

**MATH 251 (PHILLIPS) MIDTERM 0 EXTRA PROBLEM LIST SET 2**

1. Find all real solutions to the equation  $\frac{6}{x} + \frac{7}{x^2} = 1$ . If no real solution exists, write “no solution”.

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2. Simplify the following expression as much as possible. If no simplification is possible, write “not possible”: 
$$\frac{x^3 + 7x}{x^3 + 2x}$$

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3. Assuming  $x > 0$ , write the expression  $\frac{x^2}{2\sqrt{x}}$  as a numerical constant (possibly a fraction) multiplied by a power of  $x$ . ( $x$  may not appear in a denominator.)

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4. Multiply out:  $(y - 5)(y^2 + 3y - 2)$ .

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5. Let  $f(x) = 7 - x$ . Evaluate the expression  $f(2 - x) - f(x)$ , and simplify it as much as possible.

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6. Find all real numbers  $a$  such that  $|a + 2| = -a - 2$ .

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7. Find all real solutions to the equation  $3y^{-3} = 0$ . If no real solution exists, write “no solution”.

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8. Suppose  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 4x^2 - x$ . Find the exact value of  $f(-10)$ .

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9. Write as a single fraction, and simplify as much as possible: 
$$\frac{2}{p+4} - \frac{1}{p+5}$$

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10. Determine the exact value of the **slope** of the line in the graph below.

