Math 116 — Practice for Exam 2

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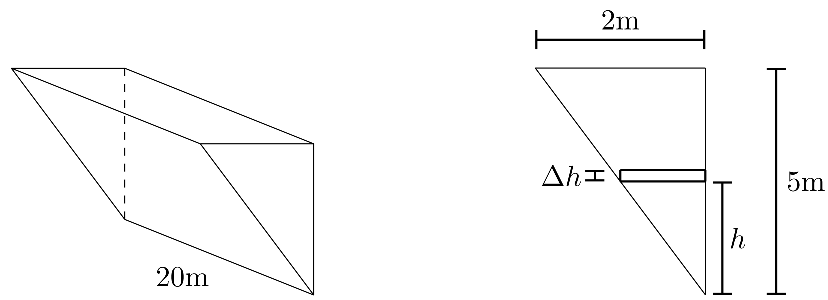
1. This exam has 9 questions. Note that the problems are not of equal difficulty, so you may want to skip over and return to a problem on which you are stuck.
2. Please read the instructions for each individual exercise carefully. One of the skills being tested on this exam is your ability to interpret questions, so instructors will not answer questions about exam problems during the exam.
3. Show an appropriate amount of work (including appropriate explanation) for each exercise so that the graders can see not only the answer but also how you obtained it. Include units in your answers where appropriate.
4. You are allowed notes written on two sides of a $3'' \times 5''$ note card. You are NOT allowed other resources, including, but not limited to, notes, calculators or other electronic devices.
5. If you use graphs or tables to obtain an answer, be certain to include an explanation and sketch of the graph, and to write out the entries of the table that you use.
6. Problems may ask for answers in exact form. Recall that $x = \sqrt{2}$ is a solution in exact form to the equation $x^2 = 2$, but $x = 1.41421356237$ is not.
7. You must use the methods learned in this course to solve all problems.

Semester	Exam	Problem	Name	Points	Score
Fall 2022	1	7	triangular tank	13	
Winter 2024	2	7		7	
Winter 2010	3	2		18	
Fall 2021	2	3	sheep	14	
Fall 2025	2	6		12	
Fall 2025	2	2	bus	9	
Winter 2021	2	10		12	
Winter 2018	3	4		11	
Winter 2022	2	8		8	
Total				104	

Recommended time (based on points): 102 minutes

7. [13 points] A drinking water facility needs to pump water out of an underground tank. The tank is 20 meters in length with right-triangular cross-sections perpendicular to the ground as shown in the figure. The top of the tank is a 2m by 20m rectangle. The **top** of the tank lies **5 meters below the surface of the earth.** Recall that $g = 9.8\text{m/s}^2$, where g is the gravitational constant.



Underground Tank

a. [5 points] Write an expression for the **volume** (in cubic meters) of a horizontal rectangular slice of water at height h above the bottom of the tank, with thickness Δh. Your answer should not involve an integral.

b. [2 points] The density of water is approximately 1000 kg/m^3. Write an expression for the **weight** (in Newtons) of the slice of water from part (a). Your answer should not involve an integral.

c. [3 points] Write an expression for the **work** (in Joules) needed to pump the slice of water (from parts (a) and (b)) to the surface of the earth. Your answer should not involve an integral.

d. [3 points] Assuming the tank is initially full of water, write an integral for the **total work** (in Joules) needed to pump all of the water to the surface of the earth.

7. [7 points] Determine whether the following series is convergent or divergent. **Fully justify** your answer including using **proper notation** and **showing mechanics** of any tests you use.
Circle your final answer choice.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{4^n \cdot n^2}{n!}$$

Circle one: **Convergent** **Divergent**

8. [6 points] Compute the following limit. **Fully justify** your answer including using **proper notation.**

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{2x} - (x+1)^2}{\cos(x) - 1}$$

Answer: ____________________

2. [18 points] For each of the following series, write whether the series "Converges" or "Diverges" on the space provided next to the series. Support your answer by stating the test(s) you used to prove convergence or divergence, and show complete work and justification.

a. [6 points] $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^2+1}}{n^2-1}$ ____________________________

b. [6 points] $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!(n+1)!}{(2n)!}$ ____________________________

c. [6 points] $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n)}{n^2-3}$ ____________________________

3. [14 points] Molly has recently become a sheep herder. She rotates her sheep through various fields so that the sheep have a varied diet and the fields have a chance to grow. Every Monday, the sheep visit the same field. Before the sheep graze for the first time in this field, its grass is 20 centimeters tall. Molly's sheep are picky and only eat the top 40% of the length of grass in this field every Monday. Over the course of the week, before the next Monday, the grass grows 3 centimeters. Let G_i represent the height in centimeters of the grass right before the sheep graze on it for the ith time. Note that $G_1 = 20$.

a. [5 points] Find expressions for each of G_2, G_3, and G_4. You do not need to evaluate your expressions.

b. [5 points] Find a general **closed-form** expression for G_n, defined for $n = 2, 3, 4 \ldots$

c. [4 points] In order for the field to meet sheep grazing standards, the height of the grass must be at least 5 cm when the sheep begin grazing. Molly thinks she will be able to stay on her field forever. Help her determine whether she can stay by either showing that the grass will eventually be less than 5 cm in height, or showing that the grass will be at least 5 cm each time before the sheep graze.

