

## Second Review Sheet Math 456

In addition to the topics on the first review sheet:

- (1) Know the Period 3 Theorem and Sarkovskii's Theorem

Sample exercise: Let  $F$  be the piecewise linear function defined from  $[1, 5]$  to itself that sends  $F(1) = 5, F(2) = 4, F(3) = 2, F(4) = 1, F(5) = 3$ . Does this have a period 5 cycle? A period 3 cycle? Justify your answers.

Sample exercise: Can a continuous function on  $\mathbf{R}$  have a periodic point of period 224 but not one of period 800? Why?

- (2) Know the definition (formula) for the Schwarzian derivative of a function  $SF$ . Know the chain rule for the Schwarzian.

Know the definition of the basins of attraction of an attracting or neutral periodic point of  $F$ .

Know the definition of a critical point of  $F$ .

Sample exercises: Compute Schwarzian derivatives of some functions, for example Ex 1 p 161, Ex 10 p. 163.

- (3) Know the theorem:

Theorem: Suppose  $SF < 0$ . If  $x_0$  is an attracting periodic point for  $F$ , then either the immediate basin of  $x_0$  extends to  $\pm\infty$ , or it contains a critical point of  $F$  and the orbit of the critical point is attracted to  $x_0$ .

Sample exercise: Is there a critical point attracted to the fixed point of  $F(x) = \cos^2 x$ ?

- (4) Know the Newton iteration function and Newton fixed point theorem.

Sample exercise: Compute  $\sqrt{9}$  using Newton's method.

Sample exercise: Use calculus to sketch the graph of the Newton iteration for  $F(x) = x(x^2 + 1)$ . For which  $x$ -values does this iteration converge to a root?

Sample exercise: What happens when Newton's method is applied to  $(x - 1)^{1/3}$

- (5) Know how complex arithmetic works, and how to express a complex number  $z = x + iy$  in polar coordinates as  $z = re^{it}$ .

Sample exercise: Draw the images of a circle not containing the origin under the square root map.

- (6) Know the dynamics of the complex linear function  $L_\alpha = \alpha z$ .

Sample exercise: Draw the orbit of the point  $z_0 = (1 + i)$  if  $\alpha = i/2$ . Try other values of  $z_0$  and  $\alpha$ .

- (7) Know the definition of the derivative of a complex function.

Sample exercise: Does the following function have a complex derivative:  $f(x + iy) = x^3 + iy^3$ ?

- (8) Know the definitions of attracting, neutral and repelling periodic points for complex functions.

Sample exercise: Find all fixed points of  $F(z) = z^2 + 3z + 1$  and decide whether they are attracting, repelling or neutral.

- (9) List the properties of a chaotic dynamical system. Know the definition of a dense subset of a given set. Know the statement of the theorem that density is preserved by a continuous map. Know the theorem

**Theorem. 1.** *If two dynamical systems are conjugate, they are either both chaotic or neither is.*

Sample exercise: Show that the squaring function acting on  $|z| = 1$  satisfies the definition of a chaotic set.

Sample exercise: Show that that  $Q_{-2}$  is chaotic on  $[-2, 2]$ .

- (10) Define the filled Julia set and the Julia set for a function  $Q_c$ .
- (11) Define what it means for the orbit of  $z$  to be “super-sensitive”.
- (12) State and prove the Escape criterion.

Sample exercise: Show how to use the escape criterion to find the Julia set of  $Q_c$  for  $|c| > 2$ .

- (13) Describe an algorithm to compute the filled Julia set of  $Q_c$ .
- (14) Describe an algorithm to compute the Julia set of  $Q_c$ .
- (15) Describe the fundamental dichotomy for quadratic polynomials.
- (16) Define the Mandelbrot set.
- (17) What is the main cardioid of the Mandelbrot set? What are its characteristic properties?