

M 408C Exam 1 Free Response (version A)  
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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- No books, notes, calculators, or other electronic devices. Do not look at anyone else's paper during the test.
- You must show your work to receive full credit. No credit will be awarded for a mere numerical answer, even if the number is correct.
- Only answers written on these sheets will be graded. Work written on scratch paper will not be considered.

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Problem	Possible	Actual
1	25	
2	25	
Total	50	

1. (25 points) Using the properties of limits that we have discussed in class, determine the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} + e^x - 2}{e^{2x} - 1}$$

To receive full credit, you must show the steps that you use to arrive at your answer.

*Warning:* No credit will be awarded for a solution using L'Hopital's rule.

*Hint:* Let  $z = e^x$ . Then  $e^{2x} = z^2$ . Try to simplify.

$$\frac{e^{2x} + e^x - 2}{e^{2x} - 1} = \frac{z^2 + z - 2}{z^2 - 1} = \frac{(z-1)(z+2)}{(z-1)(z+1)}$$

$$= \frac{z+2}{z+1} = \frac{e^x + 2}{e^x + 1} \quad (\text{as long as } x \neq 0)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} + e^x - 2}{e^{2x} - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x + 2}{e^x + 1} = \frac{e^0 + 2}{e^0 + 1} = \frac{1+2}{1+1} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Could also say, as  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $z = e^x \rightarrow e^0 = 1$

$$\text{Thus } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} + e^x - 2}{e^{2x} - 1} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^2 + z - 2}{z^2 - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{(z-1)(z+2)}{(z-1)(z+1)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z+2}{z+1} = \frac{1+2}{1+1} = \frac{3}{2}$$

2. (25 points total)

(a) (12 points) Consider three functions  $f(x)$ ,  $g(x)$  and  $h(x)$ . By combining the product rule and the quotient rule, find a rule for the derivative of  $F = f/(gh)$ . That is, express

$$F' = \left( \frac{f}{gh} \right)'$$

in terms of  $f, g, h, f', g'$ , and  $h'$ . Show the steps in your argument.

$$\begin{aligned} F' &= \left( \frac{f}{gh} \right)' = \frac{ghf' - f(gh)'}{(gh)^2} && \text{Quotient rule} \\ &= \frac{ghf' - f(g'h + gh')}{(gh)^2} && \text{product rule applied to } (gh)' \end{aligned}$$

Alternative: let  $u = gh$  then  $F = \frac{f}{u}$

$$F' = \left( \frac{f}{u} \right)' = \frac{uf' - fu'}{u^2} \quad \text{Quotient rule}$$

And,  $u' = (gh)' = g'h + gh'$  by product rule

$$\text{So } F' = \frac{ghf' - f(g'h + gh')}{(gh)^2}$$

- (b) (13 points) Use this formula to compute  $F'(0)$  in the situation where  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  are the specific functions

$$f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$$

$$g(x) = e^x$$

$$h(x) = (1 + x^2)$$

Please note that you *are not required* to compute  $F'(x)$  as a function of  $x$ , you just need to compute  $F'(0)$ .

$$\begin{array}{lll} f(0) = 1 & f'(x) = \cos x - \sin x & f'(0) = 1 \\ g(0) = 1 & g'(x) = e^x & g'(0) = 1 \\ h(0) = 1 & h'(x) = 2x & h'(0) = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F'(0) &= \frac{g(0)h(0)f'(0) - f(0)[g'(0)h(0) + g(0)h'(0)]}{[g(0)h(0)]^2} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot [1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0]}{(1 \cdot 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{1 - (1 + 0)}{1} = \frac{1 - 1}{1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$