

## Practice GRE Exam!

*Due Thursday, Week 10**UCSB 2015*

I wrote a practice GRE! It's a bit shorter (i.e. 40 problems in place of the normal 66) than a normal GRE exam, but it should still be a good warmup. Try it out! Give yourself about 2 hours or so to take this test, as it's a bit less than two-thirds the length of a normal GRE exam.

1. Consider the sequence

$$\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots$$

Which of the following sets of numbers is the collection of all values  $\beta$  for which a subsequence of  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $\beta$ ?

- (a)  $\mathbb{Q}$ . (c)  $\mathbb{R}$ . (e)  $\emptyset$ .  
 (b)  $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ . (d)  $[0, 1]$ .

2. Suppose that a function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  has a complex derivative at every point in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Which of the following must be true?

- I.  $f$  can be written as a power series that converges on all of  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
 II. The integral of  $f$  along any closed path is 0.  
 III.  $f$  is a surjection from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- (a) I only. (c) II and III only. (e) I, II and III.  
 (b) II only. (d) I and II only.

3. Suppose that  $f(x)$  has Taylor series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ , and that  $g(x) = (f(x))^2$ . What is  $g'''(0)$ ?

- (a)  $2(a_0 + a_1 + a_2)$ . (c)  $3(a_1 a_2 + a_0 a_3)$ . (e) Not enough information to tell.  
 (b)  $6(a_0 a_3 + a_1 a_2)$  (d)  $12(a_0 a_3 + a_1 a_2)$



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7. Let  $S$  be the surface given by the level set  $x^2 + y^3 + z^4 = 3$ . Which of these planes are tangent to  $S$  at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ ?

- (a)  $x = z$ .
- (b)  $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{3} + \frac{z}{4} = \frac{13}{12}$ .
- (c)  $2x + 3y + 4z = 3$ .
- (d)  $9 = x + y + z$ .
- (e) None of these are the tangent plane.

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8. Let  $g : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by the equation  $(a, b, c, d) = (a^b, c^d)$ , and  $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be defined by the equation  $h(x, y) = (x, y, xy, x)$ .

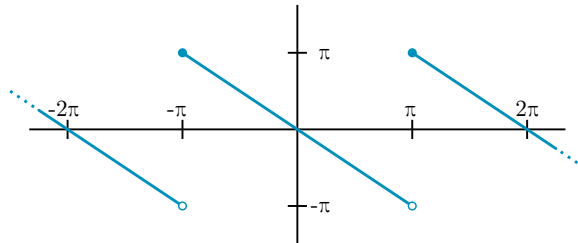
Find the derivative of  $(g \circ h)(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$ , evaluated at  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$ .

- (a)  $(0, e)$ .
- (b)  $(1, 1)$ .
- (c)  $(e, 1)$ .
- (d)  $(1, e^2)$ .
- (e) Undefined.

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9. Which of the following Fourier series corresponds to the **sawtooth wave**  $s(x)$  drawn below?

$$s(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \in [-\pi, \pi), \\ s(x \pm 2\pi), & \forall x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$



- (a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi(-1)^{n+1} \cdot \cos(nx)}{n}$ .
- (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi \sin(nx)}{2^n}$ .
- (c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(nx)x^n}{n!}$ .
- (d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi(-1)^{n+1} \cdot \sin(nx)}{2n}$ .
- (e)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(nx) + \cos(nx)}{n^2}$ .

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10. Suppose that  $\langle F, +, \cdot \rangle$  is a field. Which of the following properties **must not** be true?

- (a)  $F$  is finite.
- (b)  $\forall x \in F, \exists y \in F$  with  $x \cdot y = 1 + 1$ .
- (c)  $\exists x, y \in F$  with  $xyx^{-1}y^{-1} \neq 1$ .
- (d)  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a subset of  $F$ .
- (e) If  $G$  is a subgroup of  $\langle F^\times, \cdot \rangle$ , then  $G$  is cyclic.

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11. Suppose that  $f(x)$  is a function such that  $f'(x) = \cos(2x)e^{3x}$ , and  $f(0) = 0$ . What is  $f(x)$ ?

- (a)  $\frac{2}{9} \sin(2x)e^{3x} + \frac{2}{9} \cos(2x)e^{3x} - \frac{2}{9}$ .
- (b)  $\frac{1}{36} \sin(2x)e^{3x}$ .
- (c)  $\frac{3}{5} \sin(2x)e^{3x} + \frac{2}{5} \cos(2x)e^{3x} - \frac{3}{5}$ .
- (d)  $\frac{3}{13} \cos(2x)e^{3x} + \frac{2}{13} \sin(2x)e^{3x} - \frac{3}{13}$ .
- (e)  $\frac{5}{3} \sin(2x)e^{3x} + \frac{10}{9} \cos(2x)e^{3x} - \frac{5}{3}$ .

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12. What is the maximum value of  $f(x, y) = 4x - 3y$  given the constraint  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ ?

- (a) 1.
  - (b) 2.
  - (c) 6.
  - (d) 8.
  - (e) 10.
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13. Look at the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \\ q, & x = \frac{p}{q}, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, \gcd(p, q) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Let  $C$  denote the collection of all points at which  $f(x)$  is continuous. Which of the following properties hold for  $C$ ?

- I.  $C$  is open.                      II.  $C$  is closed.                      III.  $C$  is compact.
- (a) I only.                              (c) I and II only.                      (e) I, II and III.
- (b) II only.                              (d) II and III only.
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14. Find the integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{1/2}}{1+x^{1/3}} dx.$$

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- (b)  $5 \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$
- (c)  $\pi/4 - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7}$
- (d)  $6 \left( \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} - 1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$
- (e) Does not exist.
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15. Consider the process of rolling a fair  $n$ -sided die. Let  $X$  be the random variable corresponding to the face that appears when such a die is rolled. What is the standard deviation of  $X$ ?

- (a)  $n$ .                                      (c)  $\binom{n}{2}$ .                                      (e)  $\frac{6}{\sqrt{(n+1)(2n+1)}}$ .
- (b)  $\sqrt{\frac{n^2-1}{12}}$ .                              (d)  $\sqrt{\frac{n+1}{2}}$ .
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16. Suppose that  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix with 2's on the diagonal and 1's elsewhere. What is the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ ?

- (a)  $(x - 2)^n$ .                      (c)  $x \cdot (x - n + 1)^{n-1}$ .                      (e)  $(x - 1)^{n-1}(x - n - 1)$ .  
(b)  $(x - 1)^{n/2}(x - 2)^{n/2}$ .                      (d)  $x^n - nx + 2$ .
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17. Which of the statements below is **not** equivalent to the logical formula

$$((A \vee B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C) \wedge (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow C \quad ?$$

- (a)  $(A \rightarrow B) \Leftrightarrow (\neg B \rightarrow \neg A)$   
(b)  $((\neg A \rightarrow B) \wedge (\neg A \rightarrow \neg B)) \rightarrow A$   
(c)  $\neg(A \wedge B) \Leftrightarrow (\neg A \vee \neg B)$   
(d)  $((A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A) \vee (A \rightarrow C) \vee (C \rightarrow A)) \rightarrow C$   
(e)  $((A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$
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18. What is the integral of the vector field  $F(x, y, z) = (x, y, z)$  over the outward-oriented surface  $S$  formed by intersecting the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  with the positive half-space  $\{(x, y, z) \mid z \geq 0\}$ ?

- (a)  $\frac{8\pi}{3}$ .                      (b)  $-\frac{8\pi}{3}$ .                      (c) 16.                      (d) 0.                      (e)  $8\pi$ .
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19. Suppose that  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix with  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, and let  $\vec{x}$  denote the vector  $(1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$ . Suppose that for any permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n \cdot \sigma(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$ . What must always be true about  $A$ ?

- (a)  $A$  is nilpotent.  
(b) More than half of the entries of  $A$  are zero.  
(c)  $A$  has no nonzero eigenvalues.  
(d) All of  $A$ 's eigenvectors are in  $(-1, 1)$ .  
(e)  $A$  is invertible.
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20. What is the length of the curve  $\gamma(t) = (t, \ln(\sec(t)))$  on the interval  $[0, \pi/4]$ ?

- (a)  $\ln(\sqrt{2}/2 + 1)$ .                      (c)  $\ln(\sqrt{2}/2)$ .                      (e)  $1 - \ln(\sqrt{2})$ .  
(b)  $\ln(\sqrt{2} + 1)$ .                      (d)  $\pi \cdot \ln(\sqrt{2})$ .
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21. Which of the following five objects has a bijection with  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

- (a) The Gaussian integers.  
(b) The collection of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .  
(c) The collection of all co-finite subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  
(d) The collection of all ordinal numbers.  
(e) The set of all uncountable subsets of the real line.
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22. Let  $f(x) = y$  be the solution to the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = x^2 + 1,$$

given the boundary condition that at  $x = 0$  we want  $y = 0$ .

What is  $f(0)$ ?

- (a) 0.                      (b)  $1/3$ .                      (c)  $5/9$ .                      (d)  $6/7$ .                      (e)  $-2/3$ .
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23. How many roots does the equation  $2x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x + c = 0$  have?

- (a) 0.                      (c) 2.                      (e) It depends on  $c$ .  
(b) 1.                      (d) 3.
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24. Find the volume of the tetrahedron spanned by the three vectors  $(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $(2, 3, 1)$ ,  $(3, 1, 2)$ .

- (a) 6.                      (b) 9.                      (c) 12.                      (d) 18.                      (e) 36.
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25. Which of the following series converge?

I.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{3^n}$ .

II.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$ .

III.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln(n)}$ .

- (a) I and II only.                      (c) II and III only.                      (e) None of the above.  
(b) I and III only.                      (d) I, II and III.
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26. As  $n$  goes to infinity, which of the five expressions listed below is the **largest**?

- (a) The number of degree- $n$  polynomials with coefficients in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .  
(b) The number of even-order permutations in  $S_n$ .  
(c) The number of subsets of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .  
(d) The reciprocal of the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $e^x$ 's Taylor series.  
(e)  $\binom{2n}{n}$ .
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27. Suppose that  $G$  is a set endowed with a binary operation  $\cdot : G \times G \rightarrow G$ , such that the following properties hold:

- For all  $a, b, c \in G$ , we have  $(a \cdot (b \cdot c)) = (a \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot c)$ .
- There is an element  $e \in G$  such that for all  $a \in G$ ,  $e \cdot a = a \cdot e = a$ .

Which of the following properties must be true?

- I.  $G$  is a group.  
II.  $G$  is infinite.  
III. For any  $g \in G$ , there is some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g^n = e$ .

- (a) II only.                      (c) I and III only.                      (e) None of the above.  
(b) III only.                      (d) I, II and III.
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28. What is the average value of the function  $f(x, y) = xy$  over the set  $S = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1, x, y \geq 0\}$  of points on the unit circle with positive coordinates?

- (a)  $1/2\pi$ .                      (b) 1.                      (c)  $1/\pi$ .                      (d) 0.                      (e)  $2\pi/3$ .
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29. Consider the following algorithm, that takes in as input two positive natural numbers  $n, m$  and outputs another natural number  $p$ :

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input (n)
input (m)
p:= 0

while n > 0
  begin
    if (n mod 2 == 1)
      p := p + m
      n := (n-1)/2
      m:= 2*m
    else
      n := n/2
      m := 2*m
    end
  end
output(p)
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On input  $n = 100, m = 2$ , what is the output of this process?

- (a) 0.            (b) 2.            (c) 50.            (d) 100.            (e) 200.

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30. Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix. Which of the following statements is false?

