

**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. Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq -2 \\ Ax & \text{if } x > -2 \end{cases},$$

where  $A$  is some constant.

(a) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$ . Is  $f$  continuous from the left at  $x = -2$ ?

(b) What value of  $A$  would make  $f$  continuous at  $x = -2$ ?

(c) Using the value of  $A$  that you just found, graph  $f$ .

4. The graph of a function  $f$  is given below. On the same axes, sketch the graph of  $f'$ .

