

## Math 1A – Chapter 1 Test – Sampling of Fair Game - Solutions

1. Consider the line segment connecting the points  $(2+x^2, 2x)$  and  $(3, 4x^2)$ .

a. Show that the slope of this line segment is given by the function  $m(x) = \frac{4x^2 - 2x}{1-x^2}$ .

A: The slope formula here yields  $m = \frac{4x^2 - 2x}{3 - (2+x^2)} = \frac{2x(2x-1)}{1-x^2} = \frac{2x(2x-1)}{(1-x)(1+x)}$ .

b. What is the domain of  $m(x)$  ?

A: The domain will be all  $x$  except  $\pm 1$ . In interval notation,  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$ .

c. What are the vertical asymptotes of  $m(x)$  ?

A: The vertical asymptotes are along  $x = \pm 1$ .

d. What is the horizontal asymptote of  $m(x)$  ?

A:  $y=2$  is the horizontal asymptote.

e. What are the  $x$ -intercepts of  $m(x)$  ?

A: The  $x$ -intercepts are at  $x = 0$  and  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ .

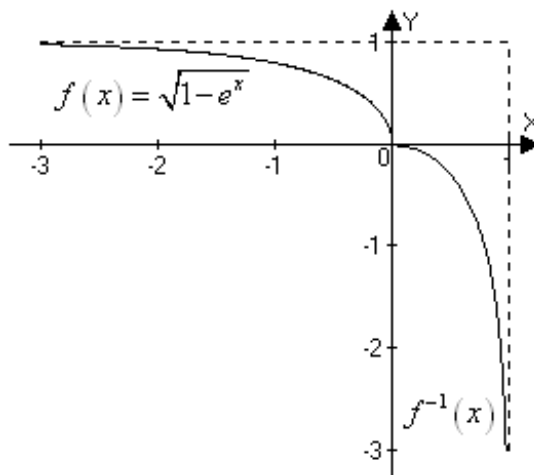
2. Consider the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{1-e^x}$

a. Find a formula  $f^{-1}(x)$  for the inverse function for  $f$ .

A:  $y = \sqrt{1-e^x} \Leftrightarrow y^2 = 1-e^x$ ;  $y \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \ln(1-y^2)$ ;  $y \geq 0$  so  $f^{-1}(x) = \ln(1-x^2)$ ;  $x \geq 0$

b. Complete a short table of values (at least 3 coordinate pairs) and sketch a graph for both  $f(x)$  and  $f^{-1}(x)$  showing the asymptotic behavior of each and their symmetry through the line  $y = x$ .

$x$	$y$
0	0
$\ln \frac{24}{25} \approx -0.041$	$\frac{1}{5}$
$\ln \frac{8}{9} \approx -0.118$	$\frac{1}{3}$
$\ln \frac{3}{4} \approx -0.288$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\ln \frac{19}{100} \approx -1.66$	$\frac{9}{10}$



3. Consider the function  $y(t) = \sin t$ .
- Write a formula for the function that results from stretching  $y(t)$  vertically by a factor 5 and compressing horizontally by a factor  $2\pi$ .  
A:  $f(t) = 5y(2\pi t) = 5 \sin(2\pi t)$
  - Write a formula for the function that results from stretching and compressing  $y(t)$  as in part (a) and then shifting two units up and  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit to the right?  
A:  $f(t) = 2 + 5y\left(2\pi\left(t - \frac{1}{4}\right)\right) = 2 + 5 \sin\left(2\pi t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

4. An initial population of 12,345 grows by 7% every month.
- Find a formula for the population size after  $n$  months, as a function of  $n$ .  
A:  $P(n) = 12345(1.07)^n$
  - Find the average rate of change of the population over the twelfth week.  
A:  $\frac{P(12) - P(11)}{12 - 11} = 12345(1.07^{12} - 1.07^{11}) \approx 1819$  animals per month.

5. Consider the function  $g(x) = 2x^2 - 8x - 3$ .
- Write the formula in complete square form; that is, find values for  $a$ ,  $h$ , and  $k$  so that  $g(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$ .  
A:  $g(x) = 2x^2 - 8x - 3 = 2(x^2 - 4x) - 3 = 2(x^2 - 4x + 4) - 3 - 8 = 2(x - 2)^2 - 11$
  - Describe a sequence of transformations (horizontal/vertical shifts and/or horizontal/vertical stretches and/or reflections) to transform  $y = g(x)$  to  $y = x^2$ .  
A: Shift 11 units up, 2 units left and then compress vertically by a factor 2.

