

Math 120 Exam 2 One-Page Review: Chapters 8 through 16

This review highlights core skills. You are expected to know how to do all problems similar to those in the homework.

1. Chapters 8 and 9: Composition and Inverses

- Compute compositions: $f(g(x))$, $g(f(x))$, $f(f(x))$.
- A function has an inverse if it passes the horizontal line test.
- To find an inverse: start with $y = f(x)$, solve for x in terms of y , then switch x and y .
- Be able to solve for x in linear, rational, quadratic (may require restricted domain), and root-based expressions.

2. Chapters 10, 11, 12: Exponential Models and Logarithms

- Model forms:

$$y = y_0 b^x \quad \text{and} \quad y = y_0 e^{kx}, \text{ where } b = e^k.$$

- Key log rules:

$$\ln(a^r) = r \ln(a), \quad \ln(ab) = \ln(a) + \ln(b), \quad \ln(a/b) = \ln(a) - \ln(b).$$

- Use logarithms to solve equations where the variable is in the exponent.
- Doubling/tripling time depends on the growth rate, not the initial amount.
- Change of base:

$$\log_b(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(b)}.$$

3. Chapter 13: Moving Functions Around

- Reflect across y -axis: replace x by $-x$.
- Reflect across x -axis: replace y by $-y$.
- Shift horizontally by h : replace x by $x - h$.
- Shift vertically by k : replace y by $y - k$.
- Dilate horizontally by c : replace x by cx .
- Dilate vertically by d : replace y by dy .
- Best method: Mark points on the original graph, transform the coordinates, then re-plot.

4. Chapter 14: Linear-to-Linear Models

- Standard form:

$$y = \frac{ax + b}{x + c}.$$

- Vertical asymptote: $x = -c$.
- Horizontal asymptote: $y = a$.
- After drawing asymptotes, the basic shape resembles $y = \pm 1/x$.

5. Chapter 15: Arc Length and Wedge Area

- 2π radians = 360° .
- If θ is in *radians*:

$$s = r\theta, \quad \text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta.$$

- If θ is in *degrees*:

$$s = \frac{\pi}{180}r\theta, \quad \text{Area} = \frac{\pi}{360}r^2\theta.$$

6. Chapter 16: Circular Motion and Belts

- Angular speed: $\omega = \frac{\theta}{t}$.
- Linear speed: $v = \frac{s}{t}$.
- When θ is in radians:

$$s = r\theta, \quad \theta = \omega t, \quad v = \omega r.$$

- In belt systems, all contact points on the belt have the same linear speed (but wheels may have different angular speeds depending on radius).