

MATH 141, FALL 2015, Sample Precalc Problems

- 1) Find an equation of a line that passes through the point  $(3, 1)$  and has  $y$ -intercept  $-1$ .
- 2) Let  $g(x) = (x - 1)^2$  and  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + 1$ . Write a formula for  $(g \circ f)(x)$ .
- 3) Find the numerical value of  $e^{-\ln(0.5)}$ .
- 4) Find all solutions of the equation  $\sin(x) \cos(x) = \sin^2(x)$  in the interval  $[\pi, 2\pi]$ .
- 5) Solve the equation  $2\sqrt{x} = x - 15$ .
- 6) Solve the equation  $\ln(x) + \ln(3x - 1) = 0$ .
- 7) Reduce the following expression:  $\left(\frac{v^8 t^4}{v^3 t^5}\right)^{-1/2}$ .
- 8) Is the following equality true:  $(a + 2b)^2 = (a - 2b)^2 + 4ab$ ?
- 9) Rewrite and simplify using only sines and cosines of argument  $x$ :  $\sin^2(2x) \tan(x) \cos^3(x)$ .
- 10) Give the value of  $\tan(\pi/3)$ .