6. [12 points]

a. [6 points] For each of the following sequences or series described below, defined for $n \geq 1$, determine whether they must converge, must diverge, or whether there is not enough information. Circle your answers. No justification is required.

(i) $a_n = (-1)^n(2 + k^{-n})$, where k is a positive real number.

Circle one: **Converges** **Diverges** **Not Enough Information**

(ii) $b_n = \displaystyle\int_2^{n+3} f(x)\,dx$ where $f(x)$ is a positive function, and the series $\displaystyle\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} f(j)$ converges.

Circle one: **Converges** **Diverges** **Not Enough Information**

(iii) $c_n = P(e^n)$ where $P(x)$ is a cumulative distribution function.

Circle one: **Converges** **Diverges** **Not Enough Information**

b. [6 points] For each of the following sequences, defined for $n \geq 1$, decide whether the sequence is monotone increasing, monotone decreasing, or not monotone, and whether it is bounded or unbounded. Circle your answers. No justification is required.

(i) $r_n = \cos(2\pi n)\left(\dfrac{5}{4}\right)^n$

*Circle **all** which apply:*

Monotone Increasing **Monotone Decreasing** **Not Monotone**

Bounded **Unbounded**

(ii) $s_n = \dfrac{(-1)^n}{1 + \ln(n)}$

*Circle **all** which apply:*

Monotone Increasing **Monotone Decreasing** **Not Monotone**

Bounded **Unbounded**

(iii) $t_n = \displaystyle\int_1^{n^3} 2^{-x}\,dx$

*Circle **all** which apply:*

Monotone Increasing **Monotone Decreasing** **Not Monotone**

Bounded **Unbounded**

2. [9 points] Let t (in minutes) denote the time Audrey waits for the *Bursley-Baits* shuttle to arrive. Observations show that the **probability density function** (pdf) of her wait time (in minutes) is of the form

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0, \\ 2\lambda t e^{-\lambda t^2} & t \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where λ is a positive constant.
Throughout this problem, show all your work, and write your answers in exact form.

a. [5 points] Suppose that Audrey's median wait time for the Bursley-Baits shuttle is 1 minute. Find the value of λ.

Answer: ________________________

Sometimes Audrey takes the *Northwood Express* shuttle. For the Northwood Express shuttle, Audrey's wait time (in minutes) follows a **cumulative distribution function** (cdf) of the form

$$Q(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0, \\ 1 - (\lambda t + 1)e^{-\lambda t} & t \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where λ is the **same** as in part **a**.

b. [2 points] When Audrey takes the Northwood Express shuttle, what is the fraction of rides where Audrey waits for 1 minute or less for the shuttle to arrive? Your final answer should not involve λ.

Answer: ________________________

c. [2 points] Audrey wants to choose the shuttle that has a lower median wait time. Which one should she choose? Explain your answer.

Circle one: THE BURSLEY-BAITS SHUTTLE THE NORTHWOOD EXPRESS SHUTTLE

Explanation:

10. [12 points] Show that the following statements are false by giving a concrete example to contradict each of the statement. You can write a formula or draw a clear, well-labeled graph in place of the blanks. Accompany your example with a brief but complete explanation.

a. [4 points] If $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.

Give your answer in the form:
"The statement is false when $a_n =$ ____________ because..."

b. [4 points] For any continuous function $f(x)$ with $f(x) > 0$, the improper integral $\int_{-100}^{\infty} f(x)\,dx$ always diverges.

Give your answer in the form:
"The statement is false when $f(x) =$ ____________ because..."

c. [4 points] If $P(x)$ is a cumulative distribution function, then $P(0) = 0$.

Give your answer in the form:
"The statement is false when $P(x) =$ ____________ because..."

(Note: Your $P(x)$ needs to be a cumulative distribution function, but you do not need to show/prove that it is.)

4. [11 points]

a. [6 points] Determine whether the following series converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges, and give a complete argument justifying your answer.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-1)^n \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

Converges absolutely **Converges conditionally** **Diverges**

Justification:

b. [5 points] Compute the value of the following improper integral. **Show all your work using correct notation.** Evaluation of integrals must be done **without a calculator.**

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2}\, dx$$

8. [8 points] Determine whether the following improper integral converges or diverges. **Circle your final answer choice**. Fully justify your answer including using proper notation and showing mechanics of any tests you use.

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{t^2 + \ln(t)}{t^3 - \cos(t) + 2} dt$$

Circle one: **Converges** **Diverges**