

Math 163A**Guide for Test 2**

Here are some sample questions from old tests. Some topics that we covered are not represented by these questions, but are still fair game.

1. Compute the following limits:

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x - 2}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$$

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

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 1}{x - 1}$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^3 - 4}{2x^3 - 2}$$

2. Let $f(x) = -x^2 + 3$.

(a) Using the definition of the derivative as a limit, compute $f'(x)$.

(b) Find the equation for the tangent line at $x = 2$.

(c) Graph $f(x)$ and the tangent line.

3. Compute the following derivatives:

$$(a) f(x) = 2 + x + \frac{3}{x} - \sqrt{x} - 5x^7 + x^{3/4} \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) =$$

$$(b) y = \frac{x^3 + x}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} =$$

$$(c) D_x [(x^9 + x^8 + x^5 + 3)(1 + 2x^2 + 9x^3 - 4x^4)] =$$

$$(d) \frac{d}{dx} [(x^9 + 2x^{1/3} + x^5 + 3)^4] =$$

4. Compute the following derivatives:

(a) If $f(x) = \frac{u(x)v(x)}{w(x)}$, then in terms of $u(x)$, $v(x)$, $w(x)$, $u'(x)$, $v'(x)$, and $w'(x)$, we have $f'(x) =$

$$(b) y = (3 + x^4)^8 x^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} =$$

$$(c) D_x [((x^9 + x^8 + x^5 + 3)(1 + 2x^2 + x^3 - 4x^4))^9] =$$