- (a) The dimension of the null space of  $A$  plus the dimension of the kernel of  $A$  is  $n$ .
  - (b) The dimension of the row space of  $A$  is the dimension of the image of  $A$ .
  - (c) The dimension of the column space of  $A$  is never less than the dimension of the row space of  $A$ .
  - (d) The rank of  $A$  plus the dimension of the null space of  $A$  is at least the dimension of the row space.
  - (e) The sum of the dimensions of  $A$ 's row, column and null spaces is always less than  $2n$ .
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31. Determine the radius of convergence of the following power series.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(\pi n)x^n}{n}$$

- (a)  $\infty$ .                      (c) 1.                      (e)  $n$ .  
(b) 0.                      (d)  $\pi$ .
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32. Suppose that  $A, B, C$  are three pairwise independent events. Which of the following **is not necessarily** true?

- (a)  $P(A) = P(A|B)$ .  
(b)  $P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C) = P(A \cap B \cap C)$ .  
(c)  $P(A) = \frac{P(A \cap C)}{P(C)}$ .  
(d)  $(P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C))^2 = P(A \cap B) \cdot P(A \cap C) \cdot P(B \cap C)$ .  
(e)  $P(B \cap C) = P(B) \cdot P(C)$ .
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33. If  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  is the vector  $(2, 0)$ , what is  $x$ ?

- (a) 0.                      (b)  $1/3$ .                      (c) 1.                      (d)  $2/3$ .                      (e) 3.
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34. Find the limit as  $x$  goes to 0 of the following fraction:

$$\frac{6 \sin(x) - 6x + x^3}{x^5}$$

- (a) 0.                      (b) 1.                      (c)  $1/20$ .                      (d)  $6/20$ .                      (e)  $-1/120$ .
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35. Given a set  $S$ , let  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  denote the collection of all finite subsets of  $S$ , and  $\mathcal{I}(S)$  denote the collection of all infinite subsets of  $S$ . Which of the following are true?

- I.  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{N})$  is a topology on the natural numbers.
- II.  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbb{N})$  is a topology on the natural numbers.
- III. The union  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{N}) \cup \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{N})$  is a topology on the natural numbers.

- (a) I only.                      (c) III only.                      (e) I, II and III only.  
(b) II only.                      (d) II and III only.
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36. We call a group  $G$  “pleasant” if it is abelian and every non-identity element  $g$  in  $G$  has prime order. Up to isomorphism, how many pleasant groups are there of order at most 25?

- (a) 0.                      (c) 16.                      (e) 31.                      many.  
(b) 9.                      (d) 25.                      (f) Infinitely
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37. What is the antiderivative of

$$\frac{x-1}{x^2+x} ?$$

- (a)  $\frac{\tan(x)}{x}$ .                      (c)  $2 \ln(x+1) - \ln(x)$ .                      (e)  $\frac{\cos(x)}{x \sin(x)}$ .  
(b)  $\ln(x^2+x)$ .                      (d)  $\frac{1}{x^2-x}$ .
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38. A sequence of numbers  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  is called **graphic** if there is a simple undirected graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  where the degree of each vertex  $v_i$  is equal to  $d_i$ .

Which of the following sequences are graphic?

- I.  $d_1 = 1, d_2 = 2, d_3 = 3, d_5 = 4, d_5 = 5$ .
- II.  $d_1 = 1, d_2 = 1, d_3 = 2, d_5 = 2, d_5 = 3$ .
- III.  $d_1 = 3, d_2 = 3, d_3 = 3, d_5 = 3, d_5 = 3$ .

- (a) I only.                      (c) II and III only.                      (e) None of the above.  
(b) III only.                      (d) I and II only.
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39. Find  $2015^{2015} \pmod{7}$ .

- (a) 0.            (b) 1.            (c) 2.            (d) 4.            (e) 6.
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40. Which of these trigonometric expressions is equal to  $\cot(x) + \tan(x)$ ?

- (a)  $\cos(x) \sin(x) - \sin(x) \cos(x)$ .  
(b)  $\sin^2(x) - \cos^4(x)$ .  
(c)  $\tan(x) \sin(x)$   
(d)  $\tan(x) - \csc(x)$ .  
(e)  $\sec(x) \csc(x)$ .
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