

Q5: Let  $A$  be the set of all polynomials  $p(x)$  on  $[a, b]$  such that  $p'(a) = 0$ . We claim that  $A$  is a function algebra which vanishes nowhere and separates points. First note that this is indeed a function algebra, since it is closed under addition and scaling by the properties of differentiation. Similarly, by the product rule it is closed under multiplication. We now claim that  $A$  vanishes nowhere. Let  $p \in [a, b]$ . We will construct an  $f \in A$  which does not vanish at  $p$ . Let  $p \in [a, b]$ . Define  $f(x) = (x - a)^2 + c$  with constant  $c$  chosen so that  $c \neq -(p - a)^2$ . We see that  $f'(a) = 0$  and  $f$  does not vanish at  $p$ , hence this function algebra is nowhere vanishing. We will now show that  $A$  separates points. Let  $p_1, p_2 \in [a, b]$  be distinct points. We define  $f(x) = (x - a)^2 - (p_1 - a)^2$ . We see that  $f$  belongs to  $A$  and  $f(p_1) = 0 \neq f(p_2)$ . We have that  $A$  is a function algebra, which vanishes nowhere and separates points. Therefore, by the Stone-Weierstrass Theorem for each  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2} > 0$  there exists some  $q(x)$  where  $q'(a) = 0$  and  $|q(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Let  $\varepsilon_0 = q(a) - f(a)$ . Now let  $p(x) = q(x) - \varepsilon_0$ . We have that  $p'(a) = 0, p(a) = f(a)$  and  $|p(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ .