Math 180 C

SECOND   HOUR   EXAM

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General Notes:

1. Show work.
2. Look over the test first, and then begin.
3. Calculators are not permitted on this exam.

Friday, Oct. 20, 2006
100 pts

I. Limits

1. (10 pts.) Give a formal ($\_$ - $\_$) definition of $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = L$

2. (10 pts.) Show that $\lim_{x \to 1} 2x + 1 = 3$ by finding an appropriate $\_$ for a given

$\varepsilon = \dfrac{1}{100} (= 10^{-2})$. Be sure to show your work.

3. (10 pts.)   Identify vertical, horizontal, and oblique asymptotes (if any) in the following
functions:

a. $y = \dfrac{x}{x+1}$

vertical:

horizontal:

oblique:

b. $y = \dfrac{x^2 + 3x + 1}{x+1}$

vertical:

horizontal:

oblique:

II. Continuity

1. (10 pts.). Define (formal definition) what it means for a function **f** to be continuous at a point x_0.

3. (10 pts.)   The function $f(x) = x^2 - 2$ has a solution in the interval [1,2]. How do we know this? What theorem of continuity tells us this?

II. Differentiation

1. (10 pts.) Give a formal definition of the derivative of a function **f(x)** at a point **x₀**.

2. (10 pts.) Use the definition of the derivative to calculate $f'(x) = \dfrac{d}{dx} f(x)$ for $f(x) = 3x^2 + 7$

3. (5 pts each) In the following, calculate the derivative of the given function using the rules for calculating derivatives (i.e., you don't need to use the definition in these problems).

a. $f(x) = 12x^4 - 21x^3 + 2x^2 + x - 17$

b. $f(x) = (2x^2 - 17)(5x^2 + 1)$

c. $f(x) = \dfrac{(3x^3 - 7)}{(x^2 + 1)}$

d. $f(x) = e^x \sin(x)$

4. (10 pts.) The graph of the curve $y = x^3 - 1$ passes through the point $(1,0)$. Find the equation of the line tangent to the curve at that point.