

MA 16100  
Study Guide - Exam # 1

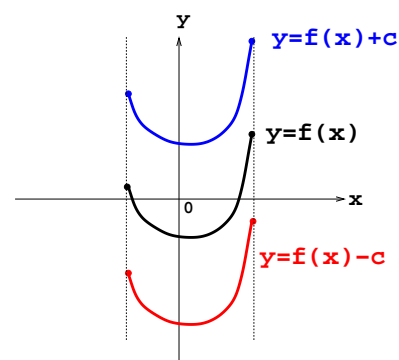
**1** Review of Algebra/PreCalculus:

- (a) Distance between  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $P(x_2, y_2)$  is  $|PQ| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$ .
- (b) Equations of lines:
- (i) Point-Slope Form:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
- (ii) Slope-Intercept Form:  $y = mx + b$
- (c)  $L_1 \parallel L_2 \iff m_1 = m_2$  ;  $L_1 \perp L_2 \iff m_2 = -\frac{1}{m_1}$
- (d) Equation of a circle:  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ .
- (e) Determining domain of a function  $f(x)$ .

**2** Transformations of Functions  $y = f(x)$

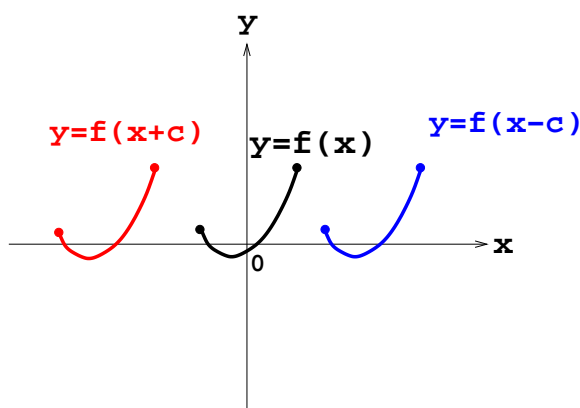
(I) Vertical Shift ( $c > 0$ )

- (a)  $y = f(x) + c \implies$  shift  $f(x)$  vertically  $c$  units up.
- (b)  $y = f(x) - c \implies$  shift  $f(x)$  vertically  $c$  units down.



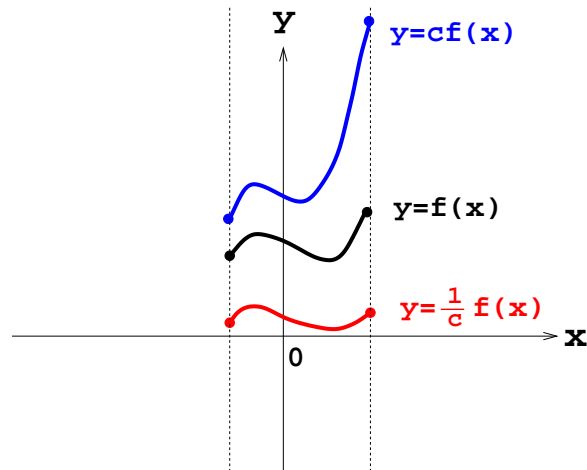
(II) Horizontal Shift ( $c > 0$ )

- (a)  $y = f(x - c) \implies$  shift  $f(x)$  horizontally  $c$  units right.
- (b)  $y = f(x + c) \implies$  shift  $f(x)$  horizontally  $c$  units left.



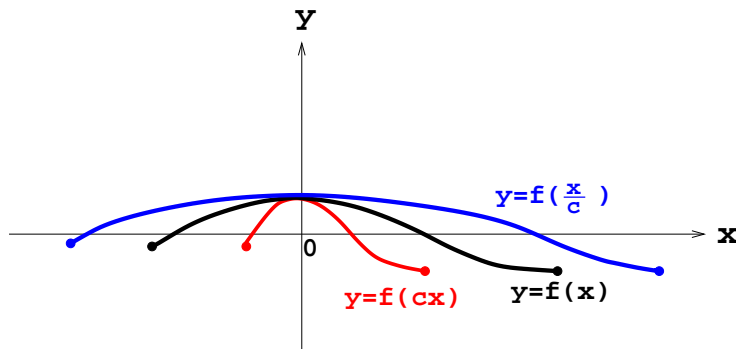
**(III)** Vertical Stretch/Shrink ( $c > 0$ )

$y = cf(x) \implies$  stretch  $f(x)$  vertically by a factor  $c$ . (If  $c < 1$ , this shrinks the graph.)



