

# Pre-Calculus 12 Comprehensive Review

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## Unit 1: Arithmetic and Geometric Sequences and Series

### Notes

- Arithmetic Sequence:  $a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$
- Arithmetic Series:  $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$
- Geometric Sequence:  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$
- Geometric Series:  $S_n = a_1 \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}, r \neq 1$

### Example: Bouncing Ball

A ball is dropped from a height of 10 m. Each bounce reaches  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the previous height. Find the total distance after 5 bounces.

First drop: 10 m

Bounces: geometric series with  $a_1 = 10 * (3/4) = 7.5, r = 3/4, n = 5$

$$S_5 = 7.5 \frac{1 - (3/4)^5}{1 - 3/4} \approx 35.7$$

Total distance =  $10 + 35.7 \approx 45.7$  m

Total distance  $\approx 45.7$  m

## Unit 2: Transformations

### Notes

- Horizontal shift:  $f(x - h)$  moves right by  $h$
- Vertical shift:  $f(x) + k$  moves up by  $k$

- Reflection:  $-f(x)$  reflects over x-axis,  $f(-x)$  over y-axis
- Vertical stretch/compression:  $af(x)$  stretches if  $|a| > 1$ , compresses if  $0 < |a| < 1$

### Example

$f(x) = x^2$  transformed to  $-2(x - 3)^2 + 4$ , find  $f(-1)$ :

$$f(-1) = -2((-1 - 3)^2) + 4 = -2(16) + 4 = -32 + 4 = -28$$

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| $f(-1) = -28$ |
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## Unit 3: Polynomials

### Notes

- Factor theorem: if  $f(c) = 0$ ,  $(x - c)$  is a factor
- End behavior depends on leading term
- Synthetic division for  $f(x) \div (x - c)$

### Example: Synthetic Division

Divide  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 5$  by  $x - 2$ :

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 2 & -3 & 4 & -5 \\ & & 4 & 2 & 12 \\ \hline & 2 & 1 & 6 & 7 \end{array}$$

Quotient  $= 2x^2 + x + 6$ , remainder  $= 7$

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| $f(x) = (x - 2)(2x^2 + x + 6) + 7$ |
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## Unit 4: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

### Notes

- Exponential:  $f(x) = a \cdot b^x$
- Logarithm:  $\ln(x)$  natural,  $\log_b(x)$  base  $b$
- Properties:  $\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$ ,  $\log_b(x^n) = n \log_b x$

### Example: Population Growth

Population 1000 grows 5% annually, find  $t$  for 2000:

$$2000 = 1000(1.05)^t \implies t = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 1.05} \approx 14.21$$

$t \approx 14.2 \text{ years}$

## Unit 5: Function Operations and Conics

### Notes

- $(f + g)(x)$ ,  $(f - g)(x)$ ,  $(fg)(x)$ ,  $(f/g)(x)$
- Circle:  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ , Parabola:  $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$

### Example

Parabola:  $y = 0.5(x - 2)^2 + 1$ , find  $y$  when  $x = 5$ :

$$y = 0.5(5 - 2)^2 + 1 = 0.5 * 9 + 1 = 5.5$$

$y = 5.5$

## Unit 6: Trigonometric Functions

### Notes

- $f(x) = a \sin(bx + c) + d$  or  $f(x) = a \cos(bx + c) + d$
- Amplitude  $a = (\max - \min)/2$ , midline  $d = (\max + \min)/2$
- Period  $2\pi/b$ , phase shift  $-c/b$

### Example: Ferris Wheel

Radius 25 m, center 27 m, period 40 s, start at lowest point:

$$b = 2\pi/40 = \pi/20, \quad h(t) = -25 \cos(\pi t/20) + 27$$

$$h(15) = -25 \cos(3\pi/4) + 27 = -25(-\sqrt{2}/2) + 27 \approx 44.7$$

$h(15) \approx 44.7 \text{ m}$

# Unit 7: Trigonometric Equations and Identities

## Notes

- Solve  $\sin x = k$ ,  $\cos x = k$ ,  $\tan x = k$
- ASTC to determine quadrant: A=All, S=Sine, T=Tangent, C=Cosine positive
- Identities: Pythagorean, reciprocal, co-function, sum/difference, double angle
- $\arcsin$ ,  $\arccos$ ,  $\arctan$  are inverse trig functions
- $\pm$  means both positive and negative solutions in the specified quadrant

## Example: Solve Equation

$$\sin 2x = \sqrt{3}/2 \implies 2x = \pi/3, 2\pi/3 \implies x = \pi/6, \pi/3$$

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| $x = \pi/6, \pi/3$ |
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## Worksheet (Extended)

1. Bouncing ball: dropped 12 m, 80% each bounce, distance after 6 bounces.
2. Arithmetic series: sum first 50 terms of 2, 5, 8, ....
3. Geometric series: sum first 8 terms of 3, 6, 12, ....
4. Find 10th term of arithmetic sequence 5, 8, 11, ...
5. Find 7th term of geometric sequence 2, 6, 18, ...
6. Transform  $f(x) = x^2$ : reflect over x-axis, vertical stretch 2, shift right 3, up 1. Find  $f(0)$
7. Sketch  $y = \frac{1}{2}(-x + 2)^2 + 3$
8. Synthetic division:  $2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x + 6$  by  $x - 1$
9. Factor  $x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 4$  using factor theorem
10. Find end behavior of  $f(x) = -3x^4 + 2x^3 - x + 5$
11. Population grows 1000 at 6% per year. Find  $t$  for 2500.
12. Solve  $\ln(2x - 1) = 3$
13. Solve  $3^x = 81$
14.  $(f/g)(2)$ ,  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ ,  $g(x) = 2x - 3$