6. Eliminate the parameter for the parametric equations:

$$x = \sec \theta$$

$$y = 2 \tan^2 \theta$$

and sketch a graph for the curve over the interval

$0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ . Indicate with arrows the direction

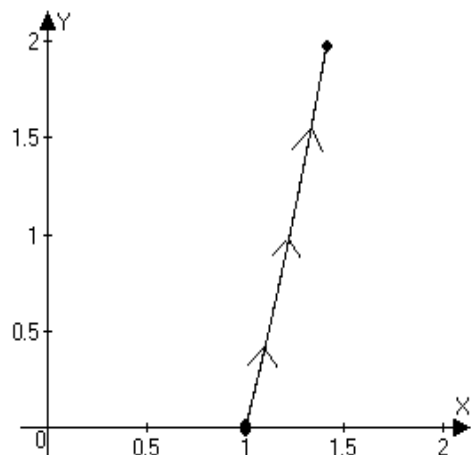
the curve follows over this interval.

A: From the Pythagorean identity,

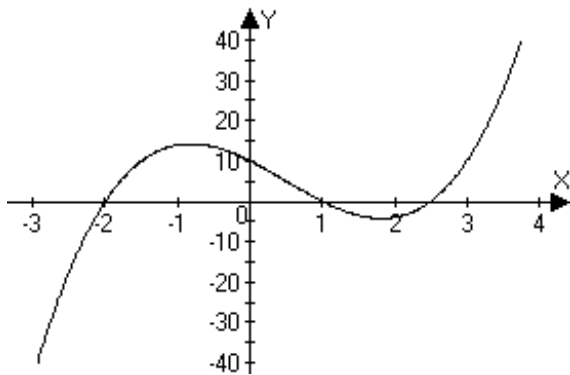
$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$ , we can easily substitute to

obtain  $\frac{y}{2} + 1 = x^2 \Leftrightarrow y = 2x^2 - 2$ . For  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,

$1 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2}$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 2$ , following the curve of the parabola like as shown.



7. Write an equation for the cubic polynomial whose graph is shown



A: Since the roots of the cubic are at  $x = -2, 1$  and  $2.5$ , the cubic will have the form  $y = a(x+2)(x-1)(x-2.5)$ , to fit the vertical scale, choose  $a = 2$  so the  $y$ -intercept fits  $(0,10)$ :  $y = 2(x+2)(x-1)(x-2.5)$

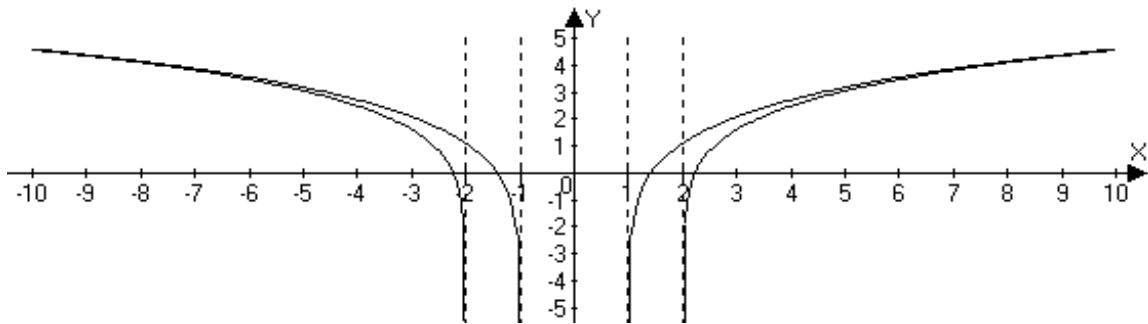
8. Write parametric equations which describe the ellipse with Cartesian equation  $\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$  and give a range of the parameter which completes one trace of the ellipse.

A: Based on the Pythagorean identity, choose

$$\frac{x^2}{2} = \cos^2 t; \frac{y^2}{4} = \sin^2 t \Leftarrow \boxed{x = \sqrt{2} \cos t; y = 2 \sin t}. \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

9. Graph two different members of the family of functions described by  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 - c)$  for two different positive values of  $c$ . Write a sentence or two describing how the value  $c$  shapes the graph.

A: Graphs of  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 - 1)$  and  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 - 4)$  are shown below.  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 - c)$  will have vertical asymptotes along  $x = \pm\sqrt{c}$ .



10. Consider the function  $f(x) = x + 2\ln(x+1)$

- a. Tabulate at least 3 different input/output values for  $f(x)$ .

$$\text{A: } \begin{array}{c|ccc} x & 0 & e-1 & e^2-1 \\ \hline f(x) & 0 & e+1 & e^2+3 \end{array}$$

- b. Tabulate at least 3 different input/output values for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

$$\text{A: } \begin{array}{c|ccc} x & 0 & e+1 & e^2+3 \\ \hline f^{-1}(x) & 0 & e-1 & e^2-1 \end{array}$$