

**Math 291-3: Midterm 1**  
**Northwestern University, Spring 2016**

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1. (10 points) Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. If it is true, explain why; if it is false, give a counterexample.

(a) Any Riemann sum of the function  $f(x, y) = x$  over  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$  is positive.

(b) The function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 & \|(x, y)\| \leq 1 \\ \frac{2}{x^2 + y^2} & \|(x, y)\| > 1 \end{cases}$$

is integrable over the square  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$ .

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2. (10 points) An  $n$ -sided polygon with side lengths  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  has area

$$A = \sqrt{(s - x_1)(s - x_2) \cdots (s - x_n)}$$

where  $s$  is half the perimeter. Show that among all  $n$ -sided polygons with fixed perimeter  $P$ , there is one with maximal area and determine the lengths of all its sides.

Just ignore area interpretation  
to get a meaningful problem.

and vertices  
on a given circle

$n \geq 3$

with vertices on a given circle

missing  $S^{4-n}$

**3.** (10 points) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function defined by  $f(x, y) = -x^2 - y^3 + 3y$  and let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  be the region enclosed by the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 2y$ . Show that

$$\iint_D f(x, y) \, dA \leq 2\pi.$$

Hint: You can take it for granted without justification that the maximum value of  $f$  over  $D$  does not occur on the boundary of  $D$ .

4. (10 points) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Rewrite the following as an iterated integral with respect to the order  $dy dz dx$ .

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} \int_0^{y^2} f(x, y, z) dz dx dy.$$

5. (10 points) Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function satisfying

$$\int_0^1 (1-x)f(x) dx = 5.$$

Find the value of the double integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^x f(x-y) dy dx.$$

Hint: Let  $u = x - y$  and use this as one of the new variables in a suitable change of variables application.