Math 120C

Second Midterm Answers

1 (6 points) Let $\phi(t) = \frac{4t+5}{11-3t}$. Find a formula for $\phi^{-1}(t)$.

$$\phi^{-1}(t) = \frac{11t - 5}{3t + 4}.$$

2 (6 points) Let $f(x) = |x^2 - 4|$ and g(x) = 2(x + 5). Write out the multipart rule for the composition f(g(x)).

$$f(g(x)) = \begin{cases} [2(x+5)]^2 - 4 & \text{if } x < -6; \\ 4 - [2(x+5)]^2 & \text{if } -6 \le x \le -4; \\ [2(x+5)]^2 - 4 & \text{if } x > -4. \end{cases}$$

3 (13 points) Clovis is deciding how much to charge for his self-published novel. The number of copies he sells is a linear function of the amount that he charges.

If he charges \$15 per copy, he'll sell 350 copies.

If he charges \$30 per copy, he'll sell 230 copies.

(a) (6 points) Find a function f(x) for the **total amount of money** Clovis earns by charging \$x per copy.

 $f(x) = -8x^2 + 470x.$

(b) (7 points) How much should he charge in order to **maximize** his revenue?

Clovis should charge \$29.375 for a copy of his book.

(13 points) The population of Hawai'i was 1 million in 1980. It rose to 1.4 million in 2012.
The population of Alaska was 0.5 million in 1984. It grew to 0.7 million in 2009.

(a) (4 points) Compute an exponential function that models the population of Hawai'i. Take t = 0 in 1980.

 $H(t) = (1.01057)^t$.

(b) (4 points) Compute an exponential function that models the population of Alaska. Take t = 0 in 1980.

 $A(t) = 0.4738 \cdot (1.01355)^t.$

(c) (5 points) In what year will Hawai'i have twice as many people as Alaska?

The year is 1998.

5 (12 points) Find the linear-to-linear function whose graph passes through the points (0,1), (1,5) and (2,7). What is its horizontal asymptote?

The function is $f(x) = \frac{13x+2}{x+2}$.

The horizontal asymptote is the line y = 13.