**(IV)** Horizontal Stretch/Shrink ( $c > 0$ )

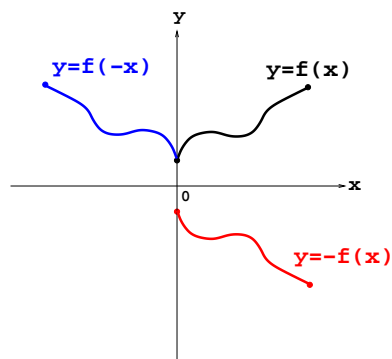
$y = f\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) \implies$  stretch  $f(x)$  horizontally by a factor  $c$ . (If  $c < 1$ , this shrinks graph.)



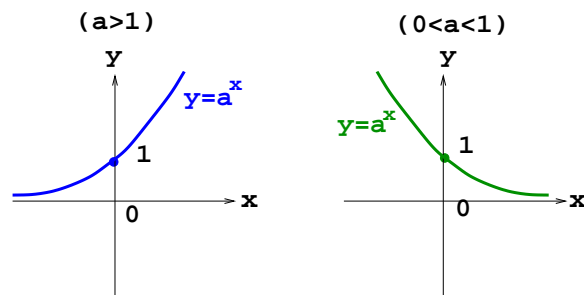
**(V)** Reflections

(a)  $y = -f(x) \implies$  reflect  $f(x)$  about  $x$ -axis

(b)  $y = f(-x) \implies$  reflect  $f(x)$  about  $y$ -axis



- 3** Combinations of functions; composite function  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ ;  $y = e^x$ ; exponential functions  $y = a^x$  ( $a > 0$  fixed):



- 4** Law of Exponents:

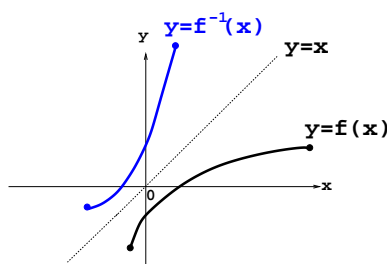
$$a^{x+y} = a^x a^y$$

$$a^{x-y} = \frac{a^x}{a^y}$$

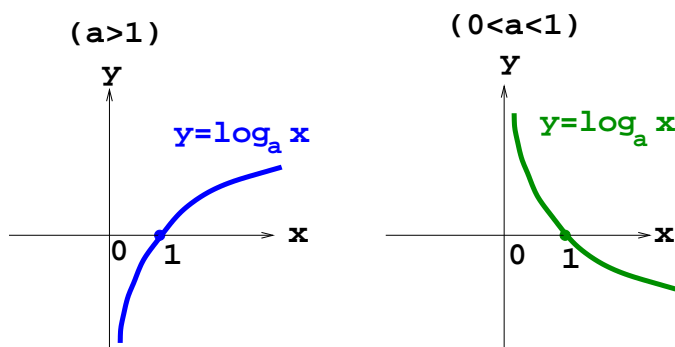
$$(a^x)^y = a^{xy}$$

$$(ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

- 5** One-to-one functions; Horizontal Line Test; inverse functions; finding the inverse  $f^{-1}(x)$  of a 1-1 function  $f(x)$ ; graphing inverse functions:



- 6** Logarithmic functions to base  $a$ :  $y = \log_a x$  ( $a > 0$ ,  $a \neq 1$ ):



- 7** Logarithm formulas:

$$\log_a x = y \iff a^y = x$$

$$\log_a(a^x) = x, \text{ for every } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$a^{\log_a x} = x, \text{ for every } x > 0$$

