

Uva Wellassa University, Sri Lanka  
End Semester Examination – February/March 2012  
SCT 103-0 Basic Calculus

Duration: Two (02) hours



Total four (04) Questions  
Answer all questions

01. a.) Factor each of the following:

i.  $18x^3 - 8x$

iii.  $3x^4 - 5x^2 + 2$

ii.  $x^2 - 2y + y^2 - 4$

iv.  $4m^3n - 2m^2n^2 + 2mn^3$

b.) Simplify the followings:

i.  $\frac{x^2 - 6x + 9}{x^2 - 9}, x \neq \pm 3$

iii.  $\frac{2x^3 - 2x^2y + 2xy^2}{x^3y - xy^3} \div \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + 2xy + y^2}$

ii.  $\frac{10x^3y}{3xy + 9y} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 9}{4x^2 - 12x}$

iv.  $\frac{x+3}{x^2 - 6x + 9} - \frac{x+2}{x^2 - 9} - \frac{5}{3-x}$

c.) Solve the following simultaneous equations using matrices or determinants:

i.  $y - 3x = 5; y - 4x = 7$

ii.  $4x + 5y = -8; 3x + y = 5$

iii.  $\frac{6}{5}u + \frac{3}{2}v = -4; \frac{1}{3}u - \frac{5}{4}v = 1$

02. a.) Define the terms domain and range of a function.

b.) Determine whether each of the followings is a function:

i.  $y = 5x$

ii.  $y^2 + x^2 - 2x = 1$

c.) Given  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$ , find each of the followings:

i.  $f(0)$

ii.  $f(-1)$

iii.  $f(x + 1)$

iv.  $f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

d.) Find the domain and the range of the following functions. Use interval notation where it is applicable.

i.  $f(x) = 5 - x$       ii.  $g(x) = \sqrt{1 + x^2}$       iii.  $h(x) = |x - 1|$

iv.  $p(x) = \frac{7}{2x+1}$       v.  $q(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 3)$

03. a) Find each of the following limits, if they exist:

i.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x - 3}$

ii.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -2} \frac{t^2 - 4}{t - 2}$

iii.  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - 3u}{6u + 1}$

iv.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 + 2x - x^2}{8x^2 + 5}$

v.  $\lim_{v \rightarrow 1} f(u), f(u) = \begin{cases} 2u + 3 & \text{for } u < 1 \\ -u^2 + 2 & \text{for } u \geq 1. \end{cases}$

b) Determine whether the following functions are continuous at the given point  $c$ .

i.  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x+4}$  at  $c = -3$

ii.  $g(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{t-2}, & \text{if } t \neq 2 \\ 3, & \text{if } t = 2 \end{cases}$  at  $c = 2$

iii.  $h(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1, & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 2, & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$  at  $c = 1$

iv.  $p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 - x}{x^2 - 1}, & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$  at  $c = 1$

04. a.) Differentiate each of the following functions with respect to  $x$ .

i.  $f(x) = x^4 - x^2 + 3x - 5$

iv.  $q(x) = \frac{x-1}{3x+1}; x \neq -\frac{1}{3}$

ii.  $g(x) = [x^2 - 2x + 5]^2$

v.  $R(x) = x^2 \cos x + \tan x - 2x$

iii.  $h(x) = (3x + 4)(x + 2)(2x - 3)$

b.) Given the information that  $f(1) = 2$ ,  $f'(1) = 3$ ,  $g(1) = 4$  and  $g'(1) = 5$ .

Determine the value of the derivative  $(fg)'(1)$ .

c.) A ball is thrown vertically upwards and after  $t$  seconds its height  $s(t)$  above the ground is given by  $s(t) = 8 + 10t - 5t^2$ . Find

- i. The height from which the ball is thrown.
- ii. The initial velocity of the ball.
- iii. The maximum height reached by the ball.