculator, try it on this problem; otherwise just use standard calculus methods)

- 4.(a) What is the value of  $\int_{-2}^1 |x| dx$  ? the value of  $\int_{-2}^1 x(1-x)^{19} dx$  ?
- (b) Prove or disprove: there exists a function  $f(x)$  satisfying **both** of the following two conditions:  
 (i)  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all real numbers  $x$  in the range  $-2 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  
 (ii)  $\int_{-2}^1 f(x) dx < 0$ . (Hint: Does either function of part (a) satisfy both conditions?)
- (c) Let  $\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x$ ,  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . Which of the following statements are true for all  $x$ ,  $-\infty < x < \infty$  ? Note:  $C$  denotes an arbitrary constant.  
 (i)  $\frac{d}{dx}f(-x) = g(-x)$ . (ii)  $\frac{d}{dx}f(x^2) = 2x g(x^2)$ . (iii)  $\frac{d}{dx}\exp(f(x^2)) = \exp(f(x^2)) g(x^2)$ .  
 (iv)  $\int g(-x)dx = -f(-x) + C$ . (v)  $\int g(x^2)dx = f(x^2)/(2x) + C$ . (vi)  $\int \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}dx = \ln(f(x)) + C$

- (d) Evaluate  $\int_1^{\infty} x \exp(-x^2/2) dx$ . (Hint: What is  $\frac{d}{dx} \exp(-x^2/2)$ ?)

- 5.(a) What is the derivative of  $\arctan(x)$ ? (You can look up the answer if you like!)
- (b)  $I$  denotes the value of the integral  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{2}{1+x^2} dx$ . Use the result of part (a) to show that  $I = \pi$ .
- (c)  $J$  denotes the value of the integral  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{2}{1+y^2} dy$ . State True or False:  $I$  equals  $J$ .
- (d) Make the substitution  $y = 1/x$  in the integral of part (b) and simplify the integrand to show that  $I = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{2}{1+x^2} dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{-2}{1+y^2} dy = -J$ ? Does this contradict your answer to part (c)?
- (e)  $I$  can equal **both**  $J$  and  $-J$  if and only if  $I = J = 0$ . Since you showed in part (b) that  $I = \pi$ , does this mean  $\pi = 0$ ? (Such a result would greatly simplify a **lot** of engineering math!)
6. Let  $ABCD$  denote a trapezium in which sides  $AB$  and  $CD$  are parallel and side  $AB$  is shorter than side  $CD$ . Extend sides  $CB$  and  $DA$  to meet at  $E$ . Now, use the formula “Area of triangle =  $(1/2) \times (\text{length of base}) \times \text{height}$ ” to show that the area of a trapezium is “ $(1/2) \times (\text{sum of the lengths of the parallel sides}) \times (\text{distance between the parallel sides})$ .”

- 7.(a) Let  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 < x < 1/2, x < y < 1-x, \\ 1-x, & 1/2 < x < 1, 1-x < y < x, \\ y, & 0 < y < 1/2, y < x < 1-y, \\ 1-y, & 1/2 < y < 1, y < x < 1-y, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$
- (i) Sketch the function  $g(x) = f(x, 0.25)$  and find the area under this curve.  
 (ii) Compute the integral of  $f(x, y)$  over the entire plane.
- (b) Compute the integral of  $(x^2 + y^2)^{-2}$  over the region  $\{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 > 2\}$ .