**8** Law of Logarithms:

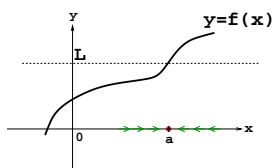
$$\log_a(xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y$$

$$\log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y$$

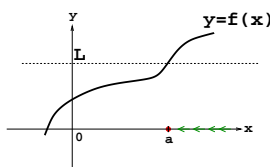
$$\log_a(x^p) = p \log_a x$$

**9** Finite Limits

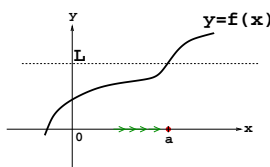
(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$



(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = L$  (right-hand limit)



(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L$  (left-hand limit)

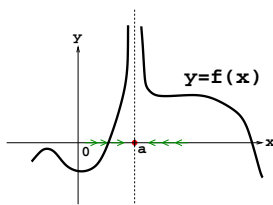


Recall:

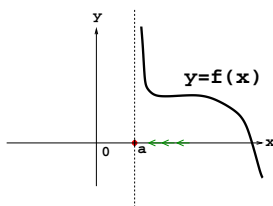
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \iff \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L$$

**10** Infinite Limits

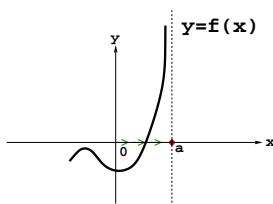
(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$



(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \infty$



(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \infty$



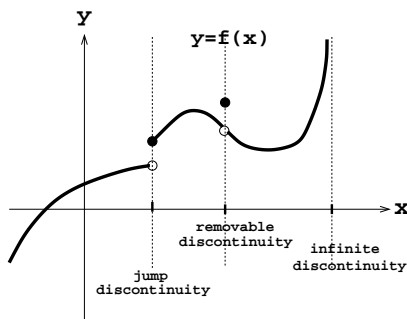
Remark: The line  $x = a$  is a *Vertical Asymptote* of  $f(x)$  if at least one of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$  is  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .

**11** Limit Laws; computing limits using Limit Laws;

SQUEEZE THEOREM : If  $h_1(x) \leq f(x) \leq h_2(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h_2(x) = L$ ,

$$\text{then } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$$

**12**  $f$  continuous at  $a$  (i.e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ );  $f$  continuous on an interval;  $f$  continuous from the left at  $a$  (i.e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = f(a)$ ) or continuous from the right at  $a$  (i.e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$ ); jump discontinuity, removable discontinuity, infinite discontinuity:



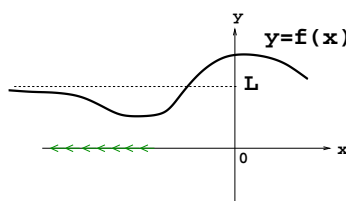
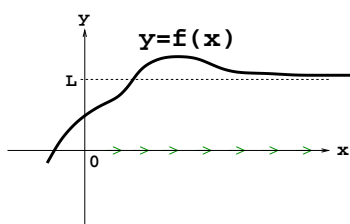
LIMIT COMPOSITION THEOREM: If  $f$  is continuous at  $b$ , where  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = b$ ,

$$\text{then } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(g(x)) = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)\right) = f(b).$$

**13** Limits at Infinity

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$



Remark: The line  $y = L$  is a *Horizontal Asymptote* of  $f(x)$ .

**14** Average rate of change of  $y = f(x)$  over the interval  $[x_1, x_2]$  :  $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$ ;

slope of secant line through two points; average velocity. Definition of derivative of  $y = f(x)$

at  $a$ :  $f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$  or, equivalently,  $f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$ ; interpretation of derivative:

$$f'(a) = \begin{cases} \text{slope of tangent line the graph of } y = f(x) \text{ at } a \\ \text{velocity at time } a \\ \text{(instantaneous) rate of change of } f \text{ at } a \end{cases}$$

**15** Derivative as a function:  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{dy}{dx}$ ; differentiable functions (i.e.,  $f'(x)$  exists); higher order derivatives :  $f''(x) = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \dots$