15. Parabola:  $y = 2(x - 1)^2 + 3$ , find  $y$  when  $x = 4$
16. Circle:  $(x - 3)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 16$ , find  $y$  when  $x = 5$
17. Ferris wheel: radius 15 m, center 17 m, period 30 s, start at highest point. Find  $h(t)$ ,  $h(12)$
18. Tidal buoy: high 9 m, low 3 m, period 12 h, start high. Find  $B(t)$ ,  $B(7)$
19. Sunlight: max 16 h, min 8 h, period 365 days, min at day 355. Find  $D(t)$  and  $D(90)$
20. Solve  $\sin x = 0.707$
21. Solve  $\cos 2x = 0.5$
22. Verify  $1 + \tan^2(\pi/6) = \sec^2(\pi/6)$
23. Solve  $\sin(x + \pi/4) = \sqrt{2}/2$
24. Solve  $\tan^2 x - 3 = 0$

## Answer Key (Very Detailed Step-by-Step)

1. Bouncing ball:  $a_1 = 12 * 0.8 = 9.6$ ,  $r = 0.8$ ,  $n = 6$   $S_6 = 9.6(1 - 0.8^6)/(1 - 0.8) \approx 42.4$  m, add first drop 12  $\implies$  54.4 m

54.4 m

2.  $S_{50} = 50/2 * (2 + (2 + 49 * 3)) = 25 * 149 = 3725$

3725

3.  $S_8 = 3(1 - 2^8)/(1 - 2) = 765$

765

4.  $a_{10} = 5 + (10 - 1) * 3 = 5 + 27 = 32$

32

5.  $a_7 = 2 * 6^6 = 2 * 6^6 = 46656$

46656

6.  $f(x) = 2(-x + 3)^2 + 1$ ,  $f(0) = 2(-0 + 3)^2 + 1 = 19$

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7. Sketch answer: parabola opens downwards, vertex at (2,3), compressed vertically 1/2

8. Synthetic: Quotient  $2x^2 + 5x$ , remainder 6

$$f(x) = (x - 1)(2x^2 + 5x) + 6$$

9. Factor:  $(x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 4)$

$$(x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 4)$$

10. End behavior: leading term  $-3x^4$ ,  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

11.  $t = \ln 2.5 / \ln 1.06 \approx 15.2$  yrs

$$15.2 \text{ yrs}$$

12.  $\ln(2x - 1) = 3 \implies 2x - 1 = e^3 \implies x = (1 + e^3)/2 \approx 10.542$

$$10.542$$

13.  $3^x = 81 \implies 3^x = 3^4 \implies x = 4$

$$4$$

14.  $(f/g)(2) = (2^2 + 1)/(2 * 2 - 3) = 5/1 = 5$

$$5$$

15.  $y = 2(4 - 1)^2 + 3 = 2 * 9 + 3 = 21$

$$21$$

16. Circle:  $(5 - 3)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 16 \implies 4 + (y + 2)^2 = 16 \implies (y + 2)^2 = 12 \implies y = -2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$

$$y = -2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

17. Ferris:  $b = 2\pi/30 = \pi/15$ ,  $h(t) = 15 \cos(\pi t/15) + 17$ ,  $h(12) = 15 \cos(4\pi/5) + 17 \approx 4.86$

$$4.86 \text{ m}$$

18. Buoy:  $a = 3$ ,  $d = 6$ ,  $b = \pi/6$ ,  $B(t) = 3 \cos(\pi t/6) + 6$ ,  $B(7) = 3 \cos(7\pi/6) + 6 \approx 3.40$

$$3.40 \text{ m}$$

19. Sunlight:  $a = (16 - 8)/2 = 4$ ,  $d = (16 + 8)/2 = 12$ ,  $b = 2\pi/365$ ,  $D(t) = 12 - 4 \cos(2\pi/365(t - 355))$ ,  $D(90) \approx 12.64$  h

$$12.64 \text{ h}$$

$$20. \sin x = 0.707 \implies x = \pi/4, 3\pi/4 + 2\pi n$$

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$$21. \cos 2x = 0.5 \implies 2x = \pi/3, 5\pi/3 \implies x = \pi/6, 5\pi/6 + \pi n$$

$$x = \pi/6, 5\pi/6 + \pi n$$

$$22. 1 + \tan^2(\pi/6) = 1 + 1/3 = 4/3 = \sec^2(\pi/6)$$

$$4/3$$

$$23. \sin(x + \pi/4) = \sqrt{2}/2 \implies x + \pi/4 = \pi/4, 3\pi/4 \implies x = 0, \pi/2 + 2\pi n$$

$$x = 0, \pi/2 + 2\pi n$$

$$24. \tan^2 x - 3 = 0 \implies \tan x = \pm\sqrt{3} \implies x = \pi/3, 2\pi/3 + \pi